

IS THAT YOUR FAITH OR OPINION

1. Text: Titus 1:1-4
2. One of the most important issues we have before us is the relationship between faith and opinion.
Let's explore that tie:

I. **Distinguishing Faith And Opinion**

1. Faith here is used in an objective way as the body of beliefs we must have to please God.
2. Scripture: "My Son in the faith" (I Timothy 1:2); "The like precious faith" (II Peter 1:1); "My Son after the common faith." (Titus 1:4).
3. Opinion defined: A position held with confidence but not supported by absolute knowledge or proof.
4. Early leaders of the Restoration Movement in America:
5. Grand theme: In matters of faith: Unity; In matters of opinion: Liberty; In all things: Love.

II. **Demanding Opinions Be Matters Of Faith**

1. Opinions no matter how strongly held should not divide us.
2. Ephesians 5:19 and early English worship songs.
3. Matthew 16:18 and the church in actual existence or seed.
4. Before worship: reverence or fellowship
5. Times of worship: Kansas and India

III. **Degrading Matters Of Faith Into Opinions**

1. Religious world today: Opinions which are: common, ignorant, wrong
2. Major shift today: Two categories (one is ever increasing)
3. So-called "Salvation Issues."
4. Jude 3 "Contend for the faith."
5. Titus 1:13 "Sound in the faith."
6. I Timothy 4:1 "Some shall depart from the faith."
7. Examples:

IV. **Dealing With Faith And Opinions**

1. Moses Lard and last things
2. Fellowship:
3. How does the Holy Spirit dwell in the Christian?
4. Romans 16:17 "They cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine."
5. Silent, personal opinions:
6. Signal: "I'll give you my opinion." Then "Ask Harold."
7. Arguing over opinions, "opinionated people" and what I do.
8. Philippians 2:14 "Do all without murmurings."

Conclusion:

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