

Volume 3 – Day 21: Standing on the Word of God

"God said it. I believe it. And that settles it." This trite and useless phrase is often spoken in 'so-called' Christian circles. Those who say it are extremely sincere in what they believe the Bible says on most issues. Yet much of what they believe the Bible says, comes from hearsay of others, whom they have trusted. Many of us have been misinformed on many issues.

It is senseless to say, "what I believe the Bible says settles it," for two reasons. 1) What you *believe it says* may be very inaccurate. Consider the opposing views of brilliant theologians who agree on very few interpretations. 2) *That settles it* presumes that you have all the right answers already which precludes any further pursuit of revelation (stagnation)! *Whenever the use of scripture denigrates relationship, its purpose is no longer being served and its message is abused by way of misinterpretation. Devoid of Jesus' love, the Bible is not God's Word.* — J. H. Alan

Many have talked about the Bible, studied it avidly and striven to comply with its very literal interpretation, but have missed the point altogether. If the scripture has only made points in your life, but no appreciable difference, it has surely become an idol before which you may bow, but through which you have not become as loving as Jesus was and still is.

The evidence of Biblical truth is human lives transformed into the image of Jesus as originally intended. God did not convey His word to us in order to spark verbal battles or to divide us from each other. The central theme of the Bible is redemption from evil (the selfish nature of mankind and its related carnage).

When you are up-close-and-personal with God; when you love others more than yourself and even show kindness to those who would hurt you, only then are you like Jesus! God **is** love.