

PUTNAM COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Is That Just The Apostles' Opinion?

Have you ever heard anyone say something similar to 'Those words are in red, so you know they're important!'? When we look at those words, Jesus tells us if we keep His word, we'll keep the teachings of the apostles. *John 15:20 "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also."*

This is another of the *First Principles* that helps us understand the scriptures. If we don't "receive" the teachings of the apostles we are not "receiving" the teachings of Christ. (*John 13:20*) In context, we see that Jesus is talking to His apostles, those chosen by Him. (Yes, that includes Paul. *Acts 9:15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel."*)

Take a look at *John 16:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."* Again, in context, to the apostles. To them were given **All Truth**. That **truth** is revealed to us in Acts and the epistles. *2 Tim. 3:16* confirms that **all** scripture is **inspired by God**. This scripture is Jesus' words given to man by proxy, through the writers of the New Testament. Similarly, if your supervisor told you to do something would you say, "I don't have to do that because the CEO didn't tell me to." We know this as delegation of authority. In *Matt. 18:18*, Jesus gave the apostles the authority to bind (impose restrictions) on us through the commands of Christ given by the Holy Spirit.

Those aren't the apostles' opinions, but rather commands handed down to us by the Spirit of God, and that is written in the "Words in Red" (*John 14:25-26; 15:26; 16:13*)!

John 13:20
"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me"

Matthew 18:18
"Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

2 Timothy 3:16
All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

At the Putnam Co. Church of Christ, if it isn't supported by Book, Chapter, Verse; it won't be taught. We invite you to come study the scriptures and worship with us.

Putnam Co. Church of Christ located at 255 S. Main St. Cloverdale, IN 4612

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m. and 12:00p.m.

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

