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**Highlighted Bible Principles**

It matters what we believe – Matt 15:14 “Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.”

It matters what we teach – Matt 15:9 “But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”

Belief by itself is not good enough – John 12:42-43 “Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.”

Obedience is also necessary to salvation – Heb 5:9 “And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.”

So Trust and Obedience are required – II Thess 1:8 “In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

This includes baptism – Mark 16:16 “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be d-a-m-n-e-d.”

Baptism has to be done “for the remission of sins” – Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

Baptism involves a commitment because Once Saved Always Saved is false – II Pet 2:20-22 “For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.”

We need to worship with a congregation that is faithfully following God’s word – II John 9-11 “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.”

For example, a congregation is not following God’s word if they allow gay marriages (I Cor 6:9-11 NKJV), or adulterous marriages (Matt 19:9), or women to preach from the pulpit – I Cor 14:34-35 “Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.”