

IS IT BIBLICAL?

1. Text: I Peter 4:7-11
2. In verse 11 we find: If you speak, speak as the oracles or words of God.” This brings us to our subject and a simple, yet profound question: Is it biblical?

I. **Advancing The Question: Is It Biblical?**

1. What’s different about churches of Christ?
2. Restoration plea: often hard to grasp or understand.
3. Easier: we constantly and consistently ask of any belief or behavior: Is it biblical?
4. Preacher’s discussion with another person: “No, I mean doctrinal issues.”
5. Keystone: the central wedge-shaped stone in an arch that locks the others together. That’s this question.
6. All religious groups are biblical in some areas; but challenge is for all areas.

II. **Affirming The Question: Is It Biblical?**

1. This is the true way of understanding the Christian faith.
2. John 14:21, 23-24 He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves me.
3. Matthew 7:21 The one who does the will of My father enters heaven.
4. Colossians 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord.
5. Again the text: I Peter 4:11
6. II Timothy 3:16-17 Scripture equips us for every good work.
7. II Kings 22:8-13 God’s Book found in temple: how could the people of the Book lose the Book? Did they assume they were right and did not need to ask any more?
8. We must keep asking and insist it be answered!

III. **Apply The Question: Is It Biblical?**

1. The question is not overshadowed by time, zeal, or numbers.
2. Other questions: Is it helpful? (II Kings 13:9-10) Is it attractive? Is it inclusive? Is it pleasing? Does it matter? Are we comfortable with this? Does anyone have a problem with this?
3. Classic: If I like it, won’t God like it too?
4. Many times churches have different practices not because of different answers but because they haven’t asked the question.
5. What if it’s asked and there are different answers? Continual study and discussion.
6. Application: organization, pastor, reverend, terms for church, raising money, preaching, music (Most do not know this was ever an issue.), baptism.
7. Any new idea in the church should have this question asked of it.
8. What about the second question? Is it expedient?
9. When we quit asking this question we are on the road to apostasy.
10. Traditions of men take over when this is not asked.

Conclusion: At least we ask.

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