

## **Worship in Song**

### ***“Do All in the Name of the Lord”***

(Colossians 3:17)

- Introduction:
1. Tonight’s song comes directly from the Scriptures – Colossians 3:17.
  2. The words and music were both written by brother Austin Taylor.
    - a. Probably best known for leading singing for the Music Hall Meeting in Houston, TX in 1945.
    - b. In this meeting, Foy Wallace Jr. refuted the errors of Premillennialism and his sermons were later printed in a book called, “God’s Prophetic Word.”
    - c. Austin Taylor was Foy Wallace’s song leader across the country.
  3. The song we just sang is a song that expounds upon the subject of authority, which reveals a marked difference between the way the Lord’s church approaches the Bible and the way many denominations approach Scripture.

#### **I. Do All in the Name of the Lord**

- A. What does this expression mean (Colossians 3:17)?
  1. Does it just mean to give credit to God for whatever we choose to do?
  2. Does it mean that what we do must be authorized by God?
- B. The need for authority is recognized all through Scripture.
  1. (Deuteronomy 4:2).
  2. (Esther 8:8).
  3. (Mark 11:28).
  4. (Acts 4:7,10).

#### **II. Do Naught in Name of Man or Creed**

- A. This is one of two root problems with religion today.
  1. One is insincerity (1 Timothy 4:2).
  2. The other is accepting the authority of man.
- B. Think of the division that has been caused by the presumptuousness of men!
- C. Consider the subject of baptism.
  1. All authorities, both Catholic and Protestant, agree that in the New Testament baptism was by immersion.
  2. “Clinic” baptism controversy – 250 A.D.
  2. In 1311, Pope Stephen II (Council of Ravenna) substituted pouring.
  3. Among the Protestants, John Wesley (Methodist) acknowledged that the ancient manner of baptizing was by immersion, but the mode didn’t matter, just the symbolism.

- D. Other matters.
  - 1. Women elders. Where is the authority?
  - 2. Infant baptism. Where is the authority?
  - 3. Praying to Mary. Where is the authority?
  - 4. Acceptance of homosexual practice. Where is the authority?
  - 5. Purgatory & Limbo. Where is the authority?
  - 6. Mandatory celibacy. Where is the authority?
  - 7. Mechanical instruments of music in worship. Where is the authority?

### III. **Be Not Deceived by Worldly Greed**

- A. The root of many man-made doctrines is control, power, and wealth.
- B. The larger the following, the greater the wealth.
- C. Stop asking what men want and start asking what God wants.
- D. Why would we allow our secular culture, that knows little to nothing about what God's word, determine for God's children how we will worship him?

### IV. **Dear Christian Friends, If You'd be One**

- A. As I said at the beginning of this lesson, failing to seek authority will result in division with those who seek to do all in the name of the Lord.
- B. Standing for truth is not divisive, though you may be falsely accused of it.
- C. (1 Corinthians 11:19).
- D. (1 Kings 18:17-18).

- Conclusion:
- 1. I don't know of many songs that are more relevant and one by which we need to be teaching and admonishing one another.
  - 2. Whatever you do, in word (doctrine) and deed (practice), do all in the name of the Lord.