

## Many Christians are walking in spiritual confusion

We are entering a phase in Christianity - the general name applied to believers in Jesus, i.e. of whatever religious stance and background - where many many are walking in spiritual confusion. Not all can discern between "right" and "wrong" especially doctrinally.

And this is the very reason why I am urging those who want to make the Bride to search the Scriptures diligently, to focus on the New Testament Church (the first century Church) and so that we will be able to see and know the desire of God for us. Fact is so-called "Church organization" has caused many to go astray, not knowing the way Jesus has set before us in and through His separated, anointed apostles. Let those who are in doubt, i.e. not really knowing what God desires of us, first and foremost go to the Scriptures and with this statement I mean both the Old and the New Testaments. Take the written word that was passed on to us as is and use it as a torch to help you follow in the footsteps of Jesus - for we are living in spiritually dark times, although much has already come to light.

The Psalmist states (Ps 119) : "Your word is a light on my path" Therefore apply this standard to your spiritual walk. You will not go wrong doing so. Yes, you might have landed in a maze not knowing how to get out of the jumble of doctrines that were imposed on us throughout the ages, but once you can go back to the Acts of Luke (The New Testament Acts of the Apostles) as well as the Letters of the Apostles of Jesus, you will find that you will have a lamp in your hand that will help you to quickly get back on track.

Ask yourself some crucial questions that will instantly give you the right answers, e.g. How did the Apostles of Jesus go about following Jesus? How did they relate to one another? How did they preach the Gospel? Why did repentance (=to turn around breaking with the sin of disobedience and taking hold of New Testament Truth) play such an enormous role in their lives? Why did they pertinently baptize in the Name of the Saviour? And why did they all undergo the full baptism? Jesus clearly rose from the waters after He was baptized by John the Baptist and the latter also baptized where there was enough water (Gospels). Why did the waters have to cover the candidate? Weren't we called to do things just as the apostles had done it? Weren't they all trained by Jesus, i.e. to establish the New and Better Covenant (so pertinently stressed by Paul of Tarsus). Why did they believe in the Son of God? Why did they focus on healing the sick in the Name of Jesus and in no other name? Did they find it necessary to share in the holy communion (the breaking of bread so-called)? How did they do it (Acts and 1 Cor. 11). Why did God empower them with the Holy Spirit and the reality of the baptism in the Holy Spirit speaking in tongues and directing their path through the gift of prophecy? Did they believe in the confession of sin and why were they urged to promote true Christian love at all cost? Did they idolize any of the apostles in a special way and especially the Apostle Peter? [And if you are in doubt about any Biblical text, it being sometimes too ambiguous for you, apply Jesus' measure, namely by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall stand (Math. 18.16)! I am sure this is a good, solid directive we can confidently apply in comparison - when comparing the Scriptural texts.

I am sure you will, by doing so, quickly notice a very strong difference between the first century apostolic message and post-apostolic directives. Fact is, Jesus made the Gospel very plain for us but it is people - flesh and blood humans! - who have complicated things for us and often to the extent where many are frantically trying to get out of the maze of man-made prescriptions, oftentimes not helping us and only then dividing the true followers of Jesus! Why could they heal the sick, praying for them? Why did they believe in doing things a certain way? Why did they so strongly believe in the anointing of the Holy Spirit which clearly boils down being "baptized" with the Holy Spirit? Why did they regard their bodies as "temples of the Holy Spirit" just as Paul depicts it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians? Is it then necessary for us too, i.e. to offer our bodies as a temple (dwelling) to God and so that God's Spirit can indeed dwell in us (=pertaining then also to how we live, what we put into our bodies, how we dress so that we will not altogether follow in the spirit and the customs of the world - a crucial issue to consider objectively!, i.e. to what great lengths so-called "Christians" can and do go aligning themselves so fully to the trends and the spirit of the world that there is just no difference in the least! Weren't we called not to be unequally yoked to the world (Paul)? And bringing us of course to the requirements of God for us, i.e. to pursue a modest, godly lifestyle and so that others will be able to see Christ in us, indeed then branching out to our words and our actions, also how we are interacting with our fellows, especially pertaining to Christians belonging to the household of God! Fact is we do have all the answers already fastened for us in the

Word of God! So let's probe the Scriptures!

The Apostle Paul instructs us, for a very good reason then, to adhere to the apostolic gospel or else our race will have been in vain (1 Cor. 15.1-2).

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