

Feelings

1Corinthians 2:1-8

Feeling or emotions are involved in religion, but not in telling us what truth is or what we need to do to have salvation

Idea exceedingly weak. Realize this from everyday experiences

Merchants don't trust feelings of even honest customer

Nor customer trust feelings of honest merchant

It is even more hazardous to rely on feelings in religion where souls are at stake: so let's look at some weaknesses of position

Feelings Are Of Men

Revelation Is From God

Though God created man in his own image feelings of man are still of human origin - **Genesis 1:27**

They are functions of the human mind

They are determined by man as he participates in various experiences of life

Revelation originates in mind of God and was made known to man through inspiration of Holy Spirit

It is right and necessary to respond to divine revelation with feeling - **Romans 12:11; Acts 2:41**

But...Not feeling or emotion that determines right of practice or belief

Only revelation from God determines right - Naaman thought but God revealed - **2Kings 5:11**

Feelings Lack Divine Support

Revelation Has The Divine Testimony Of The Ages Behind It

There is no passage that, properly understood, supports this idea of feelings being authoritative

Scripture shows that feelings are not necessarily in accord with divine testimony - **Proverbs 14:12**

Divine testimony shows men are to Teach, Receive, Obey, Abide in, and Be Judged According to

God's divine revelation - **Matthew 28:19-20; John 12:48; Hebrews 5:8-9; 2John 1:9**

Feelings Are Unreliable

Revelation Is Reliable - **Isaiah 55:8; Jeremiah 10:23**

God is true - **John 3:33; Romans 3:4; John 17:17**

Scriptures indicate whether a teaching, belief or practice is worthy - **Acts 17:11; 2Timothy 3:16-17**

Feeling Varies With The Person, Circumstances Or Belief

Revelation Remains Constant

Your feelings would be different from mine without a common standard (example: yardstick, etc)

Many times feelings are directly opposite

Circumstances alter a person's feelings toward an idea

When a person changes opinion or belief also changes feelings - **Acts 26:9**

Our feelings are also affected by the feelings of others - **Luke 16:17; Matthew 28:20**

Feeling Makes Scripture Unwanted

Revelation Makes Feelings Unnecessary (in determining right)

Feeling taken to its logical end will diminish and even eliminate the desire for God's word, the truth

Feeling or emotion become the truth for the person - **Acts 13:46; Romans 10:3**

Revelation of God designed in such way that no feeling or emotion of man needed to even

complement testimony of Bible, God's word - **Psalms 19:7; 2Timothy 3:16-17; 2Peter 1:3**

The God of the Bible is a revealed God

Knowledge of his will is revealed in Scripture

The way of salvation is a revealed way

All acts of worship and service pleasing to Him are revealed acts

There is no place in God's scheme for feelings in determining right or truth - **John 17:17; John 8:32**