One Faith

The Bible speaks of "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). It tells us to resist the devil "stead fast in the faith" (1 Pet. 5:9). Thus, we understand their are not many faiths, but one. Paul wrote, "There is...one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Eph. 4:4-5). This is contrary to what many of our religious friends believe.

Most members of denominations believe there are many faiths. They may ask you, "What faith are you?" What they mean by this is what system of doctrine do you believe and practice? They want to know if your are of the "Baptist faith," "Methodist faith," "Presbyterian faith," etc. Their concept is corrupt, because there is only one faith, "the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jas. 2:1).

Since there is only one faith, any point of truth can only have one meaning--there cannot be two truths on a given issue. The faith teaches that Jesus either was or was not God and man, not both. He was God in the flesh (Matt. 1:23; Jn. 1:1-3, 14, 17). The faith says either there is one church or many churches, not both. Paul said there is one body, the church (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4). The faith declares either baptism is essential to salvation or it is not, not both. Baptism is for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

Considering the above, we understand one who teaches Jesus was both God and man is teaching truth. The person who does not teach this is teaching error and causing souls to be lost. The same applies to one church and baptism. If one teaches there is one church and baptism is for the remission of sins, then that one is teaching truth. The person who teaches otherwise is teaching error and leading souls away from the Lord. Why? Because there is only ONE faith!

Never be ashamed to declare there is one faith, though men may consider you narrow minded (cf. Matt. 7:13-14). "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong" (1 Cor. 16:13).

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