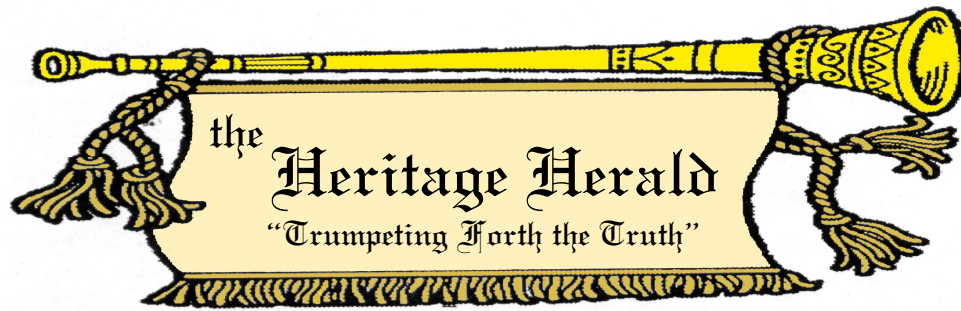




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## **“Ye Have Heard That It Hath Been Said...”**

***Matthew 5:21—43***

It is amazing to me how many people are willing to take what someone has said, or what they have seen on The History Channel, or in a movie, as though it were fact. One man said, "Now I know that it is true because I saw it on television."

**Point To Make:** I love **The History Channel**. When they announced they were going to reveal the way Moses delivered the people from Egyptian slavery, I wanted to see it. What did they reveal? They said that Moses took them across the "Reed Sea" in just a couple of feet of water. What is interesting is that they know Moses was a true historical figure but they deny God. What is up so astounding is that they, making light of the miracle of crossing the Red Sea, were creating a greater miracle of Pharaoh's army drowning in 2 feet of water.

### **First: "Ye Have Heard..." All Paths Lead To God. John 14:6.**

*"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."*

*Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."*

This is absolute. No other way, not through a church, religious leader, or the goodness of self, but Christ alone.

### **Second: "Ye Have Heard..." The Mode Of Baptism Is Not Important. Matt. 3:16**

Baptism pictures the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ; therefore to change the mode is to change the Gospel message.

*Galatians 1:8, "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."*

*Acts 8:38-39, "...and they went down both into the water, ... and he baptized him. ...And when they were come up out of the water..."*

This was not sparkling spring water, and was certainly not from a cup.

### **Third: "Ye Have Heard..." Church Attendance Is Optional. Matthew 16:18**

*Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."*

*Acts 20:7, "...upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together..."*

*I Corinthians 16:2, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."*

*Ephesians 5:25, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;"*

Sounds like church is a pretty important place in the mind of God.

### **Fourth: "Ye Have Heard..." The Bible Is Filled With Contradictions. John 17:17**

*II Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"*

My response is, "Show me one!"

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The Bible is absolutely true and is the final authority for our faith and will be used at the final seat of judgment.

*John 12:48, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."*

**Fifth: "Ye Have Heard..." Everyone Has A Right To Their Opinion. Isaiah 8:20.**

*"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."*

Everyone does have a right to their own opinion but when it comes to truth and error only one opinion will stand the test and that is God's opinion.

Science and archaeology are constantly being reminded of how accurate the word of God is. So-called mistakes in the Bible have turned out to be mistakes of the critics. Critics, especially those that support evolution, have always laughed at *I Corinthians 15:39, "All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds."* What this is teaching is that blood and bones are made up of cells that are common to all species but they are different. One cannot evolve into another. In the last 20 years, because of DNA science, they have had to admit that the cell structure of each species is totally different and that's why there can be no transmutation from one kind to another.

**Conclusion:** "I just don't believe that God would send anyone to a place called Hell." But listen! The Bible teaches more about the doctrine of Hell than it does about the wonders of Heaven. Why? Because God does not want anyone to go there.

*II Peter 3:9, "The Lord is ... not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."*

Have you made a decision for Christ?