

The Importance Of An Absolute Pt1

II TIMOTHY 2:15

15. *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

EPHESIANS 4:14

14. *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

UNBELIEF DOES NOT HINDER GOD [62-0128M]

In the last days what it's take--going to take to stand is a Scriptural-trained church...

THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES [54-0512]

I remember staying a year and six months in this Book of Revelation in--in the Tabernacle here. That's what I like in--in teaching. I just love teaching. Oh, my. I--I--I think it's wonderful. It gives the basis and settles the church.

A ABSOLUTE [63-0304]

Everything must have an absolute.

CHRIST IS REVEALED IN HIS OWN WORD [65-0822M]

Something has to be a tie post, in other words, it's an ultimate. And everyone must have an ultimate or an absolute.

A ABSOLUTE [63-0304]

All Christians must use this same absolute, the Word of God. God's Word is the Christian's stay.

CAN WE SEE JESUS? [58-0619E]

...God's got another Urim Thummim for this priesthood, and that is His Bible. And if a preacher preaches, a prophet prophesies, a dreamer interprets a dream, anything contrary to God's Word, it's wrong. But if it's in the Word, it's right. "*Whosoever shall take anything away from the Book, or add anything to the Book...*" Therefore, I don't want any more than it teaches, but I want all that It teaches.

WE HAVE FOUND HIM [54-0825]

This is God's Word, the Bible. And **all Scriptural doctrine must be based upon this Word**. If it's anything contrary to the Word, it's not right. **It must come out of the Bible**. And **no matter who would come to you, prophet, priest, potentate, what, if he speaks contrary to this, it's not right. This is the Word**.

PERSEVERANT [62-0719E]

When four hundred prophets prophesying contrary to what he was, how could he be so sure? Because **his vision compared with the Word of God**. That's the reason he knowed it. Oh, how I wish I had about a hour now to preach right there. **If your vision don't compare with the Word, forget about your vision**.

ABSOLUTE [62-1230M]

How did Micaiah know he was right? He waited. He had a vision. They had a vision, too, but **the vision didn't compare with the Word**. And today, the same thing. Micaiah compared his vision with the Word, and then he seen he and the Word was together. Today, **if your vision is contrary to the Word, leave it alone, 'cause it's the wrong absolute**.

CHURCH AGE BOOK

In every age we have exactly the same pattern. That is why the light comes through some God-given messenger in a certain area, and then **from that messenger there spreads the light through the ministry of others who have been faithfully taught**. But **of course all those who go out don't always learn how necessary it is to speak ONLY what the messenger has spoken**.

ABSOLUTE [62-1230M]

No matter what your experience is, then, if something in you tells you that that Bible isn't true, that power of God, apostles, prophets, and teachers, and pastors, and the gifts of the Spirit just isn't the same as It was when It flowed through them apostles at Pentecost, **there is something wrong with your absolute**. It has to tie to a denominational creed instead to God's Bible. When, He said, "*Both heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never fail.*" **Watch what your absolute is**.

AN ABSOLUTE [63-0127]

Now, to the Protestant church, many time, in a diocese, a bishop's word, **though it be contrary to the Word of God, it becomes the absolute to that bunch of Christians**. No matter what the Word says, if the bishop says so, that settles it, the archbishop of Canterbury. No matter what, the--the English people that go to this Anglican church, no matter what they would think, if the archbishop says a certain thing, that's it.

"Ah," you say, "that's too bad."

But, you know, now, wait a minute. We can come right down home to Pentecost if you'd like to. You sure can. But I--I'm just hoping you'll hit the sidelines and see what I mean. See?

You say, "Here is a brother filled with the Holy Spirit, and, he, the Lord is moving with him."

"Well, go ask the presbyter if we can, first, if we can have him. What kind of a card does he pack?" You see, **that's the absolute then to that church**. That's right. We might say "amen" about the Catholics and about the--the--the Presbyterian, and so forth, but what about--about it when it comes home? See? We got a... we got **a false absolute**.

There is nothing higher in the Bible, in the church, than the elder of that church. It's a sovereign church, and the Holy Spirit works in any way He wants to. He dwells among His people.

But we have another absolute, some general overseer somewhere, tells us what we can do. And if it doesn't just cope with what they think, or something like that, then, "That's out. That's not of God." Oh, my! **What a horrible thing it is!** What a twist we got into! No wonder we're out here crying for revival. And the sky is full of Pentecostal power, and we can't get to it. That's right. Is **because we've rejected God's Absolute**. Right.

The revelation of Christ, "*Upon this rock I'll build My Church, and the gates of hell can't prevail against It.*" It's the Absolute. And **the Word of God is His Absolute**. "*Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father which is in Heaven has revealed this to you. And upon this rock I'll build My Church.*" See? **A real absolute!**

But, you see, we take something else for an absolute. If our denomination speaks against the Word, then you take the denomination's word for it. **You shouldn't do it**. I'm trying to make myself clear, on my convictions. And I'm... The closing of this meeting, I'm trying to tell you the reason of I've acted and said the things I've did, because long ago **I taken Christ for my Absolute**.

ROMANS 3:3-4a

3. *For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?*

4a. *God forbid: yea, **let God be true, but every man a liar**;*