

THE KEY TO EVERLASTING LIFE

Christ's words are the final, exclusive, and ultimate authority in religion!

- "I say unto you ..." Matthew 5:20, 22, 26, etc.
- Man's word means nothing Matthew 15:7-9
- He spoke true religion Hebrews 1:1-2
- Creeds, prayer books, tracts, commentaries, etc.

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His words were to be taught

 Matthew 28:19-20 – "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever <u>I commanded you</u>: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (ASV)

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His Words will judge us

 John 12:48 – "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I soake, the same shall judge him in the last day." (ASV)

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We must abide in His teaching

- 2 John 9 "Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the <u>teaching</u> of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Father and the Son." (ASV)
- This includes His own spoken words and those His apostles spoke as His ambassadors.

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We cannot go beyond it

• 1 Corinthians 4:6 – "Now these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes; that in us ye might learn not [to go] beyond the things which are written; that no one of you be puffed up for the one against the other." (ASV)

THE KEY TO EVERLASTING LIFE His word is Everlasting • Matthew 24:35 – "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." (ASV)

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- His words are the only standard for man
- His words will last for ever
- His words will judge us
- His words are the one and only key!
- Have you opened the door?

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