

The Teaching of God

Continue Steadfastly in the Apostle's Doctrine

 **Apostle's doctrine received
from Christ**

– Galatians 1:11-12; John 17:8

 **Early church observed
commandments**


– Matthew 28:18-20

– 1 Corinthians 11:23



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 **To refuse teaching is to reject God**

– 1 John 4:6

– Luke 10:16

– 1 Thessalonians 4:8



If we know Christ, we go straight to heaven

Dear Billy Graham: I've always been worried about what happens to us when we

die. Do we go to heaven or to some other place for a time so our sins can be forgiven? I'm concerned about this, because I know I'm not good enough to go to heaven. — M.M.

Dear Reader: The Bible doesn't answer all our questions about life after death — but it does tell us that we can go directly when we die to be with Him into the presence of the Lord if we know Christ. Paul's great hope was “to be away from the body and at home with the Lord” (2 Corinthians 5:8).

How is this possible? It's possible for one reason: Jesus Christ paid the full penalty for our sins. You see, when he died on the cross, all of our sins — not some of them, but all of them — were transferred to him. He was sin-

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less, but he willingly took the penalty for our sins. He died for us so that in Him we might be forgiven the ungodliness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

In a far greater way, we are all guilty of sin. Our sins have a price tag that we can never repay. But Jesus Christ has already paid it — completely and fully. The debt has been canceled. Why fear death any longer? Instead, put your faith and trust in Christ today.

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To KNOW Him is to love Him
To love Him is to Obey Him
John 14:15; Hebrews 5:9

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Attitude of the Church Toward Doctrines and Commandments of Men

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- 📖 **Prove all things by the Bible**
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22
 - 📖 **Hold to the faithful Word of God**
 - Titus 1:9; 2:1
 - 📖 **Mature unto righteousness**
 - Ephesians 4:14

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 **Learn what the truth is**

– 1 John 4:1-6

 **Speak only the truth of God**


– Acts 4:19-20



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Attitude of the Church

Toward False Teachers

 **Cut off the occasion for deceitful workers**

– 2 Corinthians 11:12-15


 **No fellowship toward those not walking in truth**

– 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15



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Attitude of the Church Toward False Teachers

 **Mark those who cause
division**

– Romans 16:17-18

 **Not to receive false teachers**

– 2 John 7-11



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The Problem of Allowing False Doctrines to be Taught

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- 📖 **A little leaven, leavens the whole lump**
– Galatians 5:9
 - 📖 **Jesus' warning:**
– Revelation 2:14-16
 - 📖 **Elders are responsible for protecting the church**
– Acts 20:27-32

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May we learn from the early New Testament church to continue **ONLY** in the Apostle's Doctrine

"test the spirits"

To ensure that everything that we do is approved of by God

1 John 4:1; Matthew 7:21

