

What think Ye of the Bible?

Part 16 From Spiritual Death to Life IN CHRIST.

Review from Part 15.

Contrary to the False Teaching of Liberal Theology, the Bible tells us that man has a fallen nature and is alienated from God. But God, who IS LOVE, has provided a plan of redemption that is available to ALL. Sadly, most people receive their information about the Truth, the Word of God, from those who themselves are alienation from God, and those who have set themselves above the teaching of the Bible. These people do not know God. They are in a state of spiritual blindness.

Spiritual Blindness.

Please be aware that spiritual blindness is a most serious, deadly problem. Spiritual blindness is rooted in Satanic deception. 2 Corinthians 4:4 KJV

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." In this verse, please note that "the god of this world" is the devil, and he is the one who lies, destroys and kills. He wants to nullify any seed of truth that is sown in men's hearts. He is the Adversary of God and of every true Christian. The Apostle Peter warns true believers to be ever alert against the "wiles" of the Devil. 1 Peter 5:8 KJV

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"

Pseudo Christianity.

The most effective tool Satan is using to deceive people is a type of Christianity which may sound good and look good on the outside, but is fundamentally flawed in its doctrine.

It is a counterfeit Christianity. Liberal Christianity is a counterfeit masterpiece designed by the Deceiver Himself. It is a deadly Christianity because it denies the supernatural aspect of the Bible, it denies the Virgin Birth of Jesus, it denies the Sacrificial Atonement of Christ, it denies the resurrection of Christ, it denies the miracles of Jesus. Liberal Theology results in a dead Christianity because it has removed the spiritual aspects of the New Life in Christ. It maybe dressed up in various noble "attires" such as Sacred Song Festivals or missionary ministries, but the foundations are rotten. Usually, there are close associations with the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the National Council of Churches (NCC). Both of these are world wide ecumenical endeavors which are void of any resemblance to true Biblical Christianity.

God's Plea: 2 Corinthians 6:17 KJV

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,"

Dear Reader, Dear Friend! Please do not trifle with God's truth. If you do, and if you allow yourself to be deceived you will regret that for all of eternity.

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Repent and Believe (Faith)!

People who are in this state of spiritual blindness know nothing about the Holiness of God, nor the Righteousness of God, nor the Love of God, nor the Wrath of God. Consequently, there are a multitude of man originated, humanistic religions in the world, some of which are even bold enough to call themselves Christians, which is a gross misnomer. This should not surprise us since we are living in a postmodern society, in which the masses of humanity do not believe in Absolute Truth. To most people truth is relative and situationally dependent. What may appear to be truth to one person may not match the truth proclaimed by another. But, both are satisfied with this arrangement, even though a brief consideration of the laws of logic would reveal that these multiplicities of variant truth claims are ILLOGICAL. Opposing truth claims CANNOT coexist at the same time.

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Yet, in the midst of a world in turmoil, which has replaced GOOD with EVIL, there is THE GOD, who declares Himself in the Bible as the God of Truth.

Psalm 31:5 KJV

"Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth."

Also, He is LIGHT.

"1 John 1:5 KJV

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."

This very God of Truth and of Light told us plainly that man has the Adamic Nature, which is a fallen nature, which is a sinful nature, which is alienated from The God of TRUTH. Divine WISDOM, and divine TRUTH are crying in the marketplace and are pleading with mankind to hear, to listen and to obey the GOSPEL. Any other path leads to eternal destruction in a place of eternal agony. Please, please hear what God's Word has to say.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 KJV

"In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel

of our Lord Jesus Christ: [9] Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power,"

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Ephesians Chapter 2.

Let us now look at the passage in Ephesians Chapter 2, which first emphasizes man's sinfulness followed by God's great mercy and grace by which He SAVES sinful men and gives them a New Nature, a spiritual nature! This is the spiritual nature Adam lost when he rebelled against God.

Ephesians 2:1-4 KJV

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; [2] Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: [3] Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. [4] But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

A. Man's sinfulness. Spiritual Death!

First, let us recognize that the Apostle Paul (under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit) is speaking to believers in Christ, and he is reminding them of their previous life before salvation. (This is the state of every non believer, every person, who is not born again, every pseudo Christian.)

1. He mentions, in the past tense, that they were dead in trespasses and sins. This is a reaffirmation of their spiritual deadness in the Adamic Nature.

1 Corinthians 15:22 KJV

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

2. He mentions that their life was guided by the principles of the world which is under the direction of the prince of the power of the air (Satan and his demons).

3. All unsaved people conduct their lives "in the flesh" (Adamic Nature) , and are as such children of wrath (Under God's condemnation).

At this point in time I can hear the screams of objections. "I am not like that. I have lived a moral life. I have helped many people in "deed and resources." I have helped my church with many ministry aspects. I have been a contributor to society, and helped our local

community. I have been a model citizen, I have raised a nice family."

All of this may be true. But, if you have ignored the Truth of God as stated in God's Word, the Bible, you have lived your life according to the prince of the power of the air, and NOT according to the precepts and statutes of Almighty God, who sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ into this world to die for your sins. All churches, all pastors and all congregants who hold to liberal theology, or any other aberrant religious practices are under the condemnation of God. These people have rejected God's Love, which came in free redemption through the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross. Jesus Himself said very clearly

John 14:6 KJV

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John the Baptist said this about Jesus.

John 1:29 KJV

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Anybody, who rejects Christ, as the God-Man (Christ is fully God and fully Man in one Person) rejects God, the Father also.

In Summary

If you have not acknowledged that you are a sinner, if you think you are good enough or righteous enough to be accepted by God on your own merits, then you have trampled on the precious blood of Christ and you are living under a state of self delusion. May I remind the reader again what God thinks of man's self righteousness.

Isaiah 64:6 KJV

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."

B. God's way of Salvation. Life IN CHRIST!

Ephesians 2:8-9 KJV

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: [9] Not of works, lest any man should boast.

I will just mention a few items. More will follow in the next article.

Salvation and redemption comes BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH. Salvation is totally a gift from God. Man can do NOTHING to earn or deserve Salvation. At the moment of salvation, a repentant sinner's soul is REGENERATED (GIVEN THE NEW BIRTH), He is CREDITED

CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS, is immediatly placed into a spiritual union with Christ, and is adopted into the Family of God. There is much more to be said (written) about this topic. Which I will address in following articles.

Dear Reader, Dear Friend! If you have never heard any of these Biblical truths then you need to find a Bible believing church. The Bible is God's Special Revelation to man. The Bible tells us how God created the Universe, it tells us about the sin of our first parents, Adam & Eve, it tells us about God's plan to redeem fallen man - that being Christ, the sinless Lamb of God dying, being buried and risen on the third day.

All true Christians are now looking for His Coming for His True Church.

Titus 2:13 KJV

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;"

Oh, Dear Heavenly Father! I pray that the Holy Spirit will CONVICT and CONVERT according to your perfect will.

With Warm Regards,

Horst Adler

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." (Ro.1:16)