

Who Told You?

Introduction

1. **That is a very important question, especially when it comes to things religious.**
 - A. **From a very young age we are told various things in the realm of religion – things which we have believed and are practicing.**
 - 1) **From our parents**
 - 2) **From our teachers**
 - 3) **From our peers**
2. **The Bible shows us very clearly what we are to do in the realm of religion in order to be pleasing to God.**

Romans 10:17 **So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

Romans 14:23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for **whatever is not from faith is sin.**

Romans 6:23 For the **wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Isaiah 55:6-11

3. **The great God of heaven has spoken; men, women and all nations are duty bound to humbly cleave to His Holy Word given to us.**

Therefore; **who told you.....**

Mechanical Music is Alright in Our Worship?

1. Man may use all sorts of reasons why they feel that mechanical music in a worship service will help make it more enjoyable, heartfelt, etc.

A. Sometimes referring to the Old Testament scriptures as authority to use it today.

2. But if we have gained our faith based upon His Word, we find:

Ephesians 5:19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

2 John 9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

Who told you.....

We Can Be Saved Without Baptism?

- 1. Many good people are being led down the wrong path because they are listening to those who are not being honest concerning the Word of God.**
- 2. Jesus and the inspired writers have shown us that baptism is absolutely essential in order to be saved.**

Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

1 Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Acts 22:16 And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

Acts 2:36-41

Who told you.....

One Church Is As Good As Another?

1. **We have heard it many times on television, read it in the paper, or heard it from religious leaders – “attend the church of your choice!”**
 - A. **This would imply that there is not just one church that would be acceptable to God. Just as long as you are attending church somewhere – that is all that is important.**
2. **The Bible proves to us that one church is not as good as another.**
 - A. **In fact, there is only one church acceptable to God**

Matthew 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Acts 20:28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Ephesians 4:4; 1:22-23; 5:23-27

Who told you.....

We Can Be Saved Outside of the Church?

1. **Many teach that it is not absolutely necessary to be in the church in order to be saved.**
2. **Again, God's inspired Word teaches that one must be in the church in order to be saved.**
 - A. **Remember, don't lose sight of the fact that the church and body is one in the same.**

Colossians 1:24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of **His body, which is the church,**

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized **into one body** — whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free — and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

Colossians 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us **into the kingdom** of the Son of His love,

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those **who are in Christ Jesus....**

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places **in Christ,**

Who told you.....**That Faith Only Will Save Your Soul?**

1. **It is sad indeed that many people are going to be eternally lost because they have listened to someone who has convinced them that as long as they have faith in Jesus, that alone will be enough to save them.**
 - A. **Many have been encouraged to recite a “sinners prayer” and upon believing in Jesus they would then be saved.**
 - **You can be saved on the web!**

If you'd like to receive Jesus into your heart and be born-again of the Spirit of God, you need to ask for forgiveness for your sins and ask Him to save you. Believe that He who made the ear can hear you, and repeat this prayer directly to Him from the bottom of your heart:

- **Sinner's Prayer**

My Lord and my God, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.

I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross and shed His blood for the forgiveness of my sins.

I believe Jesus rose again from the dead by the power of the Holy Ghost and sits on the right hand of God.

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus, and wash all my sins away with Your blood.

I invite you into my heart as my personal Savior, and will follow you the rest of my life.

Your Word says you'll turn no one away, and that includes me. Therefore, I know you've heard me, and I know you've answered me, and I know I'm saved.

Thank you, Jesus, for saving my soul.

Now raise your hands and thank and praise the Lord for saving your soul, open your heart and receive the life-giving Spirit of God.

2. That prayer is nowhere to be found in the Bible. It is something that has been made up by man and many thousands of people are allowing themselves to listen to man instead of God.

A. More than faith or belief is needed to save our soul.

James 2:19-20 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe — and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

James 2:24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and **not by faith only.**

James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

**B. Other verses to consider:
Hebrews 11:1-3, 6**

Acts 24:24 And after some days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him **concerning the faith in Christ.**

- 1) We gain faith by abiding in “the faith” (Jude 3).**
- 2) Our faith leads us to DO His will!**

Who told you.....

We Can Be Saved Without Obedience?

- 1. Some have taught that once one believes in Jesus that it doesn't matter what one does after that because they are still saved.**
- 2. God's Word clearly teaches that Obedience to His Word is necessary in order to obtain salvation.**

Hebrews 5:8-9 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

Conclusion

1. **Our soul is the most precious thing we have. When we die our body will return to the earth but our soul will return to God who gave it to begin with (Ecclesiastes 12:7).**
2. **We are going to be judged by the great judge Jesus Christ**
John 12:48
 - A. **We will be judged for all the things that we have done**
2 Corinthians 5:10
 - A. **Only Jesus has all authority and power**
(Matthew 28:18-20).
3. **So, who was it that told you what you need to do religiously in order to be saved and to be in the proper relationship with God?**
 - A. **Was it someone or was it the One?**
4. **Listen to and obey God now before it is everlastingly too late!**

