

Why CofCpt.3 – the Bible is its only Creed
Gal 1:6-12
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Thesis: I want to show how we are to only use the Bible for our creed and to show how the church of Christ does just that.

Intro: 1. We are to preach and teach the gospel, nothing more or less (**Mk 16:15**).
2. We are not to be ashamed of the gospel, which will cause some to change it or invent false ideas (creeds, false doctrines, etc – **Rom 1:16**).
3. If we teach anything else but the gospel or teach contrary to God's word then we will be accursed (**Gal 1:7**)!

I. Our faith is founded.. (**Rom 10:17**)

A. Our Faith is based on God's word and only His word

1. Our faith is founded on God's word not a book of ideas (creed books).
2. Just because men agree with what is in a creed book, it doesn't mean that will get them to heaven!

B. Creeds of men...(**Matt 15:9**)

1. When we follow the creeds/teachings of men we are choosing their ideas of God's commands.
2. When we do this we no longer look to God for salvation but to men as the ideas of men are more comfortable to many than the commands of God.
3. When men put their faith in a creed they put no faith in Christ (**Acts 4:12**).

II. Turning away so soon...(**Gal 1:6-7**)

A. It didn't take long...(v.6)

1. The Lords church was founded on the day of Pentecost(Acts 2, as previously discussed). Yet man soon began making their own amendments to God's word.
2. Man would soon teach differently from the word of God.
3. One group (catholic) in their earlier times would even go so far as to say only THEIR priests could understand God's word and that a normal person could not!

B. Which is not another...(v.7)

1. Though some would have people believe that their creeds are acceptable to God it doesn't make it so.
2. Some have gone so far as to say their ideas came from God! (2 Peter 1:3)

III. But even if we...(**Gal 1:8-9**)

A. No matter who brings it (v.8)

1. It doesn't matter who the person is, but if anyone brings in ideas or creeds that are not found in God's word, they should be rejected.
2. After all what does God word say about it "let him be accursed".

B. As we have said before (v.9)

1. Why does Paul repeat this....its important!

2. It's important that we do not accept the ideas or creeds of men, but only the word of God is our guide. (**Ps 48:14**)

C. For do I now persuade men, or God? (**Gal 1:10**)

1. Why do men invent things like creed books, prayer books and similar writings!?
2. These individuals seek to persuade or get the approval of men rather than God.
3. v.10 – Paul says if he desires to persuade men, then he is no longer a bondservant of Christ- meaning He would have fallen away from the faith!

Conc: 1. ..it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ (**Gal 1:11-12**)

2. All we need is the word of God, since these commands came through Christ from God, we know we have what we need (**2 Tim 3:16**).
3. Are you worshipping where only the Bible is the creed book. Only the Bible is what you follow? If this is not the case, why would you want to stay at such a place!
4. Invitation