

# What Difference Does it Make?

Gal. 1:6-10; 2:4,5,11-16

## Introduction:

- A. Paul's religion was not "Burger King" - "Have it your way."
  - 1. False brethren could not have it their way.
  - 2. Peter could not have it his way.
  - 3. One cannot just believe anything. (2 Thess. 2:11,12).
- B. Protestant religion has been like a swinging pendulum.
  - 1. Once it was "have it my way" - rigid sectarianism.
  - 2. Now it is "have it your way" - anything goes.
  - 3. Should always be "have it His way" (cf. Col. 3:27)

## Discussion:

- I. **Does It Make Any Difference How We Try To Be Saved?** (Acts 15:1-2, 7-10).
  - A. How were these saved? (Acts 15:7; 11:14; 10:42-48)
  - B. How were any saved in the New Testament.
    - 1. The Pentecostians (Acts 2:38 ff)
    - 2. The Samaritans (Acts 8)
    - 3. The Ethiopian (Acts 8)
    - 4. Saul (Acts 9; 22:16)
    - 5. Lydia (Acts 16)
    - 6. The jailer (Acts 16)
  - C. How people try to be saved today.
    - 1. Wait for God to act - He has already acted.
    - 2. Before and without baptism. (Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21).
    - 3. Outside the church. (Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23)
- II. **Does It Make Any Difference How We Worship God?** (John 4:24; Matt. 15:1-14)
  - A. Ask Abel if it makes any difference. (cf. Heb. 11:4)
  - B. Ask Nadab and Abihu if it makes any difference. (Lev. 10)
  - C. Makes difference what and how we do in worship. (John 4:24)
- III. **Does It Make Any Difference How We Live As Christians?** (Gal. 2:11-16; Tit. 2:11,12).
  - A. Ask Ananias and Sapharia if it makes any difference? (Acts 5)
  - B. One cannot use grace of God as a license to sin. (Rom. 6; Heb. 10:26ff).
    - 1. "Once saved always saved"
    - 2. "Our sins covered by perfect life of Christ"
    - 3. "Automatic forgiveness in Christ"

## Conclusion:

- A. Don't take a chance on it making no difference.
  - 1. Seek to be saved right.
  - 2. Seek to worship right.
  - 3. Seek to live right.