

**WE AIM TO HOLD UP THE BIBLE
AS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD**

We have the same faith (beliefs) that the first century church of Christ espoused. The apostle Paul wrote: *"There is one body, and one Spirit, ...one hope...One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all"* (Eph.4:4-6).

In the Bible classes and worship assemblies of the Lord's church today, you can expect to hear a *"Thus saith the Lord"* for what we believe and for what we practice. The apostle Paul wrote: *"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"* (Rom.10:17). You will hear questions answered with another question: *"What saith the scripture?"* (Rom.4:3) and *"it is contained in the scripture"* (1Pet.2:6). Why? Because *"...the scripture cannot be broken,"* Jesus said (John 10:35). Furthermore, *"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"* (2Tim.3:16-17).

The rulings of councils, synods and conventions are not inspired of God. The church of Christ in the first century and the church of Christ today was and is guided by *"the faith which was once delivered to the saints"* (Jude 3).

In the OT men are warned: *"Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you"* (Deut.4:2). This same warning is repeated in the NT of Christ (for ex., Gal.1:8-9; 1Pet.4:11; Rev.22:18-19).

We plead with people everywhere to speak where the Bible speaks and to remain silent where the Bible is silent, to call Bible things by Bible names and to do Bible things in Bible ways. In this way, simple and nondenominational New Testament Christianity can be restored and religious unity of all believers in Christ can be accomplished.

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Question: *"What must I do to be saved?"* Answer: *"He that believes and is baptized shall be saved"* (words of Jesus found in Mark 16:16).