Popular slogan & belief...

## "One faith (or, church) is as good as another"

Not — is CofC, Bap., Meth. RomCath. better, but is <u>ANY</u> faith as good as <u>ANY</u> other...

Not accepted in any other area ... airplane ... medicine ... wife ...!

• One GOD is as good as another! Dt 4:32...35; Eph 4:6

**Dt 4:32** "Indeed, ask now concerning the former days which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and inquire from one end of the heavens to the other. Has anything been done like this great thing, or has anything been heard like it? ... **35** To you it was shown that you might know that **the LORD**, **He is God**; **there is no other besides Him**"

Eph 4:6 "one God and Father of all"

 Not necessary to believe in Jesus Christ as the SON OF GOD! Jn 8:24; Jn 14:6

Jn 8:24 "I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins"

Jn 14:6 "Jesus \*said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me"

The HOLY SPIRIT is not a Divine being! Ac 5:3...4;
 Mt 28:19

Ac 5:3 "filled your heart to <u>lie to the Holy Spirit</u>" ... Ac 5:4 "You have not <u>lied</u> to men but <u>to God</u>.

Mt 28:19 "baptizing them in the name of the <u>Father</u> and the <u>Son</u> and the <u>Holy Spirit</u>"

• There is more than one HOPE! Tit 1:2; Eph 4:4

Tit 1:2 "in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago"

Eph 4:4 "you were called in one hope of your calling"

• WORSHIP is unimportant! Mt 15:7-9

Mt 15:7 "hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you: 8 'this people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me. 9 but in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men."

Makes no difference what is TAUGHT! Gal 1:7-9; 2Tim 1:13

Gal 1:7-8 "7 ...there are some who are disturbing you and want to <u>distort the gospel</u> of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should <u>preach to you a gospel contrary</u> to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!"

2Tim 1:13 "Hold fast the pattern of sound words ... " (NKJV)

One BAPTISM is as good as another! Ac 19:1-5; Eph 4:5

Ac 19:1-5 "1 Paul ... came to Ephesus, and found some disciples ... 3 he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' And they said, 'Into John's baptism.' 4 Paul said, '... to believe...in Jesus.' 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus"

Eph 4:4 "one baptism"

Any plan will SAVE! Mt 7:21-23; Ac 2:36-38,41,47

Mt 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter."

Ac 2:36 "know for certain ... God has made Him both Lord and Christ... 37 'what shall we do?' 38 Peter said ... 'Repent ... be baptized ... for the forgiveness of your sins...' 41 baptized... added 47 Lord was adding ... those who were being saved"

No limitation on the WORK of churches! 1Tim 5:16; 3:15

1Tim 5:16 "If any woman who is a believer has dependent widows, she must assist them and the church must not be burdened"

1Tim 3:15 "I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth."

 Any ORGANIZATION good as the one ordained by the Holy Spirit! Ac 14:23; 20:17,28

Ac 14:23 "appointed elders for them in every church"

Ac 20:17 "sent to <u>Ephesus</u> [local] and called to him the elders [presbyters] of the church ... 28 Be on guard ... for all the flock, <u>among which</u> the Holy Spirit has made you overseers [bishops], to shepherd [pastor] the church of God"



### Mt 15:13-14 "if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit."

This slogan a powerful tool of the devil!

- Dulls peoples concern about what they believe
- Discourages discussion of differences with others
- Opens the door to drifing into error

"one FAITH" Eph 4:3,5 Instead being thankful for "many faiths," strive to know and follow the "ONE FAITH"

Eph 4:11-13

sermons like this ... bible classes ... study – be bible students

# Fact is, NO ONE that believes the Bible believes "one is as good as another"! — Since it DOES make a difference ... WHICH ONE?

- One I like...?
- •One that agrees with my lifestyle...? (remarriage, drinking, etc.)
- •One that offers the most...? (day care, school, ball team, etc.)
- •One that "turns me on" (appeals to feelings, "exciting")...?
- ONE THAT PLEASES <u>ME</u>...OR...THAT PLEASES <u>GOD</u>??

How know which one pleases God? How know what He want us to believe? — BIBLE!

1Th 5:21 "Test all things" (NKJV)

Ac 17:11 "exam. the Scriptures"