

Why Hear the Word?

(If you do not intend to obey it)

Introduction

1. **The Bible is the world's most sought after book. More volumes of it are sold than any other publication.**
2. **It is translated into more languages and dialects than any other book.**

Is the Bible Really Heard?

1. **Notice what James says:**

James 1:22-24 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

2. **The apostle John wrote:**

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

3. **Jesus said:**

Matthew 7:21

- A. **Many read, but fail to hear, understand, and obey the things that Jesus has said.**

- 1) **The Bible is often read with preconceived notions.**

Some Basic Bible Truths

1. **The Bible teaches that one must be baptized to be saved from past sins; some teach that baptism is not necessary for salvation.**
2. **God has revealed that baptism is an immersion in water, using the word buried - but man is ready to substitute sprinkling or pouring instead of what the Lord commanded.**

Romans 6:3-4

Colossians 2:12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

3. **Jesus promised to build His church.**

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.

4. **Jesus told the disciples to be one.**

John 17:20-21 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

5. **Jesus added all the saved to His church.**

Acts 2:41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

6. **Jesus died to make all men one body.**

Ephesians 2:14-16

7. Jesus condemned division and man made names.

1 Corinthians 1:10-13

8. We learn that there is only one body.

Ephesians 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

A. And that body is the church.

Ephesians 1:22-23 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

- 1) But man teaches that one church is as good as another. Why do we read, unless we intend to hear and obey?**

Some Further Truths

1. **Jesus died to cleanse us from sin.**
Romans 3:23-26
2. **Without the shedding of His blood there could be no remission.**

Hebrews 9:22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

3. **Christians are not to serve sin in any way!**
Romans 6:6, 12-14
4. **We learn that one might occasionally sin, but we cannot give into that sin, to let it reign in us, or control us.**
 - A. **When sin does arise, a Christian must repent, confess this sin, and ask God to forgive.**

Acts 8:22 Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Conclusion

1. **These are all Bible truths - from God's Holy Word.**
 - A. **Yet many man made churches teach that it is impossible to fall from a saved state.**
 - B. **Some so called brethren even teach that God's grace will automatically cover sin.**
2. **Why read if we do not intend to hear, and obey?**
 - A. **Notice what Paul wrote:**
Romans 6:16
3. **Let us **HEAR** with every intention of doing what we must do in order to fully **OBEY** the voice of God!**

