

The Gospel of the Left and Right



“My right gives
way, my left yields,
everything's fine—
I shall attack!”

- General Ferdinand Foch

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G.K. CHESTERTON

1874-1936

“Heresy is a truth taken to an extreme.”

Conservative vs.
Liberal

Which are you?

A photograph of a winding asphalt road with yellow double lines, curving through a hilly landscape under a cloudy sky. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting sunrise or sunset. The hills are covered in dry grass and shrubs.

THE COURSE THAT IS INFALLIBLY SAFE

Sunday a.m.

May 25

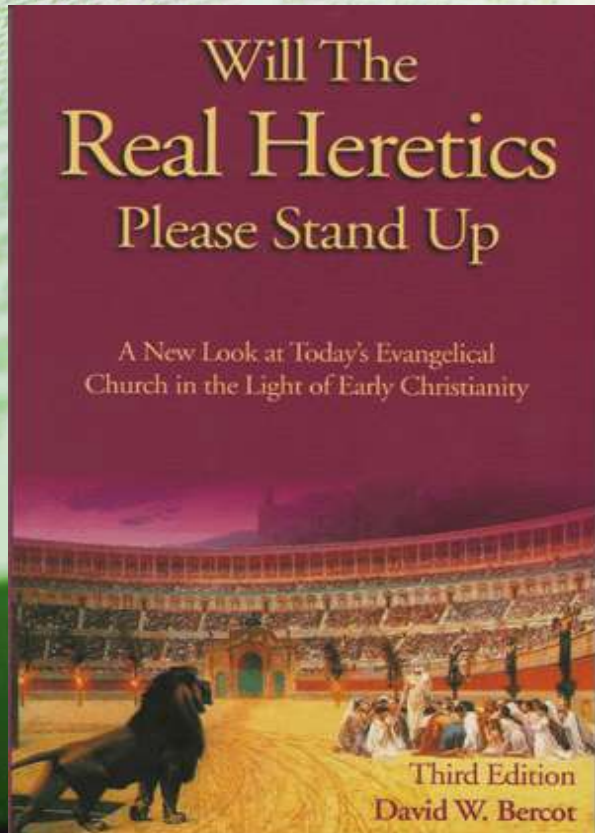
Phil 2:12

PROFILES OF REAL CHRISTIANS

**WHY WERE THEY SO
SUCCESSFUL
IN EVANGELISM?**

Sun. 5/18 5:00 P.M.

**GAINING NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE BIBLE
AND TRUE DISCIPLESHIP BY STUDYING
EARLY CHURCH HISTORY!**



**SUNDAYS
9:30 AM**

5/25 – 6/29

THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS



STUDYING THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Wednesday nights – 7:00 p.m.

Spring/Summer quarter

5/28 – 9/24

Conservative vs.
Liberal

Which are you?

THE GOSPEL OF THE LEFT AND RIGHT

LIBERALISM



THE GOSPEL OF THE LEFT AND RIGHT

Faith only



Meritorious works

Faith that works!

DANGER LURKS TO THE RIGHT AND LEFT!

Unconditional
Security



Unconditional
Insecurity

Conditional Security

THE GOSPEL OF THE LEFT AND THE RIGHT

un-
righteousness



self-
righteousness

Humble Righteousness

**What do these terms
mean?**

***Conservative
vs Liberal***

A photograph of a road construction barrier with a double-headed arrow sign, set against a background of a rural landscape with trees and a field. The barrier is made of red and white striped material. The sign is black with a red double-headed arrow. The background shows a dirt road, green grass, and trees under a clear sky.

Webster's Dictionary

CONSERVATIVE:

“Respecting old institutions, methods, customs; adhering to what is old or established; not given to change merely for the sake of change.”

Webster's Dictionary

LIBERAL:

“Free: not literal or strict.”

--n. “One who advocates greater freedom of thought or action.”

Vest Pocket Dictionary

CONSERVATIVE

– “One who is opposed to change.”

LIBERAL

– “One who favors reform.”

Which is it?
It depends!

These are relative terms politically

CONSERVATIVE

In the US.

- Sanctity of life
- Traditional marriage

LIBERAL

In Russia

- Against oppressive govt.
- For civil liberties

These are relative terms
theologically

CONSERVATIVE

“One cuppers”

LIBERAL

“Multiplicity of cups”

Are you liberal or conservative?

Which issue?

What about Jesus?

CONSERVATIVE

- The Law
- God's will
- Morality

LIBERAL

- Jewish Tradition
- Religious orthodoxy
- Associations
- Life style

Jesus was both liberal & conservative!

