

SUM OR SOME?

(Psalms 119:160)

- Introduction:
1. Rather than accepting the word of God as the sum of God's truth, many people treat it as though it is just some of God's truth.
 2. Let's examine how we view God's Word: is it some or the sum of truth?

I. Results of Thinking God's Word Is Some Truth and Not the Sum of Truth

- A. (1 Samuel 15:10-23) King Saul and Amalek.
- B. (Leviticus 10:1-2) Nadab and Abihu.
- C. (Numbers 20:7-13) Moses and the striking of the rock.
- D. Never has God tolerated partial obedience to His will.

II. Belief and Baptism: Sum or Some?

- A. The Bible teaches that faith is necessary (John 3:16; Hebrews 11:6).
- B. Is faith some of what man must do or is it the sum of what man must do?
- C. (Mark 16:15-16) He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.
- D. Have you obeyed some or the sum of God's word?

III. Connect to the Vine and Bear Fruit: Sum or Some?

- A. We must be connected to Jesus (the Vine) if we desire eternal life (John 15:1-6).
- B. Is our connection to Christ some of what we must do, or is it the sum of what we must do?
- C. This passage also teaches that we must also bear fruit.
- D. Have you been obeying some or the sum of God's word?

IV. Mourn and Discipline: Sum or Some?

- A. If we are Christ like, we will, like Christ, mourn over the sins of others (James 4:9; Matthew 23:37-39; I Corinthians 5:2).
- C. Is mourning over the sins of others some of what we must do, or is it the sum of what we must do?
- D. According to God's word, we must discipline the impenitent sinner (2 Thess. 3:6; 1 Corinthians 5:4; 1 Corinthians 5:7)
- E. Have we been obeying some or the sum of God's word?

V. The Goodness and Severity of God: Sum or Some?

- A. Certainly God is a good God (Psalms 31:19; 149:8-9)
- B. But God is also severe (Romans 11:22; 2 Corinthians 5:11; Matthew 25:41).

- Conclusion:
1. Let's respect the **SUM** of God's word, and not just **SOME** of it.
 2. Too much is at stake.