

*How To Convict the Sincerely
Deceived of Religious Error*

The Nathan Principle



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□ II Samuel 12

□ THE KEY:

- Get the prospect to make an *objective decision* before they become *emotionally involved!!*
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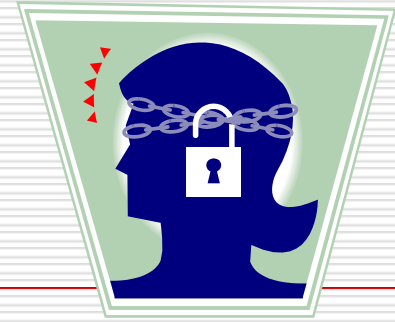
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How long is this line?

- ❑ One guess/opinion is as good as another.
- ❑ Measure it with a ruler, and all the guesses/opinions that don't measure up are wrong. *Right?*

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- Is that being *narrow or too closed minded*?
 - What if after the truth was pointed out one still refuses to admit they were mistaken?
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THE BIBLE IS OUR RULE



- ❑ God gave the Israelites ten *commandments* not *ten suggestions*.
 - ❑ Religion is based upon authority (Col 3:17)!
 - ❑ Let's agree never to say, "I think so," "I was always taught," "My church teaches."
 - Instead: Paul said, or Jesus teaches, Peter wrote, rather than "*I think*" or the "*church of Christ teaches.*"
 - I Thess 1:8 The church "*sounded out the word of the Lord.*"
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Application:



Mark 16:16 “He that **believeth and is baptized** shall be saved, he that believed not shall be condemned.”

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□ The Amount of *Time* . . .



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□ The Number of *People* . . .



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□ The *Degree of Sincerity* of the believers . . .



What's the difference?



- Between Baptist, Methodists, and Catholics and those of us who are *undenominational*?
- We all *believe* in God . . .
- We disagree on *how we come to terms with that God* . . .

What's the difference?



- *Denominational* people say:
"Go to the church of your choice,
come to terms with God on my
terms."
- *Undenominational* perspective:
"Go to the church of His choice,
come to terms with God on His
terms, not mine."

Ecc. 5:1



- ❑ “To draw nigh to hear (listen) is better than to give the sacrifice of a fool, not knowing they are doing evil.”
 - ❑ If you are going to be religious, make sure you do it so that it gets you to heaven!
 - ❑ Undenominational = Not divide, but *unite* on God’s truth.
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Do not say:



- Church of Christ people
- C of C preachers/doctrine
- Let us hear what the Church of Christ teaches!
- I'm trying to convert him to the Church of Christ
- The Church of Christ teaches
- The Church of Christ is right.



Review:

- How long is this line? Col 3:17
 - Three things that have nothing to do with truth. Jn 8:32
 - What is the difference between **denominations** and those who strive to be *undenominational*?
Ecc 5:1.
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The Nathan principle



- ❑ Look for **key principles first**, then subsequent teaching becomes easier
 - ❑ Keep discussions as *objective* as possible.
 - ❑ Use the **Nathan principles to overcome one of the greatest barriers to personal teaching.**
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**PARTS TWO & THREE WILL BE DISCUSSED
ON FUTURE SUNDAY PM SERVICES!**