

# THE BIBLICAL ORDER

## "HEARING, BELIEVING, BAPTIZING, TEACHING."

**TEXT: Acts 18: 8 -11**

### **INTRO:**

#### **A. Before us we have the mission efforts of the Apostle Paul (Acts. 18:1-11)**

1. Paul was a missionary sent out by the Church at Antioch - AUTHORITY(Acts 13:1-4).
  - a. He was faithful executing his commission (Going, preaching, baptizing, & establishing churches).
2. Paul was encouraged by the other missionaries that added him (v.5).
3. Paul preached and great things happened.
  - a. Some refused to hear what he had to say.
  - b. Others heard him, believed, were baptized and listened to his continued teaching.

#### **B. The ORDER found in verses 8 and 11 is paramount!**

1. "Hearing", "believed", "were baptized", "continued ..teaching".
2. This ORDER is the BIBLICAL ORDER - it is one reason we are Baptist - Baptist believe in the BIBLICAL ORDER - The Bible is our RULE!
  - a. Other churches ACCEPT or PROMOTE another "order" - That makes for disorder.
  - b. Some have baptism, hearing, believing, & teaching (Catholics and the host of Protestants).
  - c. Some have hearing, baptism, believing, & teaching (Church of Christ).
  - d. Some have NO hearing, believing, Baptism, and teaching (Hardshells).
  - e. Some have hearing, believing, NO baptism and NO teaching (uncommitted).
  - f. Some have NO hearing, believing, NO baptism, and NO teaching (Uncommitted Religious).

#### **C. A look at this Biblical order - Hearing, believing, baptizing, teaching!**

##### **I. THIS IS THE BIBLICAL ORDER (Acts. 18: 8, 11).**

#### **A. This was the Biblical order in the ministry of the first Baptist (John 4:1-2).**

1. Notice that John "made" and then "baptized" disciples.
2. John "preached", many heard, believed, were baptized, and then he taught them some more (Mk 1:1-8).

#### **B. This was the Biblical order in the ministry of Jesus (John 4:1-2).**

1. Again notice that Jesus "made" and "baptized" disciple.
  - a. One MUST be a disciple BEFORE he can be baptized.
  - b. Baptism does not make you a disciple!

#### **C. This was the Biblical order given to the church in the Commission (Matt. 28:16-20).**

1. Go "teach" - and go "Preach" the gospel (Mk. 16:15-16).
2. Then "baptize", then "teach ..all things" (Matt. 28:19-20).
3. The commission is not complete until four things are done
  - a. Go preach (hearing), THEN they must believe, THEN Baptism, THEN teaching all things!

#### **D. This Biblical order was faithfully practiced by the Lord's churches.**

1. It was so by the Jerusalem Church (Acts. 2:36-42).
2. It was so by those sent out by the Jerusalem Church.
  - a. It was so done by Philip (Acts. 8:5, 12, 14, 25, 34-38).
3. It was so done by the churches that came out of the Jerusalem Church.
  - a. As seen by the ministry of Paul (Acts. 16:30-34).

#### **E. This Biblical order is ONE MARK of TRUE churches today.**

1. Those who follow this order have the promise "I am with you alway" (Matt. 28:19-20).
2. It does make a difference what you believe and what you practice (John 14:15).

## **II. WHY THIS BIBLICAL ORDER IS SO IMPORTANT?**

### **A. Because it is the BIBLICAL order (II Tim. 3:16-17)!**

1. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:20).

### **B. Because it puts baptism in its proper place.**

1. It does not make baptism any more or any less than it is.
2. When Baptism is moved around in the order it is disorder concerning salvation!
  - a. Out of order "Baptism" becomes salvation! Instead of a TESTOMONY of salvation!
3. When Baptism is removed it brings disorder concerning service!
  - a. "We really do not need to be baptized" - "it does not matter what church you are a member of"

### **C. Because it shows the need for growth and the place of growth AFTER salvation and baptism.**

1. When a person is saved by the grace of God the order is THEN baptism and THEN teaching.
2. Believers need the church (Eph. 4:11-16).
3. Believers need to be taught (Matt. 28:20)
4. The church needs believers!

### **D. Because it puts CHRIST in HIS proper place.**

1. Christ is paramount! Christ is first! There is no need for baptism or teaching without Christ!
2. Salvation is FIRST! The greatest need you have is Christ (Acts 18:5; 4:10-12; 2:36, 41-42).
  - a. What are you trusting in for your salvation?

## **CON:**

### **A. The biblical order is ...**

1. Hearing - you have heard!
2. Believing - Do you believe?
3. Baptism - Have you been baptized - According to the biblical order?
4. Are you being taught?