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Twisted

Acts 17:11

Now these Jews (Bereans) were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

Have you ever wondered just what exactly the “Scriptures” were that the Bereans examined to compare Paul’s teachings to?

The only Scriptures they had was the Old Testament. Also known as the TANAKH. That being the Torah (the "Teaching", also known as the Five Books of Moses), Nevi'im (the "Prophets") and the Ketuvim (the "Writings")—hence the TANAKH.

So then, everything Paul said HAD to be in 100% agreement to the Old Testament. Including ... the law. Such as...

Deuteronomy 13:4

You shall walk after the Lord (YHWH) your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.

Otherwise they would have considered him a false prophet as this is what Deuteronomy 13 is all about.

So the Bereans prove to us that Paul had to preach in agreement to the Law of God. As mentioned in Acts 17.

We also know that Paul lived in accordance to the Law of God...

Acts 21:24

take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law.

So then, Paul lived the law and he taught the Law.

Now consider the words of Peter concerning the writings of Paul...

2 Peter 3:15-17

And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.

So then, does your pastor interpret Paul's teachings as opposing the Law of God? ... even though the Bereans proved he was in agreement with it?

If so, your pastor is making Paul out to be a hypocrite by implying that Paul was saying "Do as I say and not as I do". We can't forget that Paul told the church in Corinth, those who were born as gentiles, to ...

1 Corinthians 11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

It is clear, as the Bereans show in Acts 17, that Paul taught the Law of God. And we know that he lived it, as mentioned in Acts 24.

Thus ANYONE who takes Paul's writings and interprets them as opposing God's law, they have become those who Peter warned us of.

And we need to heed this warning or we will find ourselves sharing their same fate in falling from our secure position.

On one hand they say they preach God's word, little knowing that on the other... they oppose it.

For they take Paul's words and have twisted them to oppose the eternal Word of God. To conform them to their own liking and not in accordance to God's word.

So which do you follow?

The word that is eternal?

Or the words that are twisted?

We hope you have enjoyed this study. Remember, continue to test everything.

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