

“Because He Said So, That’s Why”

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People wonder why Christians live as they do. Why they go to church, praise the Lord, and live an honest and good life. It's simple if we know anything about the scriptures - we do it because he said for us to do it, that's why. Why do sincere ministers of the Lord preach that we are to live different from the world and to follow the commands of God? Because he said so, that's why. **2 Timothy 4:2** "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." There is no other message that the church is to present to the world, but the message of God. It is not to entertain and amuse, but is to comfort the hurting, warn the lost, and to show the believer how to live and be saved.

We preach faith because he said to do so. **Hebrews 11:6**, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that

cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Faith in the Lord is the key that unlocks God's blessings for the believer. Through faith we are saved, blessed, and helped day by day. As the scripture said, "Without faith it is impossible to please him." Works, by themselves, is of no value in the Lord.

Why do we preach baptism? Many people who consider themselves Christians laugh at the idea of being baptized. I have heard "Preachers" mock baptism, calling it works and that those who observe it are modern day Pharisees. I could list many scriptures where the Lord, and his followers, said to do it, but I won't do that here. I'll only mention **Acts 2:38**, and **Mark 16:16**. There are others, but if the Lord had only said it once, it would have been enough for those who have faith in the Lord.

Why do we present the scriptures on attending and worshipping in the assembly of believers, or going to church? Once again, because God said that those who seek him are to do it.

As with the other doctrines of God there are many scriptures to show this, but for now consider **Hebrews 10:25**, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." That is so clear that none could seriously misunderstand it.

The Lord's supper is also a subject that many don't observe as it is taught in scripture. Why do we observe this each Lord's day? Because in scripture the Lord said to do it, that's why. In Luke 22:19 the Lord said, "This do in remembrance of me."

1 Corinthians 11:26, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." The early church obeyed this command and so should the church of today. Whatever the Lord said to do is what we are supposed to do. No man, or group of men, have the right to change what the Lord has said. If we follow the Lord then what he says is what we will do.

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MELCHIZEDEK -- MAN OF MYSTERY!

IF EVER THERE WAS A MYSTERY, A PUZZLE IN THE BIBLE, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE THE PRIEST-KING, MELCHIZEDEK, THE KING OF SALEM. IN THE ONE MEETING ABRAHAM HAD WITH MELCHIZEDEK, HE IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED HIM AS SUPERIOR TO HIMSELF IN THE EYES OF GOD! MELCHIZEDEK BROUGHT TO ABRAHAM BREAD AND WINE, AND BLESSED HIM. THROUGHOUT THE SCRIPTURES HE IS REFERRED TO AS THE HIGH PRIEST OF GOD, COMING NOT FROM A FATHER OR A MOTHER, HAVING NO END TO HIS LIFE AND NO BEGINNING. STUDENTS AND AUTHORITIES ON THE BIBLE HAVE SPECULATED ENDLESSLY ON THIS PRIEST-KING; SOME HAVE ARGUED THAT HE WAS A SURVIVOR OF THE FLOOD, THE PATRIARCH SHEM, OTHERS THAT HE WAS AN ANGEL OF GOD—ONE JEWISH TRADITION IS THAT HE WAS THE MESSIAH; SOME SAY THAT SALEM, WHERE HE RULED, LATER BECAME JERUSALEM—BUT ONE THING IS CERTAIN, WHOEVER MELCHIZEDEK WAS, HE CERTAINLY AROUSED THE CURIOSITY OF SCHOLARS DOWN THROUGH THE AGES!



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