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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

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**Worship By Faith**

[Jesus asked His disciples,] saying, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" So they answered and said, "John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again." (**Luke 9:18-20**)

God never has allowed the varying opinions of men to determine how to worship God! The first time anyone worshipped God, it was:

By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. (**Hebrews 11:4**)

God had made it clear what He wanted, and Cain did not offer that. It didn't matter that Cain's "talent" was with crops, or that Cain may have been sincere. Opinions of worshipers does not establish spiritual truth!

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**Church Sanctuary**

And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. (**Exodus 25:8**)

Under Moses, the Israelites' "tabernacle" (or tent) was where God was represented as being among them, thus the sacred place, or "sanctuary." Jesus Christ removed Israel's "sanctuary," and is

... A Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. (**Hebrews 8:2**)

Jesus "sanctuary" is His church. He said,

"On this rock I will build My church," (**Matthew 16:18**) [which is] "not of this world." (**John 18:36**)

Where does God dwell among His people today? Paul wrote to the church of Christ in Corinth saying,

You are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them." (**2 Corinthians 6:16**)

No church building today is, or has, a "sanctuary!"`

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**Church Altars**

We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. (**Hebrews 13:10-12**)

The "altar" for Christians is not the same as God has had before. Jesus Christ was sacrificed outside the city of Jerusalem so that none could think His sacrifice preserved Jewish worship! Christians must:

Continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. (**Hebrews 13:15-16**)

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**Becoming a Christian**

After Jesus had died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day, He appeared to the Apostles,

When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. (**Matthew 28:17**)

"Doubted" simply means their mind was divided on how far to go with belief. To them, Jesus said,

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you." (**Matthew 28:18-20**)

Today, people believe Jesus is the Christ, but are not sure about being baptized. Listen to the Lord who loves you and was raised from the dead.

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved." (**Mark 16:16**)

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**It Is God's Word**

Sin entered the world when the Devil tempted Eve, and she gave in to it! The Devil questioned God's Word:

"Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" (**Genesis 3:1**)

The Devil contradicted and denied God's Word: "You will not surely die" (**Genesis 3:4**). The Devil promised humans could know everything God knows:

"Your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (**Genesis 3:5**)

The Devil has not changed His tactic. Jesus has said His Gospel preached to every creature promises:

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved." (**Mark 16:16**)

The Devil asks: Has God really commanded *water* baptism?

The Devil says: You can be *saved* if you're not baptized.

The Devil says: You will *know you're saved* as if God has told you. Conquer sin, obey God.

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