

# “From Heaven or From Men?”

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Have you ever heard anyone say, “Is that scriptural?” or “Is that according to God’s will?” Not many folks question the religious practices of today’s world. Some do, but they are among the minority.

Jesus gave one of the most superior ways to determine what is right or wrong religiously. He asked the self-righteous Jews, “The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men?” (Luke 20:4).

We can apply this particular question to everything we do religiously.

For example, we might ask, “The baptism of infants, is it from heaven or from men?” To determine if it is from heaven (or from God), then we should be able to read about it at least one time in God’s word. Since infant baptism is never mentioned between the covers of God’s book, we must conclude that it is from men, not heaven.

Again, we might ask, “The church with whom I meet, is it from heaven or men?” We plead with every sincere person to search the word of God, and if your group is not mentioned at least one time, ask yourself, “Is my church from heaven or from men?” No sincere person could say that all the churches that exist today are from God. Jesus proclaimed, “On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18).

Is our worship we offer to God from heaven or of men? Human and man-made religious practices in worship nullify our service to God. Jesus said, “In vain they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men” (Matthew 15:9). Doctrines and practices invented by men make our worship void, meaningless or as Jesus said, “vain.”

Let’s always ask: “Is it from heaven or of men?” If we cannot find it in the Bible, and if the principle is not taught there, then we know that it is from men, and we should abandon it.