

SUM OR SOME?

(Psalms 119:160)

- Introduction:
1. The **sum** of God's word is truth.
 2. All Scripture is inspired of God (II Timothy 3:16-17).
 3. And yet, people do not treat the word of God as though it, in its entirety is God's will.
 4. Rather than accepting the word of God as the **sum** of God's truth, they treat it as **some** of God's truth.
 5. In this lesson let's examine how we've been viewing God's word: is it **sum** or is it **some**?

I. RESULTS OF THINKING GOD'S WORD IS SOME TRUTH AND NOT THE SUM OF TRUTH

- A. (I Samuel 15:10-23) King Saul and Amalek.
- B. (Leviticus 10:1-2) Nadab and Abihu.
- C. (Numbers 20:7-13) Moses and the striking of the rock.
- D. Never has God tolerated partial obedience to His will.

II. BELIEF AND BAPTISM: SUM OR SOME?

- A. There is in God's word an abundance of Scripture that declares the essential nature of faith.
 1. (John 3:16) Whoever believes will not perish.
 2. (Hebrews 11:6) Without faith it is impossible to please God.
 3. (John 6:47) Whoever believes in me has eternal life.
- B. There is no question that faith is necessary to be saved. The question is, "Is faith (belief) **some** of what man must do or is it the **sum** of what man must do?"
- C. (Mark 16:15-16) He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.
- D. Have you obeyed **some** or **the sum** of God's word?

III. CONNECT TO THE VINE AND BEAR FRUIT: SUM OR SOME?

- A. Jesus used a rather interesting metaphor of a vine to teach us that we must have a relationship with Him if we desire eternal life.
- B. (John 15:1-6).
- C. The above passage teaches that we must be connected to Christ (the vine) if we desire to have eternal life.
 1. (John 14:6).
- D. There is no question that we must be connected to Christ in order to have eternal life. The question is, "Is our connection to Christ **some** of what we must do, or is it the **sum** of what we must do?"
- E. This passage also teaches that we must also bear fruit.
 - a. It is not enough to just belong; we must belong and be productive.
- F. Have you been obeying **some** or **the sum** of God's word?

IV. MOURN AND DISCIPLINE: **SUM OR SOME?**

- A. If we are Christ like, we will, like Christ, mourn over the sins of others.
 - 1. (James 4:9) Lament, mourn, and weep.
 - 2. (Matthew 23:37-39) Jesus lamented over Jerusalem.
- B. In our congregation, we stand to be corrected if we do not mourn over the sins of our brothers and sisters (I Corinthians 5:2).
- C. There is no question that we must mourn over the sins of others. The question is, "Is mourning over the sins of others **some** of what we must do, or is it the **sum** of what we must do?"
- D. According to God's word, we must discipline the impenitent sinner.
 - 1. (II Thess. 3:6) We must withdraw ourselves from this one.
 - 2. (I Corinthians 5:4) We must publicly mark this one.
 - 3. (I Corinthians 5:7) We must purge them from our fellowship.
- E. Have we been obeying **some** or **the sum** of God's word?

V. THE GOODNESS AND SEVERITY OF GOD: **SUM OR SOME?**

- A. Certainly God is a good God.
 - 1. (Psalms 31:19) How great is your goodness...
 - 2. (Psalms 149:8-9) The Lord is gracious and full of compassion...
 - 3. *"The Steadfast Love Of The Lord Never Ceases..."*
- B. But is that just **some** of the truth, or is it the **sum** of the truth?
- C. God is also severe.
 - 1. (Romans 11:22) Behold the goodness and severity of God.
 - 2. (II Corinthians 5:11) The terror of the Lord.
 - 3. (Matthew 25:41) Depart from me into everlasting fire.

- Conclusion:
- 1. Let's respect the **SUM** of God's word, and not just **SOME** of it.
 - 2. Too much is at stake.