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JESUS CHRIST IS HE YOUR LORD?

“Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the Kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 18:3)

A major stumbling block for those who believe in JESUS is to become little children as it relates to FATHER’S word, simply believing Him, regardless of what we think, feel, or what someone else might say. The accuracy of the Word of God, preserved for thousands of years, and further confirmed by the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, is either true or false. God’s word is either what it claims to be - - -

**“ Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.”
(Proverbs 30:5,6)**

And - - - - -

“The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. You shall keep them, O Lord, You shall preserve them from this generation forever.” (Psalm 12: 6 & 7)

And of God’s word, JESUS CHRIST said:

**“Heaven and earth will pass away, but
My words will by no means pass away.”
(Matthew 24:35)**

JESUS also declared that if one rejects the word of God, then one is rejecting Him. He then declared that His very word would judge the one who rejected that word. Listen –

“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him – the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.” (John 12:48)

Yes, GOD’S word is either what it claims to be ---or God’s word is false – not true. True Christianity, according to God’s word, becomes reality when one chooses, as an act of

their own free will, to believe God rather than man. To become child-like in accepting FATHER'S word is no different than a three year old child going after a flashlight to see with at high noon, just because his daddy told him that in a few minutes it would be pitch dark. The child does not reason with his daddy and argue that the sun is high in the sky. NO! The child simply believes daddy and goes after the flashlight. This is exactly the response that our FATHER desires of His children as it relates to His word. It is not complicated nor is it difficult to understand. If GOD said it, that settles it, for the obedient child of God.

Man's obedience to GOD'S word – all of His word – is the key to life being lived as our FATHER desires that we live it. To obey GOD is better than sacrifice (see 1st Samuel 15:22). JESUS quoted Moses from Deuteronomy 8:3 when He stated in Matthew 4:4 that man could not live except by every word that proceeded from the mouth of GOD. From the book of Genesis all the way through the Bible to the book of Revelation, our FATHER emphasizes obedience. Over and over and over again we are told that if we obey we will be blessed, and if we disobey, we will miss the blessing.

Why should we be so surprised to find the Christian community in its present powerless state? Why should we be so surprised at the divorce rate in the Christian community? Why should any man or woman of GOD who has been taught the word of GOD by His Spirit, be the least bit surprised by the sickness, disease, financial lack, sexual perversion and commercialism in the church today? Why should we be surprised at the division that prevails in the church today? My brothers and sisters what we are seeing today in the modern day church is the direct result of a people who are living in rebellion against the word of God. Our present condition is the result of a people who have no fear of GOD what so ever and who are led, for the most part, by leaders who not only have no fear of GOD, but who have chosen to believe man rather than GOD. We are now mass producing a hybrid form of Christian that is totally foreign to the word of GOD. Totally foreign! Brother A.W. Tozer saw this coming 50+ years ago. Listen to Brother Tozer:

“It is my opinion that the Christian conception of GOD current in these middle years of the twentieth century is so decadent as to be utterly beneath the dignity of the Most High God and actually to constitute for professed believers something amounting to a moral calamity.”

May I suggest that our condition today in the Christian community is far far worse than it was in the 1950's? In fact, if our decline continues at the same rate over the next 50 years as it has the last 50 years, there will be no visible New Testament church left in most of the world - certainly not in the West or Europe. May God have mercy on us and intervene quickly by sending His corrective judgment.

Quite frankly saints, I am sitting here in my study with pen in hand and FATHER'S word open before me, and I am spiritually stunned – overwhelmed at the sheer magnitude of our present fallen state. I realize that the problem that our present generation of Christians face is so impossible to overcome that it is only GOD Himself

who can help us. Only the corrective judgment of GOD will turn the hearts of the people back toward righteousness.

“For when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Let grace be shown to the wicked, Yet he will not learn righteousness; In the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord.” (Isaiah 26: 9 & 10)

Most Christians today would consider themselves anything but wicked. However, I am here to tell you that GOD defines the wicked as anyone who rejects His word. Anyone!

But to the wicked GOD says:

“What right have you to declare My statutes, or take My covenant in your mouth, seeing you hate instruction and cast My words behind you?” (Psalm 50: 16 & 17)

When Christians reject GOD’S instruction and cast His word aside or behind them, they have no right to declare His statutes and claim His covenant blessings. Any attempt to do so is illegitimate and will result in a form of Christianity that is so wide spread today - lots of form and very little if any power. Lots of exactly what we are seeing today – sickness, disease, divorce, division, unmitigated greed, etc. Verses 16 and 17 of Psalm 50 go a long way toward explaining our present condition. Our problem, as it relates to a powerless form of Christianity verses GOD’S word, lies with us – not GOD. For GOD has declared that He will uphold His word and will never break His covenant with His people. We are the covenant breakers – not GOD!

**“My covenant I will not break nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.”
(Psalm 89:34)**

Why do so many Christians find it easy to set aside or ignore the word of GOD? There is only one underlying reason. They have no fear of GOD in their heart! They simply believe that GOD is like them. They have created a false god that is foreign to the GOD of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Where there is no fear of GOD there is much transgression and every foul and evil thing. One of the traits that GOD says will identify the wicked is that they will not fear Him. Listen to David the servant of the Lord:

**“An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked:
There is no fear of GOD before his eyes.” (Psalm 36:1)**

After a people lose their fear of GOD, one of the first things they do is begin to add to and take away from His word according to the dictates of their hearts. This is spiritual suicide and unless GOD intervenes, the people will be doomed to destruction. Once the fear of GOD is lost and His word set aside through human alteration, the people quickly cast GOD into their image and they become as they think in their heart. May God have mercy!

