



Rediscovering the Holy Scriptures Disciple's Reformation Conference

What Does Discipleship Look Like based on the Holy Scriptures?

“Learning to examine the Holy Scriptures through the lens of Truth”

Theme: Creating students of the Holy Scriptures around the World!

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Definition of Church

“Why **two definitions** of **CHURCH** is used in this conference and my book? – because the **Ekklesia** (*the Greek word used in the NT for Church*) is **Scripturally defined** as the **Body of JESUS CHRIST** and it is **GOOD** and **FOLLOWS CHRIST’S WILL!** (See page 411 in book, “*Paul, The Moses of the New Testament Church*”)

1. **NT Church** – is when men follow the **Scriptural Patterns that define the Church** as recorded in the **Book of Acts** and **throughout the NT Apostles’ writings (27 books)**. The **NT Church** consists of all the **DISCIPLES** who are the **living stones**, the **Bride of JESUS CHRIST**, that was **birthed** by the **HOLY GHOST** on the **Day of Pentecost**
2. **Organized Church** (also Institutional, Religious, etc.) – is when men **REPLACE** the **Holy Scriptures** and the **interpretations given by the HOLY SPIRIT (the HOLY GHOST)** with **their own system of beliefs, traditions, and dogma.**

Foundation Reset (Expectation Set)

This is **NOT** about **DEBATING** the **MERITS** of the Organized Christian Church

- I personally **do not** have an opinion **FOR** or **AGAINST** Organized Churches
 - They can be **GREAT** and **POWERFUL** in the **Kingdom of GOD**, **IF** they **MAKE DISCIPLES** and **teach** the **NT HOLY SCRIPTURES IN THEIR ENTIRETY** and in agreement with the **HOLY SPIRIT**
 - **HOWEVER**, they can be **DECEIVING**, **SEDUCING**, and **DESTRUCTIVE** to those they are leading if they **REPLACE** the **Holy Scriptures** with their **OWN** **philosophical**, **political**, **economic**, **social**, or **other doctrines**

This conference is about **awakening** individuals to the **NT Scriptural Commandments** for them to become **Disciples** (**G3101, 3101. *mathetes*, math-ay-tes'**; from **G3129**; a **learner**, i.e. **pupil**:--disciple)

- **JESUS** says that those **who will follow** Him must "**DENY**" themselves, take up their "**CROSS**" and "**FOLLOW**" HIM (St. Matt. 16:24-26)
- Peter commanded **NEW BORN BABES** to **DESIRE** (love, seek) the **SINCERE MILK of GOD's WORD** so they can **GROW** (1 Pet. 2:1-2)



Purpose

1. Help those who profess to follow JESUS CHRIST to begin to earnestly read, study, and search the Holy Scriptures, that they may begin to **GROW** as the **LORD's DISCIPLES** (St. John 5:39; Acts 11:17)
2. Encourage Disciples to “DESIRE the SINCERE MILK of the GOD's WORD so they might **GROW!** (1 Peter 2:2)
3. Help Disciples to READ and STUDY the Scriptures through a NEW LENS (2 Tim. 2:15)
4. Encourage Disciples to do CRITICAL THINKING (meditation) about **ALL** the WORDS in the **KEY Scriptures** in the pursuit of following JESUS CHRIST (2 Pet. 1:19-21)
5. Exhort Disciples to UNDERSTAND the **coming ETERNAL JUDGEMENT** so they can PREPARE for **JESUS' RETURN** as **WISE VIRGINS!** (St Matt. 25:1-13; Rev. 21:6-8; 22:14-15)

We must unlearn what we have learned



Key Scriptures of Discipleship

(2 Peter 2:1-2) (1) Wherefore **LAYING ASIDE** all **MALICE** (wickedness), and all **GUILE** (deceit), and **HYPOCRISIES**, and **ENVIES**, and all **EVIL SPEAKINGS**, (2) As **NEWBORN BABES**, **DESIRE** the **SINCERE MILK** of the **WORD**, that **YE** may **GROW THEREBY**:

