

Preface

Scripture, God's Word in the Bible, was the basic ingredient used to create this book. Christians can have great confidence in what God says in His Word in the Bible. The purpose of this preface is to provide Scripture before entering into Chapter 1 that confirms why Christians should give priority to God's Word over religious beliefs which do not agree with God's Word. The following Scripture is provided for this purpose:

"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" (2 Timothy 3:16). Scripture is profitable instruction from God. God's instruction is the most reliable instruction anyone can receive.

"If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings." Jesus says this in John 14:23, 24. Those who love Jesus will keep (do) what He instructs them to do with the words He speaks in the Bible.

"Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the

word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.” (James 1:21, 22). This Scripture teaches that those who are doers of God’s Word, and not hearers only, are able to save their souls.

“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judges him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.” Jesus says this in John 12:48. Jesus will judge everyone on the last day according to the words He spoke in this Scripture. It is important that Christians know what the words of Jesus say so they can live accordingly and receive a favorable judgment from Jesus on the last day.

There are other Scriptures that support Christians are to give priority to God’s Word over following religious beliefs disagreeing with God’s Word. Isaiah 8:20 confirms there is no light in what someone has been taught if it disagrees with God’s Word. John 17:17 says God’s Word is the truth. 1 Peter 1:25 says God’s Word endures forever. Ecclesiastes 3:14 says God’s Word cannot be changed.

Chapter 1, Popular Religious Beliefs, discusses religious beliefs taught to Christians that disagree with God’s Word in the Bible.