

The Correspondent



SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM
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Bible Study (Adult) 1:30 PM
Bible Study (All Ages) 7:00 PM
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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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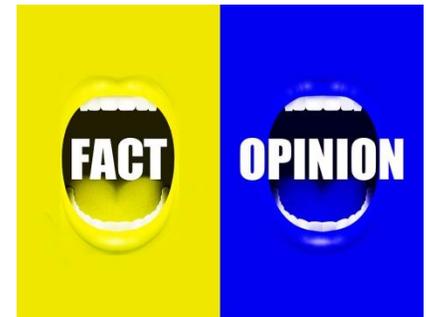
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Opinions and Armpits

-Renn Ferguson

Billy Bland would often tell students at the Memphis School of Preaching, “opinions are like armpits, everybody has them and some of them stink.” Opinions are powerful things. They can either unite people or divide them. We can see this a great deal in our country, everybody has their own opinion about how things need to be done. In some cases these things are just opinions. Yet in some cases they are not. The same is true of the religious world. There are so many different teachings out there and ways of doing things. In some cases it is just opinion but in many, it is not. Our job is to sift through everything that we hear and find out what is an opinion and what is the law of God. Unfortunately many people perceive the stands we take for God as matters of opinion and not law. We live in world where almost no one is obedient to the highest law and will relentlessly argue against it. I am reminded of what is stated in Leviticus 24:22, “Ye shall have one manner of law...” (KJV) They were to be obedient to every commandment shown in the scriptures. If they disobeyed or became obedient to another law they were in sin. The same is true for you and me. We have one law that we are to obey. Our opinions do not matter, and no other law matters.



When Christ died on the cross, it was to establish His law. We see this explained in Hebrews 9:15-17 “And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.” The writer uses that example of what we would call a will. A will is not enforced while the person is alive but after they have passed away. Christ was the one who held this will and when He gave Himself it took power. It is this testament that we are to adhere to. If you recall what is written in Hebrews 8:13 that the Law of Moses is now obsolete. It is no longer in force, it no longer holds authority. However, the Law of Christ does. One of the most powerful verses about being obedient to the word of Christ, is John 12:48. Here Christ declares, “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.” It is by the law of Christ that we will be judged. Therefore we must be diligent to keep it.

In a world full of opinions, different points of view and infinite options there is one certainty: the word of Christ will judge us one day. Nothing else really matters, my feelings, my thoughts, my opinion does not matter. The only thing that matters is if I am obedient to the words that Christ has given. Let us remember to keep things in perspective and realize that truly, the most important thing is being obedient the law that we have to day.