
PUTNAM COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

How Important Is It Who You Hear?

Way too often we ask people a biblical question and get the response, "My pastor says!" *Honestly!* It is highly improbable that you will hear someone support a biblical question with a biblical answer. This leads us to ask, "Who are these people hearing?" From the beginning God has required that men listen to Him and not men that tickle peoples' ears so that they can have a "title" before their name (Matt. 23:6-12; 2Tim. 4:3-4). Never did you hear Jesus or His apostles quote a Rabbi. In order for us to understand who we are to hear (and quote), let's continue the discussion of the "First Principles (Heb. 5:12)."

In the Old Law, God spoke to the people through Moses saying, "*I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.*" (Deut. 18:18-19) This "Truth" is again used in scripture by Peter in reference to Jesus (Acts 3:22-23). These verses tell us if we don't hear Jesus, we will have to one day answer for it.

The kind of Faith we are to have is not some mysterious thing, as man's doctrine would have you believe. Just as faith (a belief) in anything requires a teaching, the Bible (Word of God) tells us that we gain "Faith" by hearing (Rom. 10:17). It is necessary to point this out because "Who We Hear" is the most important *Principle* to get. God tells in Matt. 17:5 to hear Jesus and then in Heb. 1:1-2 we are told, "*God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.*" All this is important because who we hear is who we will have faith in. **Is your faith in the Christ or your pastor?**

Matthew 23:6-8 NKJV

They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.' But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren.

2 Timothy 4:3 NKJV

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

Romans 10:17 NKJV

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Matthew 17:5 NKJV

"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

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