

OUR STANDARD IN RELIGION

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Just what is our standard in religion? It seems some in the church just have not figured it out yet. Recently, I heard one person appeal to their own practices to say something is right, and another appealed to what “everyone is doing.” Have we forgotten the age old teaching of inspiration? The Bible is the inspired word of God, and its instruction is the final authority. We must continually remind ourselves of 2 Timothy 3:16-17 which says, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.” And we must never forget Revelation 22:18-19 in which the apostle John by inspiration wr6te, “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.” I truly hope we have not forgotten these age old truths, but I’m afraid some either have forgotten, or they just don’t want to do what is right. Wise Solomon said, “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Proverbs 14:12). Since man’s way leads to death, that certainly is not the way I want to go! As for me, I’ll just continue to turn to God and “the word of life” (Philippians 2:16) for it provides all things that pertain unto life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3).