“Why Do Ye These Things?” — No. 1
Why Do Anything in Religion?
Acts 14:15

Introduction:

A. A valid question for apostles to ask.
   1. People tried to worship them as gods: Why? By what authority?
   2. People needed to think on this question?
B. A good question for anyone to ask. (cf. 1 Pet. 3:15).
   1. Will ask: Why *worship* God as we do?
   2. Will ask: Why *work* in *religion* as we do?
   3. Will ask: Why *organize* in religion as we do?
   4. Are asking: *Why do Anything* in religion?
C. Three good reasons for doing anything in religion:

Discussion:

I. The Creator-Creature Relationship.
A. God created man for Himself. (Heb. 2:10; Col. 1:16).
   2. To serve and praise Him. (Ps. 100).
   3. To remember and honor Him. (cf. Deut. 32:15).
   4. To submit to Him totally. (Rom. 9:20-21).
B. God created man free — not a robot. (Deut. 30:19-20; cf. Rom. 6:16-23).

II. The Revelation Of Creator's Will. (Deut. 29:29)
B. God's written revelation. (Eph. 3:3-5; 2 Tim. 3:16,17; 1 Cor. 14:37).
   1. In form of direct statements. (cf. Matt. 4:4).
   2. In form of examples. (Phil. 4:9).
   3. In form of necessary inference. (unleavened bread, every 1st day).
C. God's attitude toward His revelation.
   2. Not to be presumptuous (2 Pet. 2:10; Lev. 10:1-2)

III. The Hope Set Before Us. (Heb. 6:11-20; 1 Cor. 15:19).
Conclusion:

A. Why do anything in religion?
   1. Because of who wants it?
   2. Because He does want it?
   3. Because we know he wants it?
   4. Because of His promises?
B. As Creatures: Let Him be potter and we clay — Do only what “assured of” (cf. 2 Tim. 3:14).