

SETTING THINGS IN ORDER – Common Faith

Titus 1:1-4

1 Corinthians 14:33 - “God is not the author of confusion.”

(1 Corinthians 14:12) Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.

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Amos 3:3 implies: *Two cannot walk together unless they agree!*

(Galatians 5:14-15) For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

Bondservant - doulos – slave.

(Deuteronomy 15:17) “...then you shall take an awl and thrust it through his ear to the door, and he shall be your servant forever. Also to your female servant you shall do likewise.”

(Isaiah 50:5) “The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away.”

(Luke 6:46) "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"

Ezekiel 36:26) I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

(1) Common Salvation

(Galatians 3:26) For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Election is not “rejection.” *God wishes none to perish*, 2 Peter 3:9 / John 3:16.

“disorder - 1 Corinthians 3

(1 Corinthians 3:11) For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

(2) Common Truth

First - “truth” as revealed in scripture, regarding the “Messiah.”

(1 John 5:5) Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Secondly - “truth” according to “godliness,” (holiness).

(John 3:30) He must increase, but I must decrease. (“Continually”)

(3) Common Hope – God “cannot do,” “lie!”

(Num 23:19) "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

(2 Corinthians 1:20) For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

(Isaiah 43:13) Indeed before the day was, I am He; And there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?"

“Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all...As long as matters are really hopeful, hope is mere flattery or platitude; it is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength.” - G.K. Chesterton

(Romans 15:13) Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God is the “keeper” of our “eternal hope” - 1 Peter 1:3-5.

CONCLUSION: (James 3:16-17) For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Common faith is wisdom from above!

(Matthew 6:33) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

