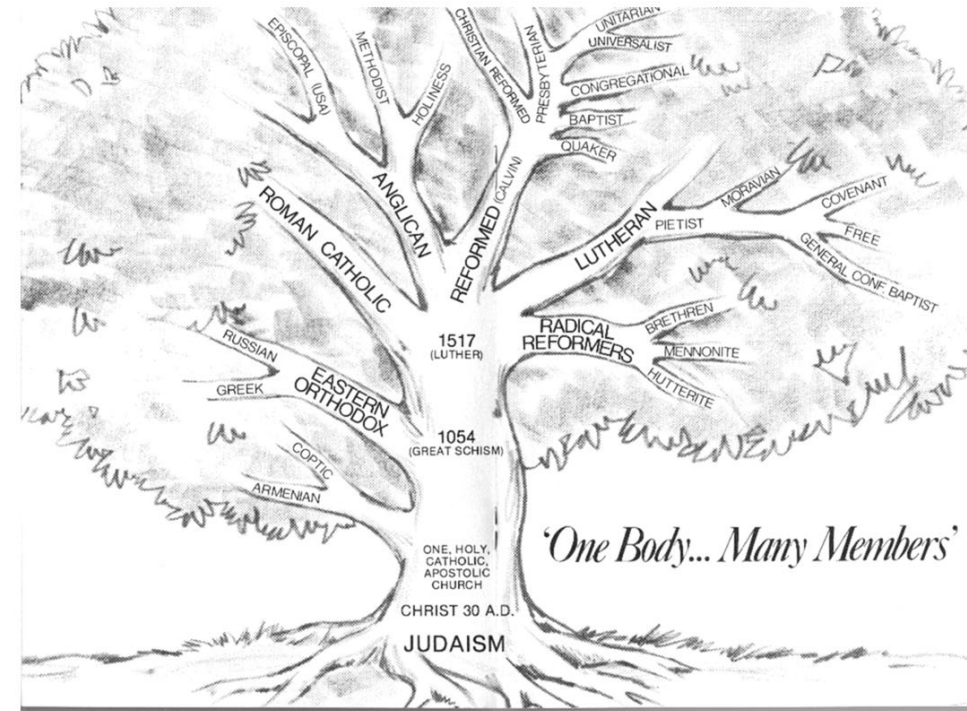


WHERE CAN I FIND THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD?



Examples of conflict between Bible and tradition

Jesus to the Pharisees:

Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?... You nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men." Matthew 15:3–9

Paul to Peter:

"When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not

like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"
Galatians 2:14

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness..." 2 Timothy 3:16

"For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

Sola Scriptura means "the Bible remains the _____ authority, the norm by which all the teaching of tradition and the church is to be tested."

Practically, What Does This Mean for You? Two Practices

Read the Bible _____

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment."
Matthew 22:37-38

Read the Bible _____

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

Other Principles:

Read the Bible RIGOROUSLY, CHARITABLY, and HOLISTICALLY

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE: Seven days of Psalm 119

I will read the Bible daily this week for 10 minutes...

Today from ____ to ____ pm, and Monday through Saturday from ____ to ____ am/pm.

Tip: Pick an understandable translation: for example New International Version (NIV) or New Living Translation (NLT).

Each day, read from Psalm 119 and write down the answers to these questions:

1. What did I learn about God's word from my reading?
2. What difference will this make in my life?

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