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Scripture alone is the standard for faith and practice.

"Unless I am convicted by scripture and plain reason--I do not accept the authority of popes and councils for they have contradicted each other--my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise, God help me. Amen."

— Martin Luther

Genesis 3:1-6

Adam and Eve's temptation was whether or not they would align their beliefs and behaviors on God's word or not.

Relativism is a common, but incorrect view today which teaches that right and wrong are based, not on the authority of God, but each person's opinion.

In the end, relativism is a way of exalting our rules over God and His rules.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2

Matthew 4:1-4

Jesus is quoting Old Testament Scripture as the equivalent of God speaking.

Matthew 19:4-6

Jesus treats the words recorded in Genesis as the supreme authoritative word on regarding the fact that God makes people male or female, that marriage constitutes one of each, and that marriage is to be for life.

Hebrews 1:1-2

Luke 24:25-27

Luke 24:44-47

Jesus unites His life, death, and resurrection with the Scripture of the Old Testament revealing the absolute trustworthiness of the Old Testament Scripture.

2 Timothy 3:14-17

What makes the Bible authoritative?

Do we get to pick and choose which parts of God's Word that we want to believe?

Matthew 22:23, 29

The same day Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection, and they asked him a question,

But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.

What did Jesus use as the test of right and wrong belief?

What should we use to determine right and wrong belief?

Do we get to pick which commandments we want to obey?

James 2:10-11

All sin has anti-authority in common.

Belief and behavior are intimately connected.

What you believe about the Bible
will greatly affect your behavior.

Don't be surprised when the world
opposes your Biblical standards.