(1 Thess. 4:1-4) (1) Furthermore then we **BESEECH YOU**, brethren, and **EXHORT YOU** by the **LORD JESUS**, that as **YE** have **received of US HOW YE OUGHT TO WALK** and to **PLEASE GOD**, so **YE** would **abound more** and **more**. (2) For **YE** know what **COMMANDMENTS** we **GAVE YOU** by the **LORD JESUS**. (3) For **this is** the **WILL OF GOD**, even **YOUR SANTIFICATION**, that **YE** should **ABSTAIN from FORNICATION**: (4) That **EVERY ONE OF YOU** should **KNOW HOW** to **POSSESS HIS VESSEL** in **SANTIFICATION** and **HONOUR**; (5) **NOT** in the **LUST** of **CONCUPISCENCE**, even as the **Gentiles** which **KNOW NOT GOD**:

Discipleship Scriptural Pattern

1. **Disciples** were called to **FEED THEMSELVES** by **DESIRING** the **SINCERE MILK** of **GOD'S WORD**
2. Gentile Disciples were given the **Commandments by the Apostles** whom **JESUS CHRIST** had **CHOSEN** (like **Paul, Peter, James, John, etc.**) (**Acts 1:1-2**)
 - a) Were **NEVER** commanded to **keep Moses Law** or to **keep the Holy Days** (**Col 2:16-21, Acts 15**)
 - b) Early Gentile Disciples **DID NOT HAVE** the texts of the **OT LAW** (Torah and the prophets)
 - c) Early Gentile Disciples **READ** and **STUDIED** LETTERS (Epistles) written by the Apostles
 - a) The **APOSTLES' LETTERS** **CONTAINED** the **COMMANDMENTS** of the **NT Church** **SENT** by **JESUS CHRIST** through the **HOLY GHOST**
 - b) **COMMANDMENTS** could **NOT** be **GIVEN**, until AFTER the **HOLY GHOST** was **SENT** on **DAY** of **PENTCOST** (**St. John 16:7-12; Acts 1:4-8, 2:1-21**)

Acts 1:2 UNTIL the **DAY** in which **HE (JESUS)** was **TAKEN UP**, **AFTER** that **HE THROUGH** the **HOLY GHOST** had **GIVEN** **COMMANDMENTS** unto the **APOSTLES** **WHOM HE HAD CHOSEN**

Had to wait on the HOLY GHOST

JESUS did **NOT** SEND COMMANDMENTS **DURING** HIS earthly Ministry

St. John 16:7, 11-12

7. Nevertheless I tell **YOU** the **TRUTH**; It is **EXPEDIENT** for **you** that I **GO AWAY**: for if I go **NOT AWAY**, the **COMFORTER** will **NOT COME** unto **YOU**; but if I **DEPART**, I will **SEND HIM** unto **YOU**.
 12. I **HAVE** **yet** **MANY THINGS** to **SAY** unto **YOU**, **BUT YE CANNOT BEAR** them **NOW**.
 13. **HOWBEIT** when HE, the **SPIRIT** of **TRUTH**, is **COME**, HE will **GUIDE YOU** into **ALL TRUTH**: for HE shall **NOT** **SPEAK OF HIMSELF**; but **WHATSOEVER HE** shall **HEAR**, that shall HE **SPEAK**: and HE will **SHOW YOU THINGS** to **COME**.
- **NT COMMANDMENTS** could **NOT** be **GIVEN** until **AFTER** the **HOLY GHOST** came on the **DAY** of **PENTECOST**

Origins of Modern Christian Church



Establishment of Modern Church after JESUS died was difficult for following three (3) main reasons based on this article.

(Quoted from the University of Wyoming (UW) Religion Today: How Constantine Created the Christian Church, February 4, 2015)

1. “First, travel and communication were difficult at that time”
2. “Second, there was **little agreement about Christianity’s beliefs and teachings**, the nature of Jesus and God, what writings were sacred, or even how to worship.”
3. “Third, **imperial persecutions of Christians** happened every few decades.”
 - a) “These **drove Christianity underground** and **caused many Christians to turn away.**”
 - b) “But almost worse were the **rifts that appeared afterward** between **Christians who kept the faith** and those who **APOSTATIZED to SAVE their LIVES**, both of whom **STILL CONSIDERED THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS.**”

<https://www.uwyo.edu/uw/news/2015/02/uw-religion-today-how-constantine-created-the-christian-church.html>

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Constantine I established the Modern Christian Church

1. “But if the **founding of the church** is defined as the **first body of CHRISTIAN LEADERS** who could **determine accurate Christian belief** and **establish with sound authority** their **DEFINITION of CHRISTIANITY** across the **Mediterranean world**, then the **SINGLE MAN MOST** responsible for that achievement was **Constantine I, the emperor of Rome.** “
2. “Although the **CREATION** and **ORGANIZATION** of the **CHURCH** was **clearly a process that took place over several decades**, the **founding event** was the **Council of Nicea in 325 A.D.**”

