

# “Knowing of Whom You Have Learned Them”

2 Tim. 3:13-14

Introduction:

- A. Important that Timothy know the source of his religious beliefs (v. 14)
  - 1. Because of imposters (v. 13).
  - 2. Timothy had learned from inspired sources.
    - a. Had been taught Scriptures from childhood (v. 15-17; 1:5).
    - b. Had been taught by inspired apostle. (1:13; 3:10).
- B. Important that we do not rely on poor sources and assurances.
  - 1. “I just know it.”
  - 2. “We have always done it.”
  - 3. “Blank thinks it this way.”
  - 4. “What difference does it make, so long as I am sincere?”
- C. Important that we ask ourselves: “From whom did we learn my beliefs about religious *subjects*?”

Discussion:

## II. Salvation.

- A. By faith only?
- B. By direct operation of Holy Spirit?
- C. By faith, repentance, confession and baptism? (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:10; Acts 8:36-38)
- D. Salvation and the church? Church does not save, it is the saved. (Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23).

## III. The Church.

- A. Its origin?
  - 1. N. T. Church began on Pentecost. (Matt. 16:18; Mark 9:1; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:47).
  - 2. N. T. Church began no other time or place - Where does one learn of other churches?
- B. Its number?
  - 1. One body (Eph. 4:4), the church (Eph. 1:22,23).
  - 2. Where does one learn demoninationalism or ecumenicalism.
- C. Its Worship?
  - 1. Singing (Eph. 5:19).
  - 2. Praying (Acts 12:5).
  - 3. Teaching/preaching and Lord’s supper (Acts 20:7)
  - 4. Giving. (1 Cor. 16:2).
  - 5. Where does one learn instrumental music, bead counting, hand clapping, etc.?
- D. Its Organization?
  - 1. Local under more than one local elder. (Acts 14:23; Phil. 1:1; 1 Pet. 5:2)
  - 2. Where does one learn of one pastor, an association, convention or diocese, etc?
- E. Its work?
  - 1. Evangelism, Edification and Benevolence (2 Cor. 11:8; Eph. 4:12-16; 2 Cor. 8&9)
  - 2. Where does one learn of fellowship meals, recreational activities, social programs, etc.?

## IV. Religious Names.

- A. Early disciples were called:
  - 1. Individually — Christians (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16); saints (Phil 1:1); believers, etc.
  - 2. Collectively:
    - a. “The church” (Acts 2:47)
    - b. “Church of ... ” to show possession (Rom. 16:16); “Church of God (1 Cor. 16:1-2)
    - c. “Church of ... ” to show location. (1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1; Rev. 2:1).
    - d. “Church of ... ” to show composition (Rom 16:4; 1 Cor. 14:33; Heb. 12:23).
- B. Where did people learn to be called Baptists, Methodists, Lutherians, etc.?

Conclusion:

- A. Why not do only what you learn from Bible?
- B. Why not obey the Bible plan of salvation today?