

"Tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"-1King 22:16

Human Creeds

Just about every denomination have a "man-made" creed of some kind. If you wanted to know what a particular denomination teaches, just read their creed book, or catechism.

The church, which was built by Jesus Christ, has no human creed. If you want to know, what Christians believed in the first century and what New Testament Christians believe today, just look to the scriptures, which are the inspired words of God.



Human Creeds Must Be Rejected

The scriptures warn men not to add to or take away from the words of God. In **Deuteronomy 4:2** Moses gave warning to the Israelites when he said, *"You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you."* The writer of **Proverbs 30:6** says, *"Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar."* The apostle Paul exhorted, *"Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other" (1 Corinthians 4:6).* He also warned concerning "other gospels," *"...even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:8-9).* John declares *"Whoever transgresses and does not*

abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son" (2 John 9). John gave a warning to the recipients of the book of Revelation when he wrote, *"...testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Revelation 22:18-19).*

Human Creeds are Unnecessary

It has been said, "If a creed book says more than the Bible, it says too much. If a creed book says less than the Bible, it says too little. And if a creed book says exactly what the Bible says then there is no need for it, for we have the Bible!"

Human Creeds Are Always Being Updated

Most denominations have a general assembly or a board of some kind that on occasion get together to vote about revising their doctrines. God's word never needs to be changed or updated. The word of God as James puts it is, "perfect" (**James 1:25**). The Psalmist says "Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven" (**Psalms 119:89**).

Human Creeds Deny the All Sufficiency of the Scriptures

If we must have something in addition to the Bible than the Bible is not all sufficient. If there is any question about the sufficiency of the scriptures, then I would like to encourage you to read 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:3 and Jude 3. Are you willing to lay aside your human creeds, and place your faith in the Bible alone?

-Fred Singleton

*You have commanded us
To keep Your precepts diligently.
(Psalm 119:4)*

HAVE YOU STUDIED YOUR BIBLE TODAY?

Be Angry, And Yet Do Not Sin



Anger is one of the emotions God created within us. As such, we must manage our anger, like we do all our emotions.

God And Jesus Have Been Angry

God was provoked to anger by Jews who disobeyed Him in the wilderness. Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, "Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, where your fathers tried Me by testing Me, and saw My works for forty years. Therefore I was angry with this generation, and said, They always go astray in their heart, and they did not know My ways'; as I swore in my wrath, They shall not enter my rest" ([Heb. 3:7-11](#)).

God was also angry with people who worshiped the beast, as described in Revelation. Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb" ([Rev. 14:9-10](#)).

And Jesus, when healing a man on the Sabbath, was angry with the Jews who sought to falsely accuse Him of sin. After looking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored ([Mk. 3:5](#)). God and Jesus have been angry in the past. And there's no reason to think they're not angry today, with disobedient people.

God Provoked The Jews With Anger

God provoked the Jews with anger, and turned them back to Him. But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous by that which is not a nation, by a nation without understanding will I anger you."

Not only has God been angry in the past, He has used anger to turn people from sin.

Expect To Experience Anger

It's not wrong to be angry. Paul says, "Be angry, and yet do not sin. . . ." ([Eph. 4:26](#)). It's not a sin to be angry; otherwise God would have sinned by becoming angry. But anger can become sinful, if we don't handle it properly and control it. Knowing everyone experiences anger; we should anticipate our anger and deal with it in a godly manner.

Be Slow To Anger

James tells us to be "quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God" ([Jas. 1:19-20](#)). We'll be angry from time to time, but we must be careful not to fly off the handle, reacting in a fitful rage. We should be slow to anger, displaying godly characteristics that allow us to control our anger love, virtue, patience, perseverance, and forgiveness.

Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Your Anger

Paul says, "Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger" ([Eph. 4:26](#)). The phrase, "do not let the sun go down on your anger" doesn't forbid us from being angry for more than one day. God was angry with Israel forty years, because of their sin ([Heb. 3:17](#)). Rather, the phrase tells us to immediately deal with our anger. In particular, we should deal with the source of our anger, confronting it, and preventing it from building and becoming stronger. By immediately dealing with our anger, we can control it, rather than allowing it to control us.

Summary

We should expect to be angry from time to time. When we're angry, we should control it, immediately dealing with the source by applying principles from God's word. If we do, we won't sin. We'll control our anger, rather than letting it control us. We'll be angry, and not sin.-Allan McNabb

*"Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry,
For anger rests in the bosom of fools".
(Ecclesiastes 7:9)*

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