

# Inadvertent Creeds...

I'm against religious creeds. They are created by men to legislate God's will to others. Men meet together. Sometimes they take a vote, but the end result is that they decide just exactly what God's will is for themselves and anyone else they can get to submit to their creed. So, a creed, is God's will legislated to others based upon the wisdom of man. This sort of runs in the face of God's stated prophecy recorded in Isaiah 29:14 which states, "*The wisdom of their wise men will perish, And the discernment of their discerning men will be concealed.*"

You and I may never allow ourselves to become held captive by a creed which attempts to legislate the Lord's will, but a closed mind is just about the same thing. If we think we have everything figured out and remain fixed and rigid in our own views, it is quite possible to rely more on our own wisdom than upon the will of God. We, if we are not very careful, can develop the same mindset that people with a creed have by resisting any teachings that conflicts with our views. And we can do this believing that we are defending God's word when in reality we are supporting only our personal interpretations. Jesus is Lord, and whether we use a creed or a closed mind, it is wrong to squeeze Him out.

That's the problem with creeds inadvertent or otherwise. It squeezes Jesus out of His word. Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the incarnation of God's Word. He is the manifestation of God and His Word. Jesus draws men and women to God. You and I are just servants of Jesus.

Sometimes our differences of opinion come with jagged edges which don't always mesh together. But God's Word never does. We must learn that differences of opinion never change God's Word. Creeds sometimes do. We need to become believers with a faith so strong that we trust God to hold everything together by His love and His power!

I love God! I love God's Word! I love God's will to save mankind.

Don't you?

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