

"TO WHOM SHALL WE GO"

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **John 6:60-69**. From Roy H. Enoch (2-25-94).
- C. Jesus had just fed the 5,000 men, besides the women and children.
 - 1. He then told them that he knew why they were following Him (Jn. 6:26).
 - 2. He taught them that He was the bread of life that came down from heaven (Jn. 6:35).
 - 3. They could not come to Him unless the Father draws them (Jn. 6:44,45).
 - 4. They had to eat His flesh and drink His blood to have Life (6:51).
- D. But they did not care enough about His teaching to try to understand (Jn. 6:60-61).
 - 1. Yes, they did take offense and most of His disciples never followed Him again (Jn. 6:66).
 - 2. So many of His disciples left Him, He turned to the 12 and asked them if they also wanted to go away (Jn. 6:68,69).
- E. This lesson considers where some people go for religious authority and their doctrines.

I. SOME GO TO THE PREACHER FOR RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY.

- A. The influence of preachers is great if they are effective.
 - 1. Some people depend too much on the preacher for doctrine.
 - 2. Some think that preachers cannot err.
 - a. But when they teach so many different/conflicting doctrines, they can't all be right.
 - b. Through out the NT we are warned against false teachers (1Jn. 4:1).
 - 3. There were times when the apostles did not understand what Jesus was teaching them.
 - 4. Even the apostle Paul limited how far we can follow him (1Cor. 11:1).
- B. The apostle Peter taught Cornelius not to bow down to him because he was also a man.
 - 1. As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshipped him (Ac. 10:25,26).
 - 2. Angels would not let men bow down to them, as when the apostle John bowed down to the angel who was showing him many marvelous things (Rev. 19:10).
- C. If faithful apostles and faithful angels would not let a man bow down before them, no man faithful to Christ today would let a man bow down to him.
- D. Divisions or denominations result from following men (1Cor. 1:11-13).

III. SHALL WE LOOK TO MOSES FOR RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY?

- A. Moses was the great lawgiver for the Jews.
 - 1. But he pointed them to the Christ (Deut. 18:15,18,19).
 - 2. Peter quoted this prophecy and applied it to Christ (Ac. 3:22-23).
- B. The law of Moses was faulty (Heb. 8:7,8).
- C. Therefore, the law of Christ replaced it.
 - 1. It brought us to Christ (Gal. 3:24,25).
 - 2. It was taken away at the cross of Christ that He might give us the gospel (Eph. 2:15,16).
 - 3. On the mount of transfiguration, Christ appeared with Moses and Elijah, but God overshadowed them in a cloud and said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him" (Mt. 17:5).
 - 4. Today, we hear X rather than Moses or the prophets.

IV. SHALL WE FOLLOW JOHN THE BAPTIST AS A RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY?

- A. His work was to prepare the way for the X (Lk. 1:17; Jn. 1:23).
- B. He was to decrease, but X was to increase (Jn. 3:28-30).

- C. John did no miracles (Jn. 10:41).
- D. John was not in the kingdom (Mt. 11:11).
- E. John died before the church was established.
 - 1. His death is recorded in Mt. 14:10.
 - 2. Jesus purchased the church w/His blood, (Ac. 20:28) so it was established after John's death.

V. **WE MUST FOLLOW JESUS THE X.**

- A. God speaks through Him (Heb. 1:1,2; 2:3,4).
- B. He has all authority in heaven and earth (Mt. 28:18).
- C. He is able to save all who trust Him enough to do what He says (Mt. 1:21; Heb. 7:25).
- D. He saves those who obey Him (Mt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8,9).

VI. **CONCLUSION.**

- A. See Jn. 6:68-69.
- B. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.