

Just follow what HE says

The main qualification to going to Heaven are for those to receive God's Word and applying it

Luke 6:46 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and DO NOT DO WHAT I SAY?

Matt 7:21-25 - 21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but ONLY HE who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' 24 "THEREFORE EVERYONE WHO hears these words of mine and PUTS THEM INTO PRACTICE is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Unfortunately, we are in a bad time where man doesn't take the Bible serious - 2 Tim 4:3-4 - 3 For the time will come when men will not put up with SOUND DOCTRINE. Instead, to SUIT THEIR OWN DESIRES, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

Christians are commanded not to live by fleshly standards - Eph 4:17-19 - 17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. 18 They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. 19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.

- All man's thinking is worthless
- Man's thinking misrepresents Godly understanding
- The lack of understanding (ignorance) separates man from God
- Man becomes uncaring and only follows self
- They succumb to live for "what they want" instead of "what God says".

Don't be misled by man, **MAN KNOWS NOTHING!!!** - Eccl 8:16-17 - 16 When I applied my mind to know wisdom and to observe man's labor on earth — his eyes not seeing sleep day or night— 17 then I saw all that God has done. **NO ONE can comprehend** what goes on under the sun. Despite all his efforts to search it out, man CANNOT discover its meaning. Even if a wise man claims he knows, **HE CANNOT REALLY COMPREHEND IT**.

Earthly intelligence is misleading - 1 Cor 3:18-23 - 18 **DO NOT DECEIVE YOURSELVES**. If any one of you thinks he is wise by the standards of this age, he should become a "fool" so that he may become wise. 19 For the **wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight**. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness"; 20 and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile." 21 So then, no more boasting about men! All things are yours, 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future — all are yours, 23 and **you are of Christ, and Christ is of God**.

To understand God, we must Trust God - Prov 3:5-8 - 5 Trust in the Lord WITH ALL your heart and **LEAN NOT** on your own understanding; 6 in **ALL** your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 **DO NOT BE WISE IN YOUR OWN EYES**; fear the Lord and shun evil. 8 **THIS WILL BRING** health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Even when it seems undesirable, trusting God is vital - John 14:1 - "Do not let your hearts be troubled. **Trust in God; trust also in me**.

What God reveals is what we are meant to know what he doesn't reveal is not meant for us to know - Deut 29:29 The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

Doing what God says is not the path to True relationship, it is the EVIDENCE of True love and relationship with God

Evidence that God's my Father - John 8:42-43 - 42 Jesus said to them, "**If God were your Father, YOU WOULD LOVE ME**, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me.

Evidence we really love Christ - John 14:15 "**If you love me, YOU WILL OBEY WHAT I COMMAND**.

Evidence of True relationship - 1 John 2:3-6 - 3 **We know** that we have come to know him **IF we obey his commands**. 4 The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and **the truth is not in him**. 5 But **IF anyone obeys his word**, God's love is truly made complete in him. **THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WE ARE IN HIM**: 6 Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

Jesus walked by completely doing what God the Father says - John 14:31 but the world must learn that I love the Father and that **I DO EXACTLY WHAT MY FATHER HAS COMMANDED ME**. "Come now; let us leave.

Recognize the entire Bible is from God - 2 Tim 3:16-17 - 16 ALL SCRIPTURE is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The Bible was not at all driven by man - 2 Peter 1:20-21 - 20 **ABOVE ALL**, you must understand that **no prophecy of Scripture** came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Recognize the power of the Word of God - Heb 4:12 For the **word of God** is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

In a nutshell, God's Word is perfect - Prov 30:5-6 - 5 "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield TO THOSE WHO take refuge in him. 6 **Do not add to his words**, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

Those who add to it are not Christians and cannot be trusted - 2 John 9-11 - 9 Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring THIS TEACHING, do not take him into your house or welcome him. 11 Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work.

We must teach the Bible completely - Titus 2:1 - You must teach what is in accord with **SOUND DOCTRINE**.

Don't leave anything out and don't add to it - 1 Cor 4:6-7 - 6 Now, brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, "Do not go beyond what is written." Then you will not take pride in one man over against another.

Stop trying to understand God's Word through your intelligence, but understand through God - Luke 10:21 At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

Like little children we must accept what our Father tells us - Matt 18:3-4 - 3 And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

You must rely on the Holy Spirit to understand the Bible - 1 Cor 2:14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he **CANNOT UNDERSTAND THEM**, because they are **spiritually discerned**.

We have access to everything we need but it can only be accessed through Christ - 2 Peter 1:3-4 - 3 His divine power HAS given us everything we need for life and godliness THROUGH OUR KNOWLEDGE OF HIM who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

Make sure you check all teachers including me - Acts 17:11 Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.