



# BIBLE NUGGETS

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### ONE FAITH

- Pastor Bob Herriman -

*"True faith rests upon the character of God and asks no further proof than the moral perfections of the one who cannot lie. Any faith that must be supported by the evidence of the senses is not real faith."*

A W. Tozer

#### **There Is Only One Church:**

Sometimes, we think the church is just what is within the four walls of our building. Or, we think the church is just limited to people in our denomination. We forget denominations are not mentioned in the Bible. There is only one church. There is only one body, just as there is only one Lord and one faith. There is not a Baptist faith, Methodist faith or Lutheran faith. There is only faith in God. Either we believe the Bible, or we don't. Either we believe the Lord Jesus Christ, or we don't. There are not multiple versions of God, suited to the traditions of each denomination. God does not come in thirty-one flavors like the popular ice cream store.

#### **Your Denomination Didn't Die For You:**

Often, the church is presented as though there are multiple versions and flavors of Christianity, and you can choose the kind you like. The popular idea today, is to choose the kind of church that appeals to you; agrees with what you think and encourages how you feel. It is a church made in your own image – and not one that is patterned from the Word of God. You will never grow or be changed there. You need the real church, and there is only one church. It is still found in thousands of local fellowships, where faithful Christians preach and teach the Bible, and learn and grow together. **Your denomination did not die for you.** Your denomination cannot save you. Only those who are born-again, and washed in the blood of Jesus, have the promise of heaven and eternal life.

#### **The Bible Doesn't Say That The Baptist Is The Way:**

The Bible does not say Methodist is the way. The Bible does not say that Baptist is the way. The Bible does not say that Presbyterian is the way. The Bible does not say that Lutheran is the way. The Bible does not say that Pentecostal is the way. The Bible does teach that the Lord Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life ... (John 14:6). We must never lose focus of this truth.

## **Beware Of Denominational Pride:**

We sometimes think that other churches and other denominations are wrong, and we are the only ones who are right. We should not have that kind of arrogance. Jesus is right. The Bible is right, and the Scriptures alone are the final authority. Our denominational traditions may be lacking, and we should never place more importance upon our traditions and our culture, than on the Word of God. If we lose sight of this truth, we will become followers of people – men or women, instead of followers of the Lord Jesus Himself. Your faith begins with Jesus. Your faith ends with Jesus. Everything that matters is all about Jesus. “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith ... (Hebrews 12:2).

## **Gathering Together Unto Him:**

*“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching”* (Hebrews 10:25). Fellowship is not just greetings, handshakes and hugs. Fellowship is much deeper than that. Fellowship in the body of Christ, is similar to the kind of relationship your hand has with your arm. They are attached. They are dependent on one another. Still, the meaning is much, much deeper than that. No part of the body can function without the rest of the body.

## **Lone Ranger Christians:**

Many Christians today don't seem to think they need anyone but themselves. Their idea of fellowship is just self getting together with me, myself and I. They don't believe they need an “organized church.” They don't believe they need a teacher. They don't want anyone to teach them the Bible. Their attitude is that they can just look it up online if they need to know anything. They want to learn, but they do not want to be taught. They don't believe they need a pastor. They think of a pastor as just the “moral police,” and they don't want to be accountable, and don't want to have anyone telling them what to do. They don't comprehend the pastor's work as being that of a shepherd, and not that of a dictator.

## **Christians Gathering Together:**

*“Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto Him, ... (2 Thessalonians 2:1). The Greek word translated in Hebrews 10:25, as “assembling” of ourselves and in 2 Thessalonians 2:1 as our “gathering together” unto Him – is the same word – it is the word, “episynagoge.” The meaning of the word looks forward to that day when the Lord Jesus Himself will return to receive us unto Himself. On that day, for the very first time, the entire church of Jesus Christ will be gathered together in one place. None of us will be alone on that day. When we gather in fellowship, we are actually celebrating the time when we will all be gathered together unto Him. “For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there Am I in the midst of them” (Mat.18:20).*

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