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CAN YOU RECOMMEND YOUR RELIGION?

(John 20:19 – 31)

INTRODUCTION

We make many recommendations in life: doctors, vacation places, restaurants, ...

David recommended his religion: (Psalm 66:16)

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1. IN LIGHT OF THE SCRIPTURES?

God cannot approve a religion that is not proved by His Word.

(2 Cor. 13:5) "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves"

(2 Tim. 2:15) "Study to show yourselves approved unto God ... "

(1 Thess. 5:21) "Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good"

(1 Peter 3:15) "... be ready to give answer to every man that asks ... "

(Acts 17:11)

Plenty of warnings show its importance: (Matt. 15:8-9, v13; 2 John v9; John 8:31-32)

Illustration of Thomas: (John 20:19-31)

Let's be as cautious as Thomas; also, be as yielding to evidence presented.

2. BY THE LIFE YOU LIVE?

Christianity is life-changing: not one of convenience, but of conviction.

(Matt. 23:3) "for they say and do not"

(Titus 1:16) "profess they know God; but in their works they deny him ... "

Put into practice what you preach; walk the talk.

(Phil. 4:9) "those things ... heard, and seen in me, do"

(Eph. 4:1) "walk worthy of the vocation wherein ye are called"

(Matt. 5:16) "let your light so shine before men ... "

3. BY THE WAY YOU SUPPORT IT?

With TALK: (2 Cor. 4:13) "I believed, and therefore did I speak"

(Psalm 107:2) "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so"

With TIME involvement: in Bible study, worship attendance, daily living and ministry, ...

With TALENT: use what you've been blessed with in God's service. What's your talent?

With TREASURE: (Acts 20:35; 2 Cor. 8:12; 2 Cor. 9:6-8)

4. BY THE WAY IT WORKS FOR YOU?

(2 Cor. 4:8-10, v16-18)

Do you hold on to faith in times of crises or forsake it?

(Rms. 8:28, v37; Psalm 3:3, 57:1, 84:11) Believe it and live it!