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says that Jesus' resurrection show His "supremacy" in "all things." In the context of the passage it talks about Christ as the creator of "all things", and His divine resurrection. The problem with saying that the teachings of the bible are part of a greater whole, is that the teachings of the bible, like Christ, are the only way to know and connect to God. So does claiming to be the only way exclude other ways? No. It creates choice. Jesus says to "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." Jesus is not saying there are no other ways. He is just saying that one of the ways is undesirable because it leads to destruction.

"Is the Word of God relevant?" Yes. In the times we live in it is more relevant then ever. For one- We need to know how to live righteously, in a way that pleases God and shows respect for others. In a world that has no respect for God we need to shine through the way we live. Secondly- We need to guard ourselves from the philosophy of man. Be on your guard against the man propagating his own philosophy. Because he probably believes his own words, he will seem convincing to those who listen. Also when you hear the person go on and on about reaching higher levels of enlightenment by seeking the newest doctrine, remember that the Apostle Paul said not to be "...tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching..." And another thing you might want to ask is why are you continually seeking newer truth? Why is it never solid ground? Is it really fulfilling your thirst for truth? And remind them that Jesus didn't say "seek and you will gain what seems to be momentary peace." He said "Seek and you will find." Ask them "Aren't you tired of the insecurity?" That person should see the peace and the joy you have in Christ Jesus, and want to connect to something real. I may not have convinced the man I talked to. But I know without a shadow of a doubt that he walked away with something, he walked away thinking differently. So be on guard my beloved brothers and sisters. And let me end this article by reminding you what the Apostle Paul said concerning this, "My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments."

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Welcome

to the

Church of Christ

meeting at Mack Road

This morning's sermon:



Congregational Meeting Times:

Sunday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship Service 10:30 am

Evening Service 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 10:00 am

Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

Is the Word of God relevant?

by Joshua Empringham

Visitors

The members here would like to offer a special welcome to our visitors today. Please allow us to shake your hand and talk with you, as we take great joy in getting to know you. Visitor cards are available at the pews for you to provide us with a record of your attendance. We appreciate you taking the time to fill these out.

Important dates to remember:

November:

Sun 1st - Elders, Deacons & preachers meeting @ 4:30 at the building

Fellowship Opportunities:

Sun. Oct. 25th - Group 2 meets after evening services

Fri. Oct. 30th - Potluck party at the Uptegrove's, 6:30 pm

Sun. 1st - Mt. Mike's following morning services.

Sat. 6th - Men's breakfast, details TBD

REMINDER: Turn clocks back 1 hour next Saturday night



Ladies House to House Fellowship

Lesson Book: "Developing Inner Strength, Living in the Joy of God's Love"

Next class: November 15th at Jennifer Stiltz's home.

Please prepare Lesson 8. Lunch will be provided.

If you would like to host a class, please let Jennifer know

Classes

Young Adults Class: Fridays at Caleb's home. See Caleb for details.

"...Don't get me wrong, the bible is good and we need it to a certain point, but don't let all your theology be based solely on one book. We as a people, from the beginning have come a long way. We have reached higher levels of enlightenment, and over time we have come to understand God more than ever before. When I say we, I mean those who have not allowed themselves to imprison their minds through bible-only teachings. The bible is wonderful, but it's just a piece of a greater whole, a greater truth. In order to even see the bible for what it truly is, and to assign to it the glory and exaltation it deserves, you need to at least have a frame of reference in spiritual matters. Here is what I would suggest for you, hear me out... Put it down for a little while... just for a while and allow yourself to evolve spiritually. Don't limit yourself to one Christ, one teaching, one book. Allow yourself to find your own Christ inside. The potential to do so is in each and every one of us." I gripped my bible so tight I was beginning to wrinkle the leather. I tried to remain calm and to put forth a positive picture of a follower of Jesus, but inside I felt as though there were a ball of fire in my stomach. "There is only one Christ." I replied in a calm voice. He smiled as if he knew something I didn't, and was moving as if he were desperately trying to contain some kind of life giving information. I ignored the body language and continued to speak "And there is only one way. You yourself said that Jesus was the Christ or "a Christ." So why don't you believe He was who He claimed to be? If you truly did believe, you wouldn't bother with looking for life outside of Him."

We were in a coffee shop near San Francisco. It was one of the most interesting conversations I had ever had. The guy wasn't red, he didn't have horns or a pitchfork, no pointy tail in sight. He didn't look like a devil, he looked like you and I. He seemed to be concerned for his fellow man, and to be honest he was actually one of the nicest guys I've ever met. He seemed sincere, as if he were trying to reach out to me, to offer me something more. My biggest question now is, is there more than everything? Because the bible

Birthdays this week:

George White	October 27
Cory Frasier	October 31

Anniversaries this week:

Dan and Trish Van Airsdale	October 25
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