

Things in the books attributed to Paul but believed written by others

Introduction

Of the thirteen letters considered written by the apostle Paul, scholars consider only six were actually written by him. The rest are ascribed to others (anonymous people) who showed respect to him by using his Name as author (a common practise in Paul's time).

Scholars claim this because the language in these six letters are different to that in the letters we know were written by Paul and words are used in them that are not used in the letters considered written by Paul.

Seven letters (with consensus dates) [7] considered genuine by most scholars:

First Thessalonians (c. 50 AD) Galatians (c. 53) First Corinthians (c. 53–54) Philippians (c. 55) Philemon (c. 55) Second Corinthians (c. 55–56) Romans (c. 57)	The letters on which scholars are about evenly divided:[2] Colossians Second Thessalonians	The letters thought to be pseudepigraphic by about 50% of scholars:[2] Ephesians First Timothy Titus
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It is interesting to see the difference between those considered genuine and those not possibly written or dictated by Paul

Accordingly an examination of how they deal with certain subjects will show whether or not they have the same approach to them as Paul does. The subjects examined will be the headship of women and church structure.

Submission of Wives

Note the submission is only mentioned in letters not considered written by Paul

Eph_5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Eph_5:24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

Col_3:18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

If not written by Paul and it appears it is what is considered the normal social structure (and not the Christian structure) which was put in these letters. It is not unusual to add things to letters. An Example is 1 Clement which has wonderful doctrine but includes a comment on The Phoenix (Egyptian mythology). So it is possible that women's submission - which was the normal social structure of the time, was introduced as it was considered a possible omission by Paul.

In 1 Peter 3:1-6 the submission of wives to her husband is mention. However this submission can only be domestic.

Jesus never spoke of women as needing to be submissive to men.

Bishops

1Ti_3:1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

1Ti_3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

2Ti_4:22 The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen. The second epistle unto Timotheus, ordained the first bishop of the church of the Ephesians, was written from Rome, when Paul was brought before Nero the second time.

Tit_1:7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

Tit_3:15 All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen. It was written to Titus, ordained the first bishop of the church of the Cretians, from Nicopolis of Macedonia.

Php_1:1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: (Here the word 'bishop' is used as a superintendent of a church and not an overseer of all churches in area.

Modern Bishops only cover an area and there is only one to that area not many as in this greeting. The word does mean overseer so it is like a chief minister and not an administrator of an area))

Note that nearly all the references to 'bishop' are by one writer who used Paul's Name. The same is for the reference to elders and deacons.

Elders

1Ti_5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

Tit_1:5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

Deacons

Php_1:1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: (see comments above)

1Ti_3:8 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

1Ti_3:12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

Pastor

Eph_4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Priest

All New Testament references in Hebrews all are considered priests not just one person in a church.

Minister

A survey of the word in the New Testament shows that we are all ministers and its use is not specific to a person who runs a church.

None of the above classifications are mentioned by Jesus who treated all as being equally responsible to minister and taught both women and men wherever He went. Women were also there at Pentecost and were anointed as were the men to minister.

Ministry

In the early church they all ministered as they could to help others and promote Jesus and Christianity.

To minister officially in a church now you need to be qualified or approved by the denomination you are affiliated with so people are not really taught how to minister but just sit in a pew being spoon fed knowledge but rarely not things that will help them mature or minister or be a better Citizen of The Kingdom of God.

The Didache

This is a record of what Jesus told the apostles to preach to the gentiles and records that there are only teachers, prophets and apostles. None of the other roles are mentioned including bishop. Evangelists are not mentioned as everyone was an unofficial evangelist and pastors (ministers) are not mentioned as everyone was to minister to their fellow Christians.

So Satan had people mention these using the name of Paul and add a few things to set up a church structure which was reinforced when The Catholic Church took over the Roman empire and set up an earthly kingdom type structure that was based on the Nicolaitan system where the official clergy ruled the people.

Salvation

Salvation is not taught as being a relationship (John 17:3) but an activity so people know of Jesus but do not know Jesus in a personal relationship. This is why Jesus said only 20% of people who called themselves Christian would go up with Him in the rapture.

The real Gospel is not taught (the Gospel of The Kingdom of which all other Gospels are only a part) and redemption is ignored. Also people do not really have an incentive to be a Christian because hell and Satan are not preached to give people a true perspective of why it is necessary to become a Christian.

Satan and hell

These are not normally preached so that people are not taught how to deal with Satan and his kingdom or mistakenly believe that when they become a Christian Satan can no longer attack them. Satan does not need to attack non-Christians as they already belong to his kingdom. His objective is to get Christians to follow him and not Jesus so that they will go

to hell when they die.

