



Spring 2017
Gospel Meeting
Fifth Street East
Church of Christ


"I Am A Member Of The
Church Of Christ
Because ..."

It Does Not Go
Beyond What Is
Written

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Liberalism

"It is no big deal"



Man Stands before God


- Superlative majesty, *Romans 11:33*
 - Man does not counsel God
 - Man must reverence God
 - God works His will, *Daniel 4:35*
 - Compels man to repent, *Daniel 4:25-27*



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Spirit of Liberalism


- Irreverent toward God, *Psalms 33:8; 89:7; 73:11; 2 Peter 3:3*
- Presumptuous toward the authority of God, *Deuteronomy 18:20; 2 Peter 2:10*
- Indifferent toward the word of God, *Zephaniah 1:12*



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Liberal: What is it?

- "not literal or strict: LOOSE ... BROAD-MINDED; especially: **not bound** by authoritarianism, orthodoxy, or traditional forms" (*Merriam-Webster*)
- "**not bound** by traditional ways or beliefs" (*M-W Thesaurus*)
- **Liberalism is not restrained by Bible patterns, Jeremiah 6:16; 1 Corinthians 4:6; 2 John 9**



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Bible Patterns are God's Patterns

- *Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 12:32*
- *Proverbs 30:5-6*
- *Revelation 22:18-19*
- *Hebrews 8:5*
- *2 Timothy 1:13*



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Commanded to Obey God's Word, Joshua 1:5-9


- "Observe to do according to all the law ..." (1:7)
- "Do not turn from it ..." (1:7)
- Teach and meditate on the word of God ... to obey all of it (1:8)
- You will prosper ... God will be with you (1:9)



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Liberalism Among God's People, Isaiah 30:8-14


- Liberalism refuses to hear the law of the Lord, 30:9 (Jeremiah 44:16)
- Liberalism rejects pleas to follow God's path, 30:10-11
- Liberalism despises the word of God, 30:12



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Liberalism Among God's People, Isaiah 30:8-14


- Liberalism is sin, 30:13
- Liberalism brings judgment upon God's people, 30:13-14



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Liberalism Heard Among Christians, Isaiah 30:8-14


- "Bible authority is too dry and boring"
- "This church needs a new direction"
- "Your (Bible) preaching makes me feel beaten down"
- "The love doesn't flow here"



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Liberalism: "It is no big deal"

- When we do not speak as the oracles of God, 1 Peter 4:11
- When we do not do all things in the name of the Lord, Colossians 3:17
- When the perfect law of liberty is not applied, James 1:21-25



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"It is no big deal"


- Instrumental music in worship
- Local churches providing social activities, 1 Corinthians 11:22, 34
- Sponsoring churches and directors over brethren, Acts 14:23
- Fellowship with false doctrine and those who teach it, 2 John 9-11



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“It is no big deal”


- Salvation without water baptism, *Mark 16:16*
- Little lies, *Ephesians 4:25*
- Immodest clothing, *1 Timothy 2:9*
- Forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, *Hebrews 10:24-25*



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Liberalism Minimizes ...

- Sin, *1 John 3:4; James 4:17*
- Obedience, *Matthew 7:21*
- Word of God, *1 Peter 4:11*



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Liberalism Maximizes ...

- Self, *Judges 21:25*
- Feelings, *1 Kings 12:33*
- Rationalization, *1 Samuel 15:13-15*



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Liberalism does not Tremble before God, *Psalms 99:1-3*

- In awe for His majesty
- In reverence of His word
- In recognition of His rule
- In worship of His holiness
- Although His voice shakes heaven and earth (*Hebrews 12:26*)




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Liberalism Gets Upset Over Sermons Like This!

Who say to the seers, “Do not see,” and to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us right things; Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits.”


Isaiah 30:10



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It is a “big deal” to God!

- God looks on the one who trembles at His word, *Isaiah 66:1-2*
- Liberalism does not tremble before God



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