



Day 5

Stay Anchored to what the Bible Emphasizes

As Christians, we're not all always going to agree on everything!

That may seem obvious, but it's important that we have a strategy for how we are going to relate to other believers who have a different interpretation of the Scriptures than we do. (Lost people need to get *saved* before anything else).

Happily, the Bible provides some clear guidance for us on this topic:

Ephesians 4:14-32 – “That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ... Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”

Notice the importance of ‘growing up’ into sound doctrine. Believing the right things is of *critical* importance! But as we grow ourselves, and as we try to help others around us grow, how do we deal with disagreements?

#1) Take a Strong Stand with a Sweet Spirit

Ephesians chapter four gives us several keys to practically doing this:

- 1) Speak the truth in the love. Don't abandon truth for the sake of unity.
- 2) The goal of talking is to edify (build up) & minister grace
- 3) Never speak from a place of bitterness, wrath, or anger
- 4) Put away clamor (Clamor = arguing. If neither person is actually looking for the other's input or open to changing their mind, then it's an argument!)
- 5) Put away evil speaking (trying to cut down the other person. Slander, railing, detraction)
- 6) Be kind and tender and forgiving. Treat them like Jesus treated you!

2 Timothy 2:23-26 – “But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him”

#2) Focus on what the Bible focuses on

While there is no such thing as a ‘minor’ teaching of the Bible – some things are clearly emphasized and taught more plainly. Keeping a proper focus on these key teachings of the Bible will help you to remain balanced and will equip you for a lifetime of success in continually growing to be more like Jesus.

There are maybe 10-12 verses in the Bible that teach the principles of the Pre-Tribulation rapture. This is an important doctrine that if you get it wrong, will cause problems.

There are 100's of verses that tell us to “be kind” or “love one another” – this is a doctrine that the Bible stresses over and over. If, in an effort to teach someone the importance of the Pre-Tribulation rapture, we fall into the trap of being unkind... we've missed the point!

PART 2: Overview of the Book of the Revelation

THEME - 1:7
 BEHOLD, HE COMETH

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

TEXT - 1:19
 "Write (1) the things which thou hast seen
 (2) the things which are
 (3) the things which shall be hereafter

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The Seven Churches I N T R O D U C T I O N C H 1 2-3	Pre-Millennial Judgements 										The M I L L E N N I U M P o s t - M i l l e n n i a l J u d g m e n t s C H 20	The E t e r n a S t a t e I N T R O D U C T I O N C H 21-22
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