

“I Believe”

The aforementioned words are the definition of the word “creed.” Most denominations have creed books, manuals, disciplines, or confessions of faith that have been written by men. No one has a problem with making their faith known and for even writing it down for others to read. However, formulating a series of doctrines and rules which will govern a denomination is wrong.

Paul wrote, “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, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). If the Bible is inspired, and can provide doctrine (teaching that we need), reproof (warnings), correction (rectifying the problems in our life), and instruction in righteousness (educating us in God’s righteousness), then why use anything else?

Some use their creed books and manuals as a means of establishing the rules and procedures in their denomination. Can man improve upon God’s plan and design? Can we not trust that the scriptures are able to do the work that God intended for them to do? Someone once said that if a creed book says less than the Bible, it says too little. If a creed book says more than the Bible, it says too much. If a creed book agrees with the Bible, it is unnecessary. At the Loop 287 Church of Christ, we are content to just be Christians who follow the Bible. We do not just claim to have the Bible as our only authority -- it is our actual practice. When we do this, we are under no obligation to follow or defend the writings of any man or group of men.

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