
Subject: Scriptural Principles and/or Personal Opinion
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Recently I've been listening to a series of messages from Joe Brenneman dealing with seven issues that apparently became taboo at FA shortly after brother Freeman's death (within 2 weeks or so). These messages were not presented chronologically but were interspersed from the beginning, when brother Brenneman became pastor of FA, up through this year. I may not have found all of them but so far I've found at least 15 messages. I've listened to all that I've downloaded so far.

The series is called: Scriptural Principles or Personal Opinions

I think the starting point is 1997 if anyone wants to find and listen to them. (Use the Paltalk link at the bottom of the page and select Recorded Sermons at FA.)

The seven issues that were deemed inappropriate for FA ministers (until brother Brenneman broke with tradition!<grin>) are:

- 1) Women wearing pants
- 2) Sports
- 3) TV
- 4) Holidays
- 5) Medical Science
- 6) Rock Music
- 7) Denominations as Babylon

Brother Brenneman says that these topics were issues that were once taken for granted at FA until the prohibition. I don't disagree with this, in fact one could make a good case that these issues almost became the defining characteristics of FA.

Joe says that scriptural principles are presented in such a way so as to preclude there being 2 different interpretations with both interpretations having merit. In other words, if there is a disagreement over these issues there are only two possibilities: Both sides are wrong or one side is wrong and the other side is right-- i.e. both sides cannot be right.

These things are not a matter of personal opinion (says Joe) they are fixed standards that do not change.

I'll post some thoughts on these things later but if you've got some time it would be interesting to hear what you all think.

Brother Brenneman is the polar opposite of his brother Jim when it comes to the speed of his message delivery so if you have a way of speeding up the messages you'll not miss anything. I have a mp3 player that allows me to speed up the audio by a factor of 1.5 which is helpful when trying to go through many messages. I've found that, by using the speedup feature, he sounds exactly like Jim!

Blessings,
William