“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.” (Proverbs 23:7)

“He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, - - “(Proverbs 28:26)

**“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”
(Jeremiah 17:9)**

Trusting in the heart of man, rather than trusting in the word of GOD as a little child, always ends up in the same place – spiritual bankruptcy! Religion without power, but with lots of religious form. This has happened time after time to GOD’S people. Whenever this occurs our FATHER has allowed us to go our way. For a season He remains silent, and allows us to demonstrate just how immature we really are when it comes to the things of the spiritual realm. During this season the enemy seems to have his way as all sorts of corruption spreads throughout organized religion, confirming Galatians 6: 7 & 8. Listen –

**“Do not be deceived, GOD is not mocked;
for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.
For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh
reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit
will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”**

Dear saints do not be deceived! Just because we use the name of JESUS does not mean that we are sowing to His Spirit in harmony with Him. It is impossible – I repeat, it is impossible to sow to the Spirit of God while violating or setting aside His word at the same time. No man or woman can Sow to the Spirit and walk in disobedience to GOD’S word at the same time. It is a spiritual impossibility! However, that is exactly what many of us are attempting to do today. So many have become so convinced they are walking in the truth, that they can no longer hear the warnings that FATHER has been sending for the past 100 years. The rate of our spiritual decline has been increasing as each year goes by. We have become so spiritually numb in our religious comfort zone that we are totally unaware of the gravity of our situation.

Having lost all of our fear of GOD and having compromised His pure word in favor of a word that makes us feel good, we have become spiritual zombies who are past being able to hear and respond to the Holy Spirit. We have fulfilled Paul’s prophecy recorded in 2 Timothy 4: 3 & 4. Listen-

**“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine,
but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears,
they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears
away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”**

Paul prophesied further of these days in which we live, when he wrote to Timothy the words that are recorded in 1 Timothy 4: 1 & 2. Listen –

“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,”

Our present condition is no surprise in the Throne Room of Heaven. In fact our GOD has stated clearly what He intends to do to correct the situation and correct it, He will!

“These things you have done, and I kept silent; You thought that I was altogether like you; But I will rebuke you, and set them in order before your eyes.”
(Psalm 50: 21)

“For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of GOD; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of GOD? Now, if the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?”
(1 Peter 4: 17 & 18)

Dear saints, I tell you, trembling inside, that the judgment of God is upon us. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – the Ancient of Days who spoke to Moses saying “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.” (Exodus 33: 20) The one true God who changeth not (see Malachi 3:6), has begun to judge His people. Everything that is not of GOD will be exposed for what it is. The leadership of the church, at all levels, will be dealt with first. Every high and lofty ministry will be brought low. There will be no exceptions. Most of our Christian heroes will be humbled. The spirits of control, manipulation and domination will be exposed as the agents of Jezebel. The financial empires of the modern day church will be destroyed and the moneychangers will be driven out of the church. God’s word will no longer be for sale, but rather it will once again be freely given. Christian showtime will end, as the captives are set free. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken by GOD Himself! Religious spirits will be exposed and dealt with severely.

The true church of JESUS CHRIST will be soundly established under His Lordship, while the institutional church will continue under the lordship of man who will use the name of JESUS as a seal of approval on a dead form of religion. “Ichabod” will be written over the door of every fellowship that does not yield to the Lordship of JESUS CHRIST. No further opportunity for repentance will be given to the fellowship where “Ichabod” is stamped over the door. I declare to you today that “Ichabod” now appears over many fellowships that call JESUS, “Lord”, but who do not do what He says!

The Christian community today is filled with those who call JESUS CHRIST their Lord and Savior. They honor Him with their lips but their hearts do not honor Him as their Lord. To those of whom I speak the Lord of all Lords would say:

“Why do you call Me Lord, Lord, and not do the things which I say?”

**“Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:
These people draw near to ME with their mouth, and honor
ME with their lips, but their heart is far from ME.
And in vain they worship ME, teaching as doctrines
the commandments of men.” (Luke 6:46 and Matthew 15:7 – 9)**

The vast majority of those who call themselves Christians today have never been soundly converted as defined by the word of God. That includes an untold number of those who stand in pulpits and in other places of leadership. They have never become as little children when it comes to accepting and believing God’s word. JESUS CHRIST is not their Lord and the only fear they have is that of man. They will deny this charge before men, but soon they will stand guilty before the One whose word will convict them. May God have mercy on us!

When JESUS referred to Himself as “Lord”, the word used in the Greek was “*despotes*”. Its meaning according to Strong’s #1203 is: “*The word signifies owner, master, one who has absolute dominion, supreme authority, and unlimited power arising from ownership. It includes total submission on our part to God’s will.*”

Now, let me ask you dear reader, is JESUS your Lord as defined above? Whose word do you yield to? Whose authority do you submit to? Whose doctrine do you follow, that of JESUS, or that of man? Where does your loyalty lie? When it comes to choosing between the Word of GOD and your Pastor, your Priest, the Pope, your Bible Study leader or your denomination or your local church – when it comes down to choosing between JESUS and your very own family – who then is your Lord? Who then is your master? Who then will you follow? Will you be found among the “few” who remain with JESUS, or will you be included with the “many” who will leave Him?

JESUS is popular as Savior today, but He is rejected as Lord just as He was rejected when He was here in person. In John, the sixth chapter, verses 41 thru 71, you can read the account of His disciples rejection. After they all left but the twelve, He said to those twelve, “ Do you also want to go away?”

Dear reader, in the coming days, weeks and months you will be presented with an opportunity to choose who will be your Lord. May God grant you the grace to step to the side of the King and reject that which will soon be destroyed.

The only safe place to be found today is walking under the Lordship of JESUS CHRIST and no other. May He rule and may He reign in each of us, and may we be found worthy to be included among the “few” who stand at His right side in the days to come.

God Bless

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