
BIBLE TALK

This week the question is: **When the majority of people believe something, does that make it right?**

The tendency of most people is to think that when the majority of people believe something – that makes it true. Or, when the majority of people do something – they think that makes it right. I would like to just point out some pertinent facts:

- At one time, the majority of the world thought the earth was flat, but they were wrong.
- At one time the majority of the world thought the world rested on the shoulders of a giant man named "Atlas."
- In recent history, the majority of the medical world thought salt caused high blood pressure, but in recent years, this has been proven to be a myth.

What does this have to do with the Bible. The congregation of the "church of Christ" wants to remind you that just because the majority of the people do something, that does not mean that it is the right thing to do or the right thing to believe. Something is right only when God says that it's right in His written word. If there is no scripture for something, it is not the right thing to believe or to do – no matter how many people may believe it is okay.

For example:

- The majority of churches use mechanical music, but the NT teaches that vocal singing only is acceptable to God (Eph. 5:19). It is true that the OT endorsed mechanical instruments, but the OT came to an end when Jesus died on the cross and we are living under the NT now (Col. 2:14).
- The majority of so-called "Christians" think that people can be saved without baptism, but the NT teaches that baptism is absolutely necessary for the "remission of sins" (Acts 2:38).
- Most people think that once you are saved, you will always be saved and you are never in danger of losing your salvation. However, the Bible clearly teaches that Christians can sin to the point of being lost again (Heb. 3:12).

- Many, many people think that miracles are still possible, but the NT clearly teaches that when the scriptures were perfected, miracles would cease (1 Cor. 13:8-10).

The list could go on and on. The point is, the majority of men refuse to believe the scriptures and trust in their own thinking to guide them. The Bible warns us:

Proverbs 3:5-7

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

The NT teaches the very same thing on this particular point:

Romans 3:4

4 ... let God be true but every man a liar. ...

When others say they have seen miracles with their own eyes and have personally experienced things contrary to what these plain scriptures teach, we must remember the words of the apostle Paul:

2 Corinthians 5:7

7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

We cannot trust what we see with our eyes. Our own senses can deceive us. We wish to be saved, we must trust in God and His word rather than our own experiences and thoughts.

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