

Does It Matter What You Believe?

The way some folks tell it these days, it doesn't really matter what you believe, just as long as you believe. They leave the impression that we should not be so picky over the details of the Bible. Interestingly, you don't find Jesus saying "It doesn't matter what you believe," nor, do you find any of the apostles saying anything even close to that.

Paul did say:

- *For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church. (1 Cor. 4:17)*
- *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. (2 Tim. 2:2).*
- *I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you, and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed. (Gal. 1:6-8)*
- *And if anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that man and do not associate with him, so that he may be put to shame. (2 Thes. 3:14)*

Does it matter what you believe?

- ▶ It does if you want to go to heaven (Jn 8:24; Rev. 22:18-19)
- ▶ It does if you want to work and worship with other Christians (1 Cor. 1:10; Phil. 2:2)
- ▶ It does if you want the blood of Jesus to continue cleansing you (1 Jn 1:7)
- ▶ It does if you want your children to do what is right (Pv 22:6)
- ▶ It does if you want to escape the wrath of God at the judgment (2 Thes. 2:10-12)