He has removed Mark 16:17-18 from the Bible and so people are not taught their authority over Satan, which was a masterstroke by him.

It is to be noted that Jesus only removed demons from people who called Him Lord which shows only Christians are to have demons removed from them which means they have been attacked by successfully Satan.

The expression of The Kingdom of God

People do not express The Kingdom of God because they do not show the authority if its King Jesus over Satan and his workings. Without the expression of the Kingdom's Authority Christianity is really no different to any other religion in that it has a god, good morals and a heaven and/or hell.

This is because the church they are in does not teach how to do this or believes we no longer need to do or can these things.

How can people believe in a God that does not express Himself on this earth in some way and the only way He usually expresses Himself is through the exercise of His Authority over our circumstances. This is why it is easy to go from Christianity to another religion because there is little difference between them and Christianity because Jesus is not expressed on earth to be shown to be a real person and God and that His Kingdom is real and is greater than that of Satan,.

The church generally has failed in this which is why Jesus has to appear personally to people to offer them a salvation relationship with Him or to heal them.

There is also no mandate by Jesus (the only one who can stop His Authority being expressed in The Bible) telling either we no longer need to do these things or that we can no longer do these things.

Church

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From a compound of G1537 and a derivative of G2564; a calling out, that is, (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both): - assembly, church.

So while the Greek word is translated 'assembly' it refers to people who have been called out for a purpose. In a Christian sense it refers to the citizens of The Kingdom of God and not members of a denomination which exist only for the purposes of men. The leader in early church meetings was The Holy Spirit and the administrators of the meeting the owners of the house it met in.

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So the true church is a gathering of Citizens of The Kingdom of God for a purpose of God that He desires them do.

It has a modern format only in the writings of those who ascribed to Paul what they had written.

It became institutionalised when the last Roman emperor handed the Roman Empire to the Pope on its downfall.

The Pope already had an empire that would not fall so the Roman Empire was transferred to the Catholic Church.

The emperor was the Pope

Its princess were cardinals

Its administrators were the bishops

Its soldiers were the priests.

The church became a kingdom and is ruled like one now as this structure was copied by the Christian church. Unfortunately denominations have followed the lead of the Catholic Church in some way so the modern day church is usually nothing like Jesus originally implemented it.

There was also the guidance that ministers looked after the spiritual side of ministry and the deacons the administrative side of the church (Acts 6). Nowadays it is usual for the minister to control everything and be involved with administration and ignore the spiritual needs of people because they are too busy being an administrator.

Communion

The four cups of the Passover:

There are four cups of wine in the Passover meal to remind the Israelites of four promises made to them by God.

1. The first cup of wine is called the cup of sanctification (In other words He has called them His own)

It is to commemorate the promise: *"I will bring you out."*

2. The second cup is called the cup of plagues

It reflects the plagues that came upon Egypt – and it relates to the second promise: "I will free you from being slaves."

3. The third cup is called the cup of redemption

God says: “*I will redeem you.*”

4. The fourth cup is called the cup of completion

God says: “I will take you as my own people.”

The fourth cup was not drunk by Jesus who said He could only drink it in heaven after He had died and redeemed us, after He had completed the last earthly task God had set for Him to do.

Jesus said to remember that He died to redeem us and that Calvary was the completion of this but this is never mentioned at communion. His suffering is mentioned which in itself serves no purpose except as an example of the Love of God.

The fourth cup was drunk to remember what Jesus completed on the cross... namely our redemption and that follows from that.

His death was meant to give us hope and not focus on His suffering.

What the cup represents	How it relates to Jesus	How it relates to us
Sanctification (God setting you apart for His purposes)	Jesus was set apart by God to be the messiah and serve Him	We are set apart by God to serve Him
Plagues (The attacks trying to destroy us, hindering our freedom and stopping us doing things for Jesus)	Satan tried to kill Jesus to stop him and placed much opposition against Him	Satan tries to hinder us through opposition which at times is very damaging physically and emotionally and kills our spirit so we have trouble serving Jesus and are still bound by our past.
Redemption (The freeing of people from a bondage)	Jesus redeemed us from the punishment for sin required of us by God	We are redeemed and are free from the punishment of sin that God requires of all who have sinned and now have a daily, moment by moment personal relationship with God.
Completion (The work is finished and does not need to be done again)	Jesus died once for all so He does not need to die again	We are redeemed so we can once again relate personally to God.

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It can be seen how the relationship of the Passover to communion is not understood by many so that communion is not really a celebration as it should be made and is not even a meal as it originally was instituted.

