

***Misunderstandings About
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Lessons 1-5

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Lesson # 1

Claims that we don't believe in the O.T.

In Acts 28:22 speaks of the Sect everywhere spoken against. False charges were made against the church in the first century. These false charges are still made today.

Act 28:22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that everywhere it is spoken against.

We want study some of these false charges made today.

1. We don't believe in the Old Testament.

We do, but not as some.

The Bible is divided into two main sections, @old Testament and New Testament.

The O.T. deals with the ages of laws of Moses and Patriarch.

The N.T. deals with christian age or law.

Some people make no distinction. They just as soon look at the O.T. as N.T. for teaching and doctrine.

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The O.T. is a book primarily written to Patriarchs and children of Isreal. It was given so man could know what sin was.

Rom 7:7 What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

Gal 2:16-21 says if law was enough for man Christ died in vain.

Gal 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Gal 2:17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is*

therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

Gal 2:18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

Gal 2:19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Gal 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness *come* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Romans 8:3 States that the O.T. was not enough to make man's pure faith in Christ to be able to lead him to salvation.

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

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Lesson # 2

Claims that we don't believe in Salvation By Faith

Yes we do. By us trying to correct the teaching of "faith only" doctrine possibly is why we give this impression. Some groups say all a person must do is just believe and the Lord will forgive and forget.

James deals with the subject of faith and works, so let's look to the scriptures.....

Jas 2:14 What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

Jas 2:15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

Jas 2:16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be *ye* warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit?

Jas 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

If we see a brother in need and just say "Good luck! God will bless you" but don't help, then I am like a soldier, but don't march or work with the army."

Some try to make Paul and James contradict each other.

Romans:

Rom 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

James:

Jas 2:24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

Paul is trying to defeat the Judizers who would bind part of the old law on Christians. James' writings is to refute the teaching that inter conviction was all that was needed.

Listen to Paul's teaching on faith and work.

Gal 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availed anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

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Lesson # 3

Claims That We Believe In Water Salvation Only.

No. What cleansed Naaman of his leprosy II Kings 5? It was not the what, but obeying God as God had directed. The river was not special or great.

2Ki 5:10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

2Ki 5:11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

In John 9 the blind man's eyes anointed clay and spittle washed in the pool of Siloam. His obedience gave this man his sight.

John 9:7 And said unto him, **Go, wash in the pool of Siloam**, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

John 9:8 The neighbors therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

John 9:9 Some said, This is he: others *said*, He is like him: *but* he said, I am *he*.

John 9:10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?

John 9:11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

God wants man to demonstrate his faith as these two did and were blessed. God test us by giving us commands to follow that we may not understand. One such command is baptism.

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Lesson # 4

Claim That We Do Not Believe In Mission Work

This is not true. We do oppose the Missionary Societies of men because little of the money is used for mission work. Most of it goes to the operation of the society.

Also the missionary society has a scriptural head, foundation, field or mission.

Christ is the head of the Church.

Mat 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Christ is the foundation of the Church.

1Co 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ

The World can't be a field because it is the Church's.

Preaching the gospel can't be a mission society because it is the mission of the church.

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Lesson # 5

Claims That We Don't Believe in Music

This is false. We do believe in music.

There are only two kinds of music, vocal and instrumental.

Scriptures referring to vocal music in worship:

Mat 26:30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives

Act 16:25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

1Co 14:15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

Eph 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Col 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.

Heb 2:12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

Jas 5:13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

All of the above verses refer to vocal music in worship.

Some say it is a little thing and I like it. Saul thought keeping King Agag and best cattle was best too, but he was disobeying God with good intentions but he was still wrong.

! Samuel 15

Read how he paid for that and wasn't pardoned.

If you have any questions about the things you have studied in this lesson please don't hesitate to call, write, email etc. with these questions. We will be happy to help you through the scriptures.

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Answer Sheet

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1	7	If we only had the OT could we follow it & go to heaven?	
1	8	What did God do to help us get forgiveness for our sins?	
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2	3	Is be uncircumcised considered a work?	
3	1	Does water have a special meaning to christians?	
3	2	Naaman was cleansed when he washed in the special water that Elisha told him to go to. Why did it work?	
3	3	If you make clay from water as the blind man did in John 9 will that work?	
3	4	Does God give us commands today to follow for us to be saved?	
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4	2	What three things are needed to carry out a mission?	
4	3	Who is the head?	

4	4	What is the foundation?	
4	5	Can a mission be planned by a scriptural Church?	
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