

## Speaking Truth In Love

*“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him” (Col 3:17).*

It’s easy to misapply this passage of Scripture. Paul is not saying that we can say or do anything as long as we associate it with the Lord’s Name. Instead the apostle is telling us that the Lord Jesus must authorize all religious *teaching or doctrine* (“word”) and all *practice or action taken* (“deed”) in service to the God. Our police department performs a service “in the name of” the law or in accordance with the laws of our land. Those who comprise the Lord’s church *teach* and *do* only those things that are in accordance with the word of Christ.

*“Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free’” (John 8:31-32). “Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son” (2 John 9).*

What must you do to prevent yourself from being “*tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting*” (Eph 4:14)? You must be able to **identify** the “*word of Christ*” and you must be willing to **confine** your beliefs and practices to His “*doctrine*”.

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