

Do All In The Name Of The Lord

“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Colossians 3:17).

Introduction:

1. In days past, Gospel preachers who preached in various meetings and revivals in different places often had a song-leader who travelled with them for these services.
 2. One such song-leader was Austin Taylor, who directed the singing for many of the meetings preached by Brother Foy E. Wallace, Jr.
 3. In January of 1945, Brother Wallace conducted the Music Hall Meeting in Houston, Texas, during which he dismantled and defeated the false doctrine of Premillennialism.
 4. It was Brother Austin Taylor who led the singing on this occasion.
 5. It was this same Austin Taylor who, almost 30 years earlier (in 1916), wrote the song that is the focus of this lesson.
 6. Austin Taylor was born on October 14, 1881, in Morgantown, Kentucky, and died on January 1, 1973.
 7. He was one of the founders of the Texan Normal Singing School, which still meets each summer.
 8. He is also the author of the song, “Closer To Thee.”
- I. The Prudence of Authority
 - A. It is essential to understand the authority of the Scriptures (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
 - B. Submission to that authority is what separates the Lord’s church from the religions and denominations of men.
 - C. Though the Bible clearly teaches that baptism is immersion in water, most religious groups claim that sprinkling or pouring is acceptable.
 - D. Where do they claim authority for such a practice?
 1. Most will agree that Bible baptism was/is immersion.
 2. Catholics will claim authority for pouring from the actions of Pope Stephen II, approved later by the Council of Ravenna in 1311.
 3. Protestants will claim authority for pouring from their own reasoning that it is attitude that is important, not the action.
 4. Thus, one must choose which “authority” to follow – the words of men or the Word of God.
 - E. Jesus demonstrated the need for God’s authority and the error of looking to men for such (Matthew 21:23-27).

Whatever you do in word or deed, Do all in the name of the Lord;
Do naught in name of man or creed, Do all in the name of the Lord.

Be not deceived by worldly greed, Do all in the name of the Lord;
The Spirit says “in word or deed,” Do all in the name of the Lord.

If you are toiling for a crown, Do all in the name of the Lord;
 O do not trust in world renown, Do all in the name of the Lord.

II. The Pattern of Authority

- A. To “do all in the name of the Lord” is to submit to the authority of Jesus and to follow His commands (1 Thessalonians 4:1-2).
- B. This authority is revealed in the Gospel (Matthew 28:18-20).
- C. The Bible authorizes by Direct Statement (cf. Acts 2:38).
- D. The Bible authorizes by Approved Example (cf. Acts 20:7).
 - 1. Notice that Jesus said, “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:20).
 - 2. He did not say, “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever you observe.”
 - 3. The church must obey the command to keep the Lord’s Supper upon the first day of the week, but it does not have to be in an upper room.
- E. The Bible authorizes by Necessary Inference (cf. Genesis 12:10; 13:1).
- F. The Bible authorizes Specifically and Generically (cf. Genesis 6:14-16).
 - 1. Specific: wood, dimensions, window, door, stories
 - 2. Generic: tools, location, etc.
 - 3. Note that the Generic things were still authorized.
 - 4. Things authorized Generically are expedients.
 - 5. Additions have no authority – Generic or Specific.
- G. Things excluded from Bible authority are sinful because they are not authorized (cf. Leviticus 10:1-3).

Till toils and labors here are done, Do all in the name of the Lord;
 Dear Christian friends, if you’d be one, Do all in the name of the Lord.

III. The Product of Authority

- A. Respecting the authority of God produces salvation (Mark 16:16).
- B. Respecting the authority of God produces order (1 Corinthians 14:33, 40).
- C. Respecting the authority of God produces unity (1 Corinthians 1:10).
- D. Respecting the authority of God produces praise (John 4:24).

Do all in His name, the name of the Lord,
 Do all in the name of the Lord;
 In word or deed, as God decreed, Do all in the name of the Lord.

Conclusion:

- 1. To be pleasing to God, one must surrender to His authority.
- 2. By doing all in the name of the Lord, one will honor God and receive the reward of Heaven.