

GLAD TIDINGS

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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IS METHODIST DOCTRINE OF THE BIBLE?

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Today in our society many different religions have a very loose attitude towards the scriptures. This is seen when they teach doctrines contrary to what the Bible teaches (2John 9-11). The word Methodism means “**Emphasis On Systematic Methods.**” Ladies and Gentlemen, nowhere in the Bible is the word Methodism found. It became known in the Methodist movement founded by John Wesley. John Wesley later introduced the “**The Methodist Church**” in 1739 in London.

Methodists claim “*the Methodist Church believes today, as **Methodism** has from the first, that the only infallible proof of a true church Of Christ is its ability to seek and to save the lost.*” John Wesley instituted that at least once a week they were to meet to sing, pray, exhort, and to confess their faults one to another. Brethren are not all of these activities scriptural? Aren’t these some of the activities we do in our Worship to God? While these activities are scriptural, and we commend the Methodist on teaching these activities, some of their doctrines are contrary to the word of God. Let’s

examine their doctrines and you be the judge whether or not they are abiding in the doctrine of Christ.

The Methodist Church Teaches The Doctrine: Born Of Original Sin. “*Original sin standeth not in the following of Adam, but it is the corruption of the nature of every man, that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam and is by nature inclined to evil, and that continually*” (*The Articles Of Religion VII.67*) Friend, where is the book, chapter, and verse for inherited sin? Nowhere in the Bible does it teach we are born in sin. The Bible teaches that “**The Soul That Sins Shall Die**” (Ezekiel 18:20). Can a baby commit sin? How can a baby commit a sin when it does not have the knowledge to determine right or wrong? Is this doctrine the teaching of the Bible?

The Methodist Church Teaches The Doctrine: Faith Only. “*We are accounted righteous before God only for the merit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by faith, and not for our own works or deservings. Wherefore, that we are justified by faith only is a most wholesome doctrine, and very full of comfort*” (*The Ar-*

icles Of Religion IX.69). Does the Bible teach faith only? NO! James says, “*Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, IS DEAD.*” He also says, “*You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only*” (James 2:17,24). Brethren, isn’t Baptism a work?

Faith only as the Methodist teach denies that baptism is essential to salvation. If the Methodist Church claims to be the church of the Lord, then why does it contradict the very words of Christ on Salvation? Jesus says, “*He who believes and is baptized will be saved*”... (Mark 16:16). How could a denomination teach they are of the Lord, when they are not abiding in the teaching of the Lord (John 15:1-7). Is this doctrine a teaching of the Bible?

Brethren, let’s always remember not to add to nor take away from God’s word. We are to abide in the “doctrine Of Christ” or else we do not have God. Abiding in Christ means obeying Him and keeping His commandments. Which will you choose? **Jesus Christ or John Wesley.**