

But Behold

God Said:



1. One Way—

Jno. 14:6; Mt. 7:13-14.

2. One Church—

Mt. 16:18; Eph. 4:4.

3. Saved-Works—

Phil. 2:12; Jas. 2:24.

4. Baptism—Ess.

Mk. 16:16. Acts 2:38.

5. Saved In Church—

Acts 2:47.

I Thought



1. Many Ways—

2. Any Church—

3. Faith Only

4. Bapt. Not Ess.

5. Saved Out Of Ch.

GOD SAID, BUT BEHOLD I THOUGHT

2 Kings 5:11

INTRO: One of man's greatest problems is: "I thought." A woman said the other day, "I thought you had offended this person, and I was rushing to his defense. I see now where I was wrong, but I said a lot of hard things about you to many; now I will have to tell them I was wrong." She said she would, but she did not. She went on and did the thing I was teaching against. She can never undo the harm done. Thinking we should do things does not make it right. Note Paul. Acts 26:9. Paul thought he was right, but he was wrong. This was the trouble with Naaman. 2 Kings 5:1-14. So it was also with Uzzah. 2 Sam. 6:6. This was also true of Uzziah. 2 Chron. 26:16-21. So it is with you and me. Jer. 10:23. Note also Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9. Man gets into trouble when he thinks he can do things the way he wants. We must listen to the Word. John 12:48; 2 John 9; Gal. 1:6-9.

I. GOD SAID: ONE WAY TO HEAVEN. JOHN 14:6; MATT. 7:13-14.

- A. I thought there were many ways.
- B. Many think we are all going to the same place, just taking different ways.

II. GOD SAID: ONE CHURCH. MATT. 16:18-19; EPH. 4:4; COL 1:18; EPH. 1:22-23.

- A. I thought any church was alright.
- B. Many think any church is alright as long as you like it. It is not what we like, but what God likes and commands.

III. GOD SAID WE ARE SAVED BY WORKS. PHIL 2:12-12; JAMES 2:24.

- A. I thought we are saved by faith only.
- B. Many claim we must only believe, that faith is all that is necessary. The devils believed. James 2:19; John 12:42-43. We must confess. Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:10.

IV. GOD SAID BAPTISM IS ESSENTIAL. MARK 16:15-16; ACTS 2:38, 22:16; 1 PET. 3:21; GAL. 3:27.

- A. I thought baptism was not essential.
- B. You cannot make me believe you have to be baptized. I just do not see it (*Baptist Manual*).

V. GOD SAID THE SAVED ARE IN THE CHURCH. ACTS 2:47. They are the body. EPH. 5:23.

- A. I thought a person could be saved out of the church.
- B. Many believe they are as good as lots of people in the church. I think I can go to heaven out of the church just as well as in. That is what you think, but God said it is not so.

CONCL: Obey the gospel and live as God demands. Do not rely on what you think.