

## **Teaching Orthodoxy...using Bible verses**

(Using the Bible to teach and defend the Ancient Christian Faith)

**No Private Teachings are allowed—only the Apostolic Doctrine, which was taught them by Jesus Christ.**

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any **private** interpretation. 2 Peter 1:20

**Private teachings come from false instructors, who teach heresies. Heresies can send someone to hell—destruction.**

But there were also **false prophets** among the people, even as there will be **false teachers** among you, who will secretly bring in **destructive heresies**, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves **swift destruction**. 2 Peter 2:1

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of **teachers** to say what their **itching ears want to hear**. They will **turn** their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 2 Timothy 4:3-4

Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to **seducing** spirits, and **doctrines of devils**. 1 Timothy 4:1

But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, that they were saying to you, "**In the last time there will be mockers**, following after their own ungodly lusts." These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit. Jude 1:17-19

Even already in the First Century, the Apostle Peter noticed that some Bible teachers were **twisting the teachings** of St. Paul contained in his letters [epistles].

Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear **brother Paul also wrote you** with the wisdom that God gave him. He

writes the same way in **all his letters**, speaking in them of these matters. **His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.** 2 Peter 3:15-16

Jesus condemned the invented religious ideas, philosophies and **traditions of men**.

Their worship of me is worthless, because they teach **human rules as doctrines**. Mark 7:7

You leave the commandment of God and hold to the **tradition of men**. Mark 7:8

Beware lest any man spoil you through **philosophy** and vain deceit, after the **tradition of men**, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. Colossians 2:8

Christ taught His Disciples and sent them out to **preach** and to **teach everything He had taught them**. The “Apostolic Doctrine/Tradition/Teaching” is Christ’s teaching that He entrusted to His Disciples. This is Christ’s Holy Tradition. And since He is God, and God is holy, so the traditions that Christ our God taught the Apostles are therefore not mere “traditions of men”, but they are God’s “Holy Traditions”.

And He said unto them, “Go ye into all the world, and **preach** the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15

“Go ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:” Matthew 28:19

“**teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you**. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:20

If you love Me, **keep My commandments**. John 14:15

The Faith...the Teaching/Doctrine of Christ...was **given to us once, a complete package**, whole, not needing improvement or changes

the **faith that was once for all delivered** to the saints. Jude 1:3

**The Apostles held one Doctrine, one Teaching**, and they urged their followers to keep it, defend it, and pass it on whole and unchanged.

**Defend** it... **“Contend”** for it. **Keep** it intact, whole.

Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to **contend** for the **faith that was once for all delivered** to the saints. Jude 1:3

**Guard** it...**hold** it...

Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and **hold** the **traditions** which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. [literally in Greek: “guard, take control of the deposit--that which was handed over to you”]  
2 Thessalonians 2:15

He must **hold firmly** to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by **sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.** Titus 1:9

**Hold fast the pattern of sound words** which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 1:13

These are **HOLY TRADITIONS** of Christ, passed on by His Apostles. They are not the invented heretical false teachings (lies) invented by private free-thinking men.

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These Holy Teachings/Traditions are passed down in the Church via the Bible, the **holy writings** (i.e. “by epistle”), and by **word of mouth** (i.e. “by word”). Holy Tradition **is not ONLY** the Bible (the “epistles”). It is everything that the Apostles taught us, both **oral** and **written**.

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A **curse** (“anathema”) will be on someone who **changes** the Apostolic Teaching/Tradition:

But though we, or an angel from heaven, **preach any other gospel** unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him **be accursed**.  
Galatians 1:8

**False teachers** are proud and conceited and ignorant.

If anyone **teaches other doctrine** and does not agree with the sound teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ and with the teaching that promotes godliness, **he is conceited, understanding nothing**. 1 Timothy 6:3-4a

**False teachers** can end up even denying basic Apostolic teachings, such as Christ's humanity and divinity.

For many **deceivers** are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.  
2 John 1:7

A **false** teacher and his students might **end up without God**.

Anyone who does not remain in Christ's teaching ["the Doctrine of Christ"] but goes beyond it, does not have God. 2 John 1:9a

You must **stay in the Doctrine of Christ** in order to have the Trinity.

The one who remains in that teaching, this one has both the Father and the Son. 2 John 1:9b

As for you, let that **abide** in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. 1 John 2:24

Apostles, like St. John, were strict. They did not let heretics into their homes or even greet them.

If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, **do not receive him** into your house or give him any greeting. 2 John 1:10