

The Chapter That's Not There

Did you see it? Did you catch it? You know what I'm talking about right? Last week in our bulletin I mentioned a chapter that's not found in the scriptures. It was Titus 6:55-14.

No, I didn't do that on purpose. When it was edited it appeared to be the right passage. But when it was printed for some strange reason it came out as Titus 6:55-14. Hopefully, you all understood it was a mistake.

But as I thought about this more, I said to myself, "This would make a great sermon." Well, it didn't make it to the sermon folder but I think it will make a good bulletin. There are a lot of things taught and believed by many that are not found in the scriptures. They are in the chapters that are not found in the scriptures like Titus 6. What are some of these beliefs that are taught?

The chapter that says...

1. ***One can divorce if they're not happy.*** That chapter is not in the Bible. But Matthew 19:9 is, which teaches us why one may lawfully divorce in the eyes of God. Marriage is a big deal in the eyes of God. It should be a big deal in our eyes as well. Not everyday in a marriage is going to be good. There will be times when a spouse will not be happy. But the chapter that says, "Go ahead and get a divorce because you're not happy" is not in the Bible.
2. ***People need to say a prayer to be saved.*** That chapter is not in the Bible. Although many people believe it is. Many will turn to Acts 2:21 where Peter said, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." What Peter said is true. However, Peter explains what it means to call upon the name of the Lord in Acts 2:38. There is no chapter that says all one has to do is say a prayer to be saved. But Mark 16:16 is a chapter that's there. The words of Jesus are what we need to listen to.
3. ***Go and complain to everyone about what a brother has to done to you instead of talking to them directly.*** Nope! That chapter is not in the Bible. But Matthew 18:15 is.

Jesus helps us to see how should go to the one who has sinned against us. We don't gossip about that person. Instead we go to them and seek to resolve the issue.

4. You can do Christianity all by yourself. That chapter is not in the Bible. But plenty of other chapters are in the Bible that speaks about the need for "one another." Chapters like Acts 9 where Paul aligned himself with other disciples after being converted. Or chapters like Hebrews 10 which remind us of the encouragement we need from one another.

The list could go on and on. Titus 6:5-14 is a chapter that's not in the Bible. Don't go looking for it. Sadly, neither are many other thoughts and chapters people think are. Do not be deceived. Let us thoroughly examine the word of God.

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