

FOUNDATIONS FIRM
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Becoming Heirs of Eternal Life

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Guarantee

Recognizing the responsibility to always teach and preach exactly the same doctrines that Jesus and the original apostles would if they were here in person today the following offer is made

A \$50.00 award will be given to anyone who can demonstrate doctrinal error in any published tract, book or magazine written by Samuel M. Smith and published by UP WAY PUBLICATIONS so long as the following rule is applied: To obtain a right understanding of what God is trying to communicate to us. study everything the Bible says on the subject at hand, beginning with Genesis and ending with Revelation. Remember that the writers of the New Testament were so used to the Old Testament and its historical facts, laws and the prophets that they often said things which cannot possibly be correctly understood by anyone who is not at least acquainted with the Old Testament. Jesus Himself, said He did not come to destroy the law, but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17). If this doctrine seems contrary to the teaching of the church, look up church history to discover if and when a change was made in that doctrine. A rule we apply to every doctrinal scripture is to ask the following four questions:

1. Who is speaking?
2. To whom is he speaking?
3. Is the author of that verse of scripture the person speaking, or is he quoting someone else?
4. Is that particular passage an unsolicited instruction, or is it a specific answer to a specific question?

Example: I Corinthians 7:1. "Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me..." The Apostle Paul goes on to answer their questions rather directly as their overpastor in the next several chapters. In verses 6 and 12, He was not giving commandments directly from the Lord to people who were not already concerned with pleasing the Lord Jesus. But in verse 10, he does give a command from the Lord.

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PURPOSE

NEW converts are new-born babes in Christ. It is of vital importance that they be fed sound Bible doctrines if they are to grow into strong, mature Christians. Their spiritual foundations must also be laid strong and sure. With so many different doctrines and “plans of salvation,” it becomes vitally important to know what Bible Doctrines really are. In this series, we are attempting to establish firmly in the minds of Bible students that plan of salvation taught and practiced by those who had walked and talked with Jesus daily. Our goal is to restore the New Testament Church in its teachings, ordinances, life and power.

We firmly believe that God desires to communicate His plan and purpose for human lives and to do so, has given us His Word in the form we call the Bible. Every word of the Bible is inspired, but to be rightly understood, must be kept in the context in which it was written. We must study the Bible as a textbook which says what it means. No Science teacher takes a paragraph from a science textbook and uses it out of context to contradict everything else that textbook says, but Bible teachers often take scriptures totally out of context to prove what the Apostle Paul calls, “another Gospel” than that which the Apostles learned at Jesus feet and taught. He goes further and says of these false teachers, “...let them be accursed” (*Galatians 1:6-8*). And John says, “If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed; for he that biddeth him God speed is a partaker of his evil deeds” (*2 John 9*).

In today’s modern world, man is not often concerned about *eternity* . But there is a power for daily living if we are turned on to the powerhouse of God’s Holy Spirit. True “believers ” today still practice the same doctrines and enjoy the same vibrant, fulfilling, thrilling life as the believers in the first church at Jerusalem. It is my hope that *you* will choose to be a true believer. Everything works best when its manufacturer’s directions are followed!

Yours for Jesus’ sake,

Samuel M. Smith, Editor

