BIBLE TALK

Part 2

This week we are continuing our discussion from last week: **Lessons we must learn from terrorism**.

Last week we discussed the first and foremost lesson that must be learned: *It matters what you believe in religion*. It is naïve to think that religious beliefs do not matter, because what people believe affects how they act. As we pointed out, people are free in this country to believe what they wish, but that does not mean they will always be right.

RIGHT & WRONG

This brings up the second lesson we must learn – something which we at the church of Christ have been saying for a long time – **there is such a thing as right and wrong in religion**.

My friend, not all religious beliefs are right. There is a standard by which to gage right and wrong. But we have been saturated year after year with liberal indoctrination. We have been brainwashed into thinking that there is no definite right or wrong and that everything is relative. This is simply not true. There are some doctrines which are:

- Wrong and
- Dangerous

This is no game. The loss of life in New York at the World Trade Center and at the Pentagon will forever stand as a testimony that some religious doctrines are simply wrong and dangerous.

John 18:37-38

37 Pilate … said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."
38 Pilate said to Him, "**What is truth?**" …

Do you see this question? Pilate asked, "*What is truth?*" as though the idea of truth is elusive – as if there really was no gage by which to determine right from wrong.

John 14:6

6 Jesus said to him, "**I am** the way, **the truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Jesus and His word are truth – the only truth. There is no religious truth outside of what Jesus and His apostles taught.

John 16:12-13

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He will guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

The Holy Spirit was sent by Jesus upon the apostles to guide them into all truth.

2 Peter 1:3

3 as His divine power has given to us **all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

Peter is here declaring that what Jesus promised, He fulfilled. All religious truth was delivered by the Lord and His apostles. If any man teaches anything different from what was taught by the apostles, he will be accursed from God (Gal. 1:8-9). All truth was delivered to the apostles and they wrote it down (Eph. 3:3-5). Once it was written down, the Lord preserved this written word for all future generations (Mt. 24:35). Think about this: if all truth was revealed by the apostles and preserved by the Lord, then:

- There are no "missing books of the Bible" – as someone published a few years ago.

- There is no new truth in the Book of Mormon.

- There is no new truth in the Koran – the holy book of the Islamic faith.

There is no more truth to be revealed from God.

- There are no more prophecies to be delivered (1 Cor. 13:8-10)

- There are no more miracles to be performed (1 Cor. 13:8-10)

- There are no more prophets to come into the world (1 Cor. 13:8-10)

My friend, the NT scriptures are complete. They are not to be added to, nor subtracted from (Rev. 22:18-19).

There are two important lessons which we need to learn from the terrorism of September 11:

- **It matters what people believe religiously, and**

- **There is an absolute standard of right and wrong by which to gage everything – the Holy Bible.**

Anything **practiced** or **taught** by any group, whether Islamic or so-called "Christian" groups, that is not taught in the NT scriptures is wrong and dangerous. We must learn this lesson. Doctrine matters.