

2 Peter 1:2-4 (NKJV)
2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by glory and virtue,
4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that **through these** you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

to his own glory and excellence

sinful desire

3:1-20

2:10-18

No more need for apostles or prophets, no more need for anymore revelation

Interpreting Scripture

How to glean divine methods from scripture

▼A Locate God's exclusive standard for man's service to Him:

▼I With just a little careful thought we would realize that the christian church world has a multitude of opposing Bible interpretation systems.

And this multitude of world christian religions is the result of not recognizing a biblically-based universal standard for Bible interpretation!

How can we be sure that the system we use is superior to the multitudes of systems, the Christian world uses?

1. How we choose God's method, we can move forward with all confidence

Isaiah 55:9-11 (NKJV)

9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways. And My thoughts than your thoughts.

10 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth: It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

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It is God who identifies for man how to interpret Scripture, it is specifically through the written word, through the common use of language.

God expects man to pay close attention, understand and obey.

Identifying God's biblically defined standard for man's acceptable service to God:

1st. identify precise instruction from God

2nd. in that instruction we want to identify what the church age observable principle is

The 5th book of Moses of the Pentateuch:

Deuteronomy 12:1-14 (NKJV)

1 "These are the statutes and judgments which you shall be careful to observe in the land

WHY?

As church age Gentile believers we are not jewed
We do not observe the law!
But we do observe the principles which are consistent throughout the Old & New Testaments

which the Lord God of your fathers is giving you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth

The principle is that there is precise identifiable instructions from God that we are too be careful to observe all the days of our life

We are not going to take it for granted, or read anything into what's written

It is in the fallen nature of man to attempt to justify his sinful condition before God

2 You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains, on the hills, and under every green tree; and you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and burn their wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names from that place.

3 You shall not worship the Lord your God with such things

Romans 12:2 (ESV)

2 Do not be conformed to this world...

God emphatically states; man is not to serve Him, his own way

The universal principle is that we are to be precise in our understanding not to serve God from man's standard, or by what man decides God will accept.

But by what God clearly states what He will accept!

1 "These are the statutes and judgments

When God says " " that identifies for man the universal location for all men to reference, for the Universal Standard of operation for service to God; the location for the standard, is what is written!!!

It's God who gives:

1st. where to find the standard

2nd. How to carry it out

3 But you shall seek the place where the Lord your God chooses

out of all your tribes,

Romans 12:2 (ESV)

2 ...but be transformed by the renewal of your mind

4 But there you shall take your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave-offerings of your hand, your vowed offerings, your freewill offerings, and the freewill of your hands and feet.

7 And there you shall eat before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice in all to which you have put your hand, you and your households, in which the Lord your God has blessed you.

8 "You shall not at all do as we are doing here today—every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes—

Judges 17:6 (NKJV)

6 In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Judges 21:25 (NKJV)

25 In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Do to lack of a universal recognized standard the Christian Church world does what is right in their own opinion

9 for as yet you have not come to the rest and the inheritance which the Lord your God is giving you.
10 But when you awake over the Jordan and dwell in the land which the Lord your God is giving you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that you dwell in safety.

11 then there will be the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide; there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave-offerings of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to the Lord.

12 And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levite who is within your gates, in order for him to rejoice in your observance with you.
13 Take heed to yourself that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see;

14 but in the place which the Lord chooses in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you

All that is written

Hebrews 10:23-25 (NKJV)

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Romans 12:2

Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

▼B

▼I Just because a person is doing a morally good thing according to his opinion; does not mean that God is pleased!!!

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David had a moral opinion about bringing the Ark back to Jerusalem, but it was not until he did it God's way that God was pleased

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Truth is not subject; it is not based on the opinions of many every man doing what is right in his own eyes.
Truth is based on the objective Word of God alone; and not the traditions of the religions of every man's preference

John 8:31-32 (NKJV)

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Doing the right thing?

It's not only important that we do the right thing, but that we do it for the right reason

Ephesians 4:13 (NKJV)

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;