

# Trinitarian Discipleship Programs

Christ's great commission is to "Go ye therefore, and **teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen." (Mat 28:19-20). In commanding us to "teach all nations" or "make disciples of all the nations" (NIV, NLT, NKJV), He left no doubt as to what we're to be teaching them, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." But rather than teaching Christ's commandments, Trinitarian ministers concocted their own religious discipleship programs that accomplish nothing of eternal value.

Their discipleship programs are simply doctrines and commandments of men: "But in vain they do worship me, **teaching for doctrines the commandments of men**" (Mat 15:9); "(**Touch not**; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after **the commandments and doctrines of men**?" (Col 2:21-22); "Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and **commandments of men**, that turn from the truth" (Tit 1:14). When Paul said, "Touch not; taste not; handle not," he was alluding to the original deception, "God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, **neither shall ye touch it**" (Gen 3:3). Commandments of men aren't what God commanded.

I was a Trinitarian disciple for almost 30 years until my own study of the Scriptures finally led me to the truth taught by Jesus Christ and His apostles. Although I was a disciple of Trinitarian ministers, I wasn't a very good one because I constantly questioned and bucked their program. I was an ongoing frustration to them because of my dogged pursuit of the truth in contention with their false doctrines.

Memorizing Scripture is one of the greatest dupes Trinitarian ministers lade on their disciples. They tout it by misusing certain statements: "thou shalt meditate therein day and night" (Jos 1:8); "Thy word have I hid in mine heart" (Psa 119:11); "Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart" (Pro 7:3). Memorizing verses helps us feel as though we're accomplishing something, while wasting our time and mental energy accomplishing virtually nothing!

Another hoodwink is getting us on daily Bible reading plans by blended, canonical, chronological, historical, or Old and New Testament together. By immersing us into

a daily reading plan, it soothes our consciences that we're doing something of eternal value, and also keeps us from in-depth study of the Scriptures to discover the truth for ourselves. But if we really want to study, however, they direct us to their commentaries, theological works, study groups, and "Christian" books that keep us trudging down the broad way to destruction.

Memorizing verses, daily Bible reading, listening to sermons, attending Bible study groups, and reading "Christian" books are all aimed at occupying us with exactly what Christ warned against, "whosoever **heareth** these sayings of mine, and **doeth them** ... every one that **heareth** these sayings of mine, and **doeth them not**" (Mat 7:24,26). Their programs simply spin our wheels hearing and hearing but not doing!

Apologetics is another huge deception of Trinitarian discipleship programs. It's essentially training us to defend the very system that's damning our own souls! Rather than "earnestly contend for the faith [*faithfulness*]" which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jde 1:3), it's contending for their false Trinitarian theological system. They misuse Peter's directive, "But **sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer** to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1Pe 3:15), to convince us that we need to be trained with arguments against any objections. But Peter was quoting from Isaiah, "**Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread**" (Isa 8:13). When we fear God in our hearts and not men, He will give us what needs to be said: "**take no thought how or what ye shall speak.** For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit [*breath*] of your Father which speaketh in you." (Mat 10:19-20); "Settle *it* therefore in your hearts, **not to meditate before what ye shall answer:** For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist" (Luk 21:14-15); "And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit [*breath*] by which he spake" (Act 6:10).

Trinitarian discipleship programs also include fasting, fellowshiping, giving time and money to Trinitarian ministries, husbands and wives praying together, keeping a journal, meditating, and sharing their "gospel" message with others. It's all about keeping us busy doing anything except what Christ commanded. Rather than "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," they're teaching them to observe their program on the broad way to destruction.