<https://www.uwyo.edu/uw/news/2015/02/uw-religion-today-how-constantine-created-the-christian-church.html>

Origins of the Modern Christian Church

Constantine I made Christianity a legal religion

1. “Constantine appeared on the scene in the midst of the **so-called Great Persecution**, begun in 303 A.D., under Emperor Diocletian”
2. “By 305 A.D., the **problems caused** by the **persecution** were overtaken by those of determining Diocletian’s successor”
3. “More than **six different generals** would fight to become the emperor. **Constantine stood out** because he **became a Christian** and **unabashedly made Jesus the patron of his army**. By 313 A.D., just two contenders remained, Constantine and Licinius”
4. “The two **jointly issued the Edict of Milan**, which **made CHRISTIANITY a LEGAL RELIGION** and **officially ended the persecution**”
5. “But, it was **not until 324 A.D.** that **Constantine** finally became the sole ruler of the Roman Empire”

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Saint Augustine, Philosophical Father of the Modern Christian Church

Augustine was Born: November 13, 354 A.D. / Died: August 28, 430 A.D.

1. He adapted **CLASSICAL THOUGHT** to **CHRISTIAN TEACHING** and created a POWERFUL THEOLOGICAL SYSTEM of LASTING INFLUENCE
2. He also shaped the **PRACTICE** of BIBLICAL EXEGESIS and helped lay the foundation for much of medieval and **MODERN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT**
3. In Roman Catholicism he is formally recognized as a doctor of the church
4. More than **five million words** of his writings survive
5. Most **INFLUENTIAL** adaptation of the **ANCIENT PLATONIC TRADITION** with **CHRISTIAN IDEAS** that EVER OCCURRED in the LATIN CHRISTIAN WORLD
6. His particular SYNTHESIS of **CHRISTIAN, ROMAN, and PLATONIC TRADITIONS** defined the terms for much later **TRADITION** and **DEBATE**.

Source: <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Augustine>

Platonic Traditions

The term "**Platonism**" is so widely used in **modern scholarship** that it is difficult to determine its meaning precisely as applicable either to a **particular group of thinkers** or to a **specific COLLECTION of DOCTRINES**. **Ancient sources frequently describe "PLATONISTS"** as those **PHILOSOPHERS** who further developed the known or presumed teaching of **PLATO HIMSELF** and "**ACADEMICS**" as those who pursued the **SKEPTICAL METHODOLOGY** believed to have been **INITIATED** by the **SOCRATES of PLATO's EARLIER DIALOGUES**. However, the substantive "**Platonism**" seems first to occur in **scholarly literature** only around the beginning of the eighteenth century when it was used to **characterize DOCTRINES** that were **NOT ONLY DERRIVED** from but also **COMBINED WITH PLATO'S OWN TEACHINGS** by later **EXEGETES**.

<https://www.encyclopedia.com/humanities/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/platonism-and-platonic-tradition>

Scriptures vs. Man's Doctrines

No.	Holy Scriptures (TRUTHS)	Roman Government Catholic Church Dogma
1	<u>GOD</u> and <u>JESUS</u> are in Heaven . <u>JESUS CHRIST</u> is the head of His Body, the Church (Acts 7:55-56; Col. 1:18-20)	Pope is said to be direct successor of St Peter ; Pope has Papal infallibility from CHRIST (GOD on the earth)
2	Baptism (immersed) in water / <u>HOLY GHOST</u> / BORN AGAIN into the Kingdom of GOD (St. Matt. 28:18-20; St. Mark 16:16; Acts 1:5)	Be Sprinkled at birth and later receive the Roman Catechism to become a member of the Catholic Church
3	Confess your sins to <u>GOD</u> in Heaven (1 John 1:5-10)	Confess your sins to the Priest
4	Disciple's <u>Father</u> is in Heaven . Call no man Father on the earth (St. Matt. 6:9, 23:9)	Call the leaders of the Catholic Church Fathers
5	Disciple's body is the temple (1 Cor. 3:16-17)	Rebuilt the Temple and called them cathedrals
6	Disciples are a Royal Priesthood (1 Peter 2:5, 9)	Only the catholic church can ordain a priest
7	Disciples are saints (sanctified, set apart) (1 Cor. 1:2)	Catholic Church is the only organization that can canonize individuals as saints
8	Pray to the Father in <u>JESUS'</u> Name (St. John 14:13-14, 15:16, 16:23-26)	Pray to Mary and the other Saints
9	Repent of your sins (St. Matt. 3:2, 14:17; St. Mark 6:12; St Luke: 13:3-5; Acts 2:28-39)	Pay indulgences

