

“ORTHODOXY”

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A Good Word; Not Just For Catholics and Jews.

Orthodoxy= authorized or generally accepted theory, doctrine, or practice.

Orthopraxy= Correct practice or deed.

Orthos= as translated from Greek to KJV is straight. (See Mt. 3:3 & Heb. 12:13)

Mt. 3:3

For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying,
The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths **straight** (orthos).

Heb. 12:13

“And make **straight** (orthos) paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed”

In Order:

Orthodoxy = rightly believe

Orthopraxis= rightly doing

Eph. 1:1-4

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, ² With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; ³ **Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.** ⁴ There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ One Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

Vs. 3 shows the need/purpose for orthodoxy

- 1) Pertaining to the Lord’s church it should never **seek to get** the Spirit.
- 2) It has been previously supplied upon authority and establishment.
- 3) However, it should be diligently kept.

Sideways – Positive or Negative is always out of line.

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Consider it positively:

1) Peter typifies average Christianity. Uncontrollable. Wanting to bite off more...

John 13:9

Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also *my hands and my head*

2) Christ Limits activity- shows the important and acceptable way

John 13:10

Jesus saith to him, *He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. (Church context –spoke of Judas)*

Consider it negatively:

John 21:3

Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

1) Peter typifies the average church-goer= undisciplined.

John 21:3

Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing.

2) Others in the church are more apt to get sideways as well.

John 21:3

They say unto him, We also go with thee.

3) Being sideways profits no one.

John 21:3

They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing

Conclusion:

1) Jesus limits our activity to show us the important and acceptable way

John 21:17

Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee.

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Unified by the love for the Lord

Ps. 111

¹Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.

²The works of the LORD *are* great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

³His work *is* honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

⁴He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.

⁵He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

⁶He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

⁷The works of his hands *are* verity and judgment; all his commandments *are* sure.

⁸They stand fast for ever and ever, *and are* done in truth and uprightness.

⁹He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend *is* his name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever.

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