Churches of Christ

TOPICS:

Authority
Activities
Organization
Morals
Discipline

PAST:

Strict
Evan/Edi/Bene
Ind. Cong
High Standards
Practiced

Churches of Christ

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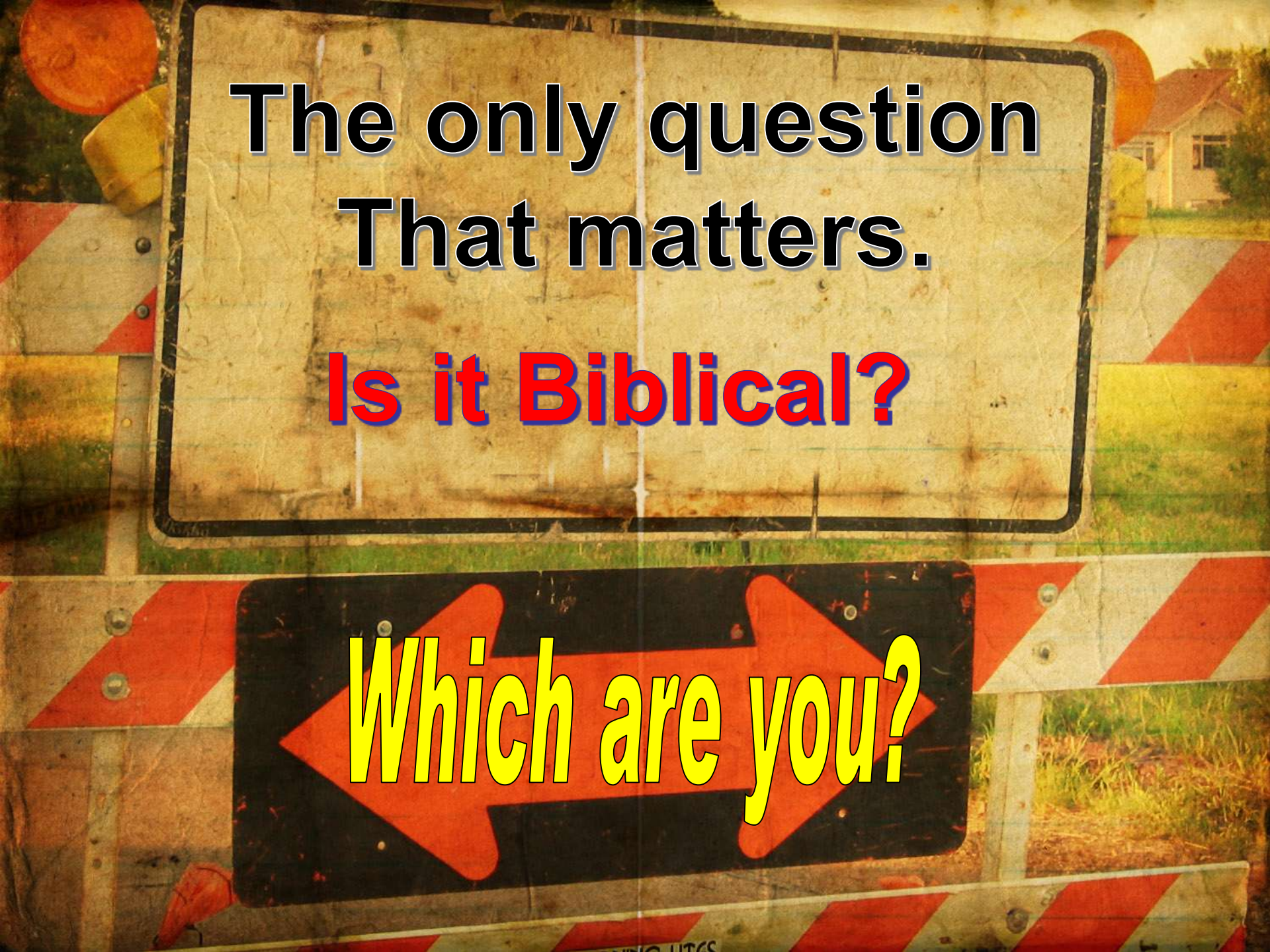
Authority
Activities
Organization
Morals
Discipline

PRESENT:

LOOSE
“Whole man”
Institutions
More Worldly
Lax or non-existent

Conservative vs.
Liberal

Which are you?



**The only question
That matters.**

Is it Biblical?

Which are you?

APPLICATION

- Avoid ***pejorative terms*** (2 Tim 2:24-25). Be respectful and kind.
- Be careful not to confuse a matter of ***local autonomy with digression***.
- Avoid the ***party spirit*** (Gal 5:20).
- Be careful about ***fellowship and judging eternal destinies*** (Gal 5:15).
- Avoid being overly ***simplistic!***