Rediscover the Holy Scriptures

- Living in the **END DAYS** since the outpouring of the HOLY GHOST on the Day of Pentecost
 - GOD poured out of His SPIRIT on all flesh in the **LAST DAYS** (Acts 2:16-21)
- FOCUSES on Disciples as the Church of JESUS CHRIST
 - Followers must become “**STUDENTS**” or “**PUPILS**” of the **Holy Scriptures**
 - Followers must seek to “**BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**”
 - Followers must understand that they “**ARE** the **NT CHURCH** and **BRIDE of JESUS CHRIST**”

LEARN TO SEEK THE TRUTH AND LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Takeaways

1. Understand that individuals who repent and are BORN AGAIN of the WATER and the SPIRIT are the Church, the living body of JESUS, His Disciples
2. Understand that the Holy Scriptures never looks or speaks to the Church as a religious organization (NOTE: This can distort one's understanding of what it means to be a Disciple and Follower of JESUS CHRIST)
 1. The Organized Modern Christian Church was brought into existence by the Roman Government
 2. It is based on the philosophical thoughts of the ancient world and it mixes those with Christian views and the Roman Culture
3. Understand that WE are to FOCUS on being BORN AGAIN, being led by the Holy SPIRIT, and were called to be STUDENTS of the Holy Scriptures

Summary

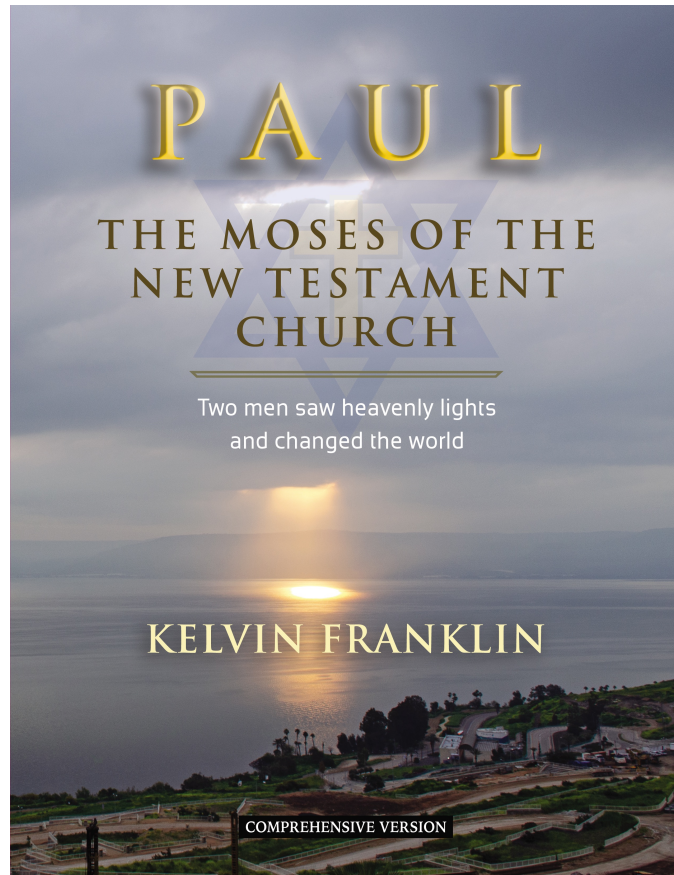


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Paul and Moses Compared:

- ✦ Had dual citizenship
- ✦ Received best education of the day
- ✦ Involved in murderous activities
- ✦ Journeyed because of murders
- ✦ Encountered Heavenly lights
- ✦ Heard voice and no man present
- ✦ Encountered **JESUS** in the Light
- ✦ Called to lead distinct groups
- ✦ Instructed by **GOD** and **JESUS**
- ✦ Wrote **GOD**’s commandments and laws to their groups
- ✦ Pilgrimage with their groups
- ✦ Deaths were foretold

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