

GETTING THE RIGHT WORD

Some put little importance on how we use certain words, but how we use our words are very important especial when it comes to Christianity. What do we learn about the importance of words from the following verses:

Mt. 12:36-37 _____

Prov. 25:11 _____

Ecc. 12:10 _____

Ecc. 5:3 _____

What do the following verses teach us about creating false terms with God's Word:

Isa. 5:20-21 _____

Mal. 2:17 _____

Mt. 15:3-6 _____

Lk. 16:15 _____

2 Pet. 2:1, 18-19 _____

“Let us speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent. Let us call Bible things by Bible names, and do Bible things in Bible ways.”

What does the Bible say the church is?

The Bible uses the Greek word Ekklesia for the church. Thayer defines it this way:

a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place, an assembly ... in a Christian sense 1d1) an assembly of Christians gathered for worship in a religious meeting 1d2) a company of Christian, or of those who, hoping for eternal salvation through Jesus Christ, observe their own religious rites, hold their own religious meetings, and manage their own affairs, according to regulations prescribed for the body for order's sake.

Read Acts 11:22. Can a building hear? _____

Is there anything important about what we call our place of assembly? _____

What does Paul teach us about the importance of whom we call ourselves after? (1 Cor. 1:10-13) _____

What are some Biblical designations of the church?

Rom. 16:16 _____

Heb. 12:23 _____

1 Tim. 3:15 _____

Why would anyone want to call themselves after a man, thing, or action when Jesus purchased the church with His blood (Acts 20:28)? _____

How many churches are there? (Mt. 16:18; Eph. 4:4) _____

At what point does one enter the church? (1 Cor. 12:13) _____

Who adds us to the church? (Acts 2:47) _____

What else do we learn about the church from the following verses:

Eph. 1:22-23 _____

Acts 20:28 _____

Eph 5:23 _____

1 Cor. 1:2; Phil 1:1 _____

What are some other terms used to describe those who are in Christ according to Peter? (1 Pet. 2:9) _____

Since the church is the called out body of Christ, how are we called? (2 Thess. 2:14) _____

How can the church that Jesus built be identified? (Rom. 6:17-18) _____

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." ⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Religious Titles

What do we learn about the Pharisees and Scribes in Mt. 23:1-10 and what titles we are not to call ourselves?

Why is it acceptable for us to call our biological dad father? _____

What else do we learn from Jesus as we read the next few verses 11-12? _____

What about the title Reverend, which means “deserving reverence”? Is ok for us to call preachers reverend? (Acts 10:26; Ps. 111:9 [only verse reverend is used in Scripture])

Another word this is misused is pastor. Many in the religious world think that a pastor is the preacher. While it is possible for a preacher to be one of the pastors of the church, not all preachers are pastors. A pastor is just another name for an elder, which is also called, an overseer, shepherd, bishop, or presbytery.

There are 3 Greek words used for the elders:

Presbuteros – Elder or Presbytery, which means older man.

Episkopos – Overseer.

Poimen – Shepherd or Pastor, which means older men who feed the spiritual flock.

We can see all three of these Greek words being used synonymously in Acts 20:17-30. v. 17 Presbuteros – Elders; v 28 Episkopos – overseers and Poimen – shepherd.

We also learn that there is always a plurality of elders or pastors, so it is incorrect to say that a man is the pastor of a church. We also learn that there are many qualifications for an elder in 1 Tim. 3 and Titus 1.

Can a preacher be one of the pastors? _____ Is every preacher a pastor? _____

Is Sunday the new Sabbath day? _____

Are there are other words or terms that people misuse that you would like point out at this time?