The communion meal was not just to remember Jesus but it was for fellowship where you helped others and encouraged each other and taught each other from your personal experience as well as to remember the redemption He gained for us and the personal relationship we now have with God. As it can be seen this is not possible the way the church does communion these days and even after church it usually is socialising as you leave and not a seeking to help others and encourage them.

In a sense the true communion meal is when you invite people home for a meal after church on Sunday for fellowship or the church as a whole eats and fellowships together after the service and does not just socialise.

Given the true structure today and the size of many churches you cannot have communion as it was originally instituted but you may have a meditation on it during the service and the meal after church where the fellowship the communion meal fostered can be held. Remember, it is a remembrance Jesus instituted and not just a meal.

It is usually also not a thanksgiving but a morbid recollection of the suffering of Jesus at Calvary.

Satan has hijacked the most important part of the gathering in a church and few have even realised this.

Perhaps in each service when communion is celebrated, based on the teachings of The Didache, we should be stating:

Cup 1 Thank The Father for setting us apart for His service and giving us many special promises and then ask The Holy Spirit to strengthen and

Cup 4 Thank Him we are redeemed and can now relate to Him personally every second of the day on earth and be with Him forever in heaven. guide us to serve Him as He desires us too.

Cup 2 Thank The Father for all the happens to us as it is designed or allowed by Him to draw us closer to Him and mould us more to the image of God so we will be more prepared for when we enter heaven to be with Him.

Cup 3 Thank Him for His redemption that removes all the punishment we should have suffered for our sin and instead was paid for by Jesus so that we are no longer to suffer the spiritual side of these punishments and are free from all the spiritual consequences of our sin.

You may not need to drink all the cups except the last one but remember what it all stood

for.

Remember that the meal was a situation of fellowship with God (Jesus) and a foretaste of what was to come and this should always be remembered in this remembrance.

Baptism

This subject results argumenets in what are almost acts of war!

People miss that it is a sign and not a ritual. It is identification with Jesus and not with a religious practice.

So what did the early church say about it?

One of the earlist Christian books (The 'Didache' or 'The Lord's teaching of the Twelve Apostles') discusses this. It says about baptism:

CHAPTER 7 : reborn as a Christian : baptism

7:1 Concerning baptism, baptize in this way : having first rehearsed all these things, baptize in the Name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit, in living water.

7:2 But, if you have no running water, baptize in other water, and if you can not in cold, then in warm.

7:3 But if you have neither, pour water three times on the head in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

7:4 And before the baptism, let the baptizer and him who is to be baptized fast, and any others who are able. And you must bid him who is to be baptized to fast one or two days before.

Sprinkling is not mentioned but if that is all that is available then I believe there is no thing wrong in doing it. After all baptism is a sign and not a ritual that must be observed as a religious legal practice.

And what do you do in a desert if you only have some bottled water?

Tithing

Tithing was in force before the Mosaic Law was written so that the Mosaic Law did not introduce it but made it necessary for all who were under the law.

Heb_7:1 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

Heb_7:2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

As the Mosaic Law was not done away with but satisfied or made redundant in parts tithing

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is still in force. However, now it should be done voluntarily out of Love of Jesus as well as giving more if Jesus enables you too. So now it is voluntary and is not necessary for salvation but it is necessary to keep the relationship you have with Jesus because it shows your love of Him and His people.

Jesus says that if you are able to give and do not do so when you have the means to give you do not have God's quality of Love in you and you may not go to heaven. Jesus took someone to hell and showed three people who were there because they were able to give but refused to do so because they did not have God's Love in them.

Sacrificial giving does not occur because to do this means you are robbing what your family needs to help someone you are not to help. If God desires you to give more He will make it available to you (Matt 6:33 applies).

So why was tithing codified by God?

Before it was given to those you respected and honoured but now it was to be given to support the religion and its practitioners that was introduced by The Mosaic Law.

It is given to day to people God says to give it too and this is not necessarily ministers or churches or charities. This is why you need to be very careful if you give a tithe that you give it as God desires it to be used.

Sermons

Many ministers believe sermons must not offend. After all you do not want to drive people away. They do not preach:

Demonstration of The Kingdom of God and a person's role in it

Hell, Satan, or demons

Spiritual warfare is not taught

Novel entertainments are used to keep people's interests

Money and giving are often preached for the wrong reasons. Churches ask for money but God promises to provide all you need if you are doing His will (Matt 6:33) so what are they doing they should not be doing and hindering God providing their needs.

Knowledge is taught but not how to mature as a Christian or how to maintain the salvation relationship.

