

To Do The Right Thing

Religions are marketed and promoted in beautiful and attractive packages. Disciples are made and so is money. There is no question of sincerity - these people who "sell" religion are sincere. But, is sincerity the issue that decides right from wrong?

We want to know that we are doing the right thing, believing and obeying the right doctrines, growing more Christ-like and serving people in the right way. Sincerity is not the issue to be questioned. Sincerity makes nothing right or wrong. I write because Paul discusses that issue in Romans 10:1-3. Paul mentions the Jews "zeal for God" - they had it. The issue of right and wrong is found in the next words from verse 2, "but not in accordance with knowledge". This led to the next mistake found in verse 3, "They sought to establish their own (righteousness)".

Right and wrong is not involved in whom, nor how many believe a certain teaching. What makes Christ's doctrines right is that He is the Son of God, proven by the resurrection from the dead. He said, "If you abide in My work, then you are truly disciples of mine; and you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free". John 8:31,32. Jesus also said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father, but through me", John 14:6. To do the right thing is to keep hearing and obeying God's word. Christ's interest is not money, but saving souls.

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