The basis of the Christian life: Faith, Lordship, holiness, stewardship and how to practice faith, How to express God's Love are not taught

Salvation is a relationship but people are not taught how to have this relationship

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Spiritual warfare is not taught so they are fodder for Satan and his attacks on them.

The church does not remove demons from people but sends them to worldly practitioners to be 'counselled'.

How to be led by The Holy Spirit is not taught and this is important because you are only a child of God if you are guided by The Holy Spirit in all you do.

How a church should practice 'unity in The Spirit' is not taught.

Paul said:

Tit_2:8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

1Co_1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

Paul at the end of his life was told that he was:

Act 28:31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

We are told that all we say should:

Eph_4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

So if you do not preach in a way that helps them mature in their knowledge of God and his requirements of them you are not ministering His Grace (Love) towards them.

God's warning is:

Mat 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Mat 12:37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Denominations

Webster's dictionary defines a denomination as follows:

A class, society or collection of individuals, called by the same name; as a denomination of Christians.

So a denomination refers to a group of people some of whom may be Christian. Note: it is not the Kingdom of God but an assembly of people for any purpose they choose.

It is a legal structure and not a spiritual structure and will not be found anywhere in The

Bible. Belonging to it does not mean you have salvation or belong to The Kingdom of God. Salvation is a relationship with God which results in you becoming a citizen of The Kingdom of God.

A denomination is a group of churches that follow the creed (statement of faith) and rules of a denomination. It is formed when people split from a current denomination and form a new one because they believe the denomination they have left has error in it. To follow this rationale through you end up with the result that the only true denomination formed is the last one formed and all the previous ones are in error and may even be cult according to the last denomination formed.

As a result of this division The Kingdom is divided and Christian unity does not occur. This is why Satan promotes denominations. Independent churches are a denomination of one church who believe that all the other churches are wrong or they would belong to a denomination or association of similar churches.

This is why people on churches state they belong to a denomination and not The Kingdom of God because churches teach them they belong to a denomination and not The Kingdom of God. So when you become a Christian you are expected to join the church (really denomination) and not The Kingdom of God.

People get confused about this so they do what the denomination says and believe they are obeying God. This is why 80% of Christians, according to Jesus, will not go up in the rapture. The denomination teaches how to be a good member of it but not how to relate to Jesus, which is why they do not go up to heaven because they do not have a salvation relationship with Jesus. They are taught about Him but not how to have a relationship with Him.

As churches promote their denomination they divide The Kingdom even further which is why only in The Millennium will the true church (The Citizens of The Kingdom of God) be unified as one under Jesus.

Unity of The Spirit

In the early church people used to help and support people from other churches so that they could live or witness to the Lord as they travelled around the then known world. The only requirement for ministry was spiritual maturity and anointing by God for that ministry.

Today denominations are not Kingdom based so do not help each other usually only join together rarely to promote Jesus in evangelism and ministry. So there is little unity in the Kingdom and even in churches as each group promotes their own view points on what should happen in the church and God is not consulted as to how the offerings they receive are to be used on for His purposes.

In Conclusion

When we examine the verses that are the basis for the submission of a wife and the various

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roles in the church, amongst other things, it is found they are from books attributed to Paul and not actually from anything we can say with a certain that He wrote. So they are from the writings of people who paid tribute to Paul's theology that they wrote in their letters and who then added things that were current practice in society and which were not stated by Paul in his epistles or in The Didache as being things to be practised.

These things are not also mentioned by Jesus so they were not taught by Him. It is because of the use that Satan can make of these roles that he promotes them so strongly in the church and hides the original structure Jesus created which can be seen early in the Azusa St revival

The spiritual headship of men over women does not exist in the writings of Paul we can definitely say he wrote.

The word deacon is used only once by him. This was because it is recognised in the book of Acts ch 6 as a ministry in the church.

The word 'bishop' is never used by him in the writings that we know are his.

Other terms like pastor, elder and deacon are not mentioned in his known writings.

The term 'minister' has many different meanings and does not mean 'one who runs a church'.

So much of the persecution of women over headship is not based on the writing of the apostles and the roles in a church, including the fivefold ministries which are mentioned in Ephesians, are not mentioned by Paul.

The roles of the fivefold left out elders and deacons, administrators, those who minister to the needs of members, all roles of which are also used for the:

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

All have a role in ministry if only in a supporting role for the others to be able to minister to people.

Regarding headship. The only real head we have is Jesus and no other so to put another spiritually over us is to usurp the authority of Jesus in some way unless they are placed by Jesus to mentor us in which case they are promoting Jesus and His requirements of us in our life so they are not spiritually over us but helping us to place Jesus over our lives in some way.

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