

Only true repentance will quench the deep thirst within modern-man

There is a dire need to know the reality of a risen Jesus/Yeshua, i.e. apart from all the frantic activity that is going on today on the Christian front. Since Jesus' (Yeshua's) crucifixion and resurrection the faith scene has changed from basically a word-of-mouth imprinting of God's reality to one of definite Holy Spirit endowment which clearly comes to the fore in Luke's Acts of the Apostles and which of course is the dividing line between a form of godliness in worship and worship through the active Presence of God in the lives of blood-washed believers.

This apostolic reality has, however, soon dwindled after the apostles had left the scene, with the result that a form of godliness had again heavily fallen in place. The once vibrant Church that was established by Jesus (Yeshua) through the Power of His Spirit had indeed later become so steeped in prescriptive, established faith that all that was left of the first-century active Presence of Jesus among His people, was a mere historical record of something that had once been there yet which had almost forever left the scene.

Considering, however, how Jesus had revealed Himself in Power again in and through the Revivals He had sent in later times, done on the prayers of the faithful, that is by the nineteenth/twentieth century, one cannot but admit that the New Testament Gospel was indeed a gospel alive and it was therefore never meant to ever have been moulded in a strict religious form of godliness.

An inward change of heart was indeed the sign of the true New Testament Church! Should we then compare the "dead religion Church" with the first century "Church alive" we may perhaps understand what Life over against Death means and specifically pertaining to our walk with God.

God had then never meant man to come to him in and through the dead works of religious worship, therefore works of ritualistic faith based, not on apostolic truth and the reality of a risen Saviour, as such type of dead worship is indeed steeped in religious pride, something that is without any trace of doubt despicable in the eyes of God.

To make it perhaps a little clearer: God had meant man to serve Him in Spirit and in Truth (Jn 4) and therefore Jesus/Yeshua so clearly stated to the Samaritan woman that the water that He had offered her at the well would indeed have become a fountain of Life also within her soul!

This water of life offered by Jesus/Yeshua was then given by God to lead those participating in it back to the very source of Life and what Jesus had then stated there at the well of Jacob, was not only to convey an eternal truth, namely that man was in need of God's reality but that God wants to be served in reality for only such reality is able to reconnect us to our God, i.e. through true worship.

What the aforesaid then boils down to is that man who is living in a world that is in the grip of satan, can only serve God properly in and through a Holy Spirit connection and this our spiritual enemy who was always bent on destroying man's faith in a living God, had known all too well. He was then indeed the extinguisher of what God had desired for man, i.e. true worship for only the reality of worshiping in Spirit and in Truth would have implanted everlasting LIFE within

man. This is the crux of the message Jesus/Yeshua had brought to the woman at the well.

Let me quote the song reflecting the primal spiritual thirst within man:

Like the woman at the well
I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy
And then I heard my Saviour speaking
"Draw from this well
that never shall run dry!"

And then the song draws us just a little closer to Jesus, the bridge between God and man (1 Tim. 2.5):

Here's my cup Lord
I lift it up Lord
Come AND QUENCH THE THIRSTING OF MY SOUL.....

And this is indeed what Jesus Christ/Yeshua HaMaschiach had come for. He came to quench the deep spiritual thirst within man, i.e. to be reconnected to the LIFE FORCE, the Living, risen Jesus/Yeshua for LIFE contracts in HIM alone (1 Jn 5.12). Without this heavenly, divine connection, we will never be able to grasp what is meant with "true worship" and we will only then be able to be spiritually alive once we can taste the heavenly, divine Gift of the Holy Spirit just as God Most High had demonstrated it to a lost world on Pentecost Day (Acts 2).

It is then this type of spiritual restoration we are in need of. We need to taste the heavenly glory of God's active Presence in our lives. And this depth of experience, namely to be reconnected to our God, is only to be regained in and through REPENTANCE.

So much is today offered within broader Christendom and just to generate some form of life within the hearts of Christians, yet what so poignantly lacks, is the first-century Church experience of God's Holy Spirit Power. Audiences flock in their droves to hear gospel singers, and to listen to evangelists' fiery, often whipped up preaching of the Word of God, yet the heart of man remains dry. Why? We must DO as the early, first-century Church had done. We must come to the feet of Jesus/Yeshua first-and-foremost. We must gather at His feet in prayer. We must then draw nigh unto God this way for then He will draw nigh unto us! And this requires OBEDIENCE. We must open our ears in other words to God's instruction, namely to DO what He desires of us else there can and will never be a reconnection with our God.

Should we fail to do so, we will remain spiritually dry for a form of godliness has taken hold of the body of Jesus at large, and of course FULL FORCE! This is why there is a whipping up of emotions for a moment yet only to quickly subside again. It is in other words not lasting as man's deep-seated yearning for a connection with God's only LIFE FORCE, His precious Gift to man, Jesus His Son, can only be met through His Word, and His Word demands of us to REPENT! And this is where God's Word (the Bible) comes in for it is through hearing the Word that the seed of obedience is awakened in us! The preaching of the Word is then, to this day, the prerequisite laid down by God, namely to reach out to man this way for this method will implant faith in hearts yearning for God's reality (see Rom. 8, 9, 10).

There is then a lack of bringing the Word in the Power of the Holy Spirit and this is therefore the reason why there are so many who are not listening to sound preaching any more. Has "sound" teachings perhaps left the scene and because of the trend-setters (the pastors) having opted for a

superficial, watered-down gospel and so that they can be popular and therefore bringing a gospel to please the hearing of man (see 1 Tim. 3, 4; 2 Tim 4)?

Those faithful who are then yearning for a real LIFE connection to God are called to switch around, to turn their backs on self and pride and to BEND their knees at the CROSS and so that the Holy Spirit Power of God, can be unleashed over dry hearts. This, in a nutshell, is the old, yet ever new, Gospel!

This is then the Gospel those who want to make the Bride will have to resort to once again and so that Jesus in His risen reality can come in and clean the house of those who are laying claim to following Him! This is the only way to the Throne of God and this is also the only way a thorough soul-cleansing can and will take place. This is the Biblical way of doing things for what we are experiencing today is on the whole a mere form of godliness.

Human beings, called "Christians" or "Believers" are then doing all in their power to whip up feelings of emotion within "dead" Christians - Christians who have lost all hope in Christ, who are not serving God any longer in Spirit and in Truth, Christians who have already passed from "life to death" only tagging along following the masses without really SERVING God PROPERLY and as the first-century apostolic assemblies had set the example for us. Many are so spiritually dead that they cannot even discern "life" from "death", therefore only following a mere word-upon-word religion yet never coming to the reality of a risen Jesus who desires of His flock to serve Him in SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH!

Today the Church claiming to belong to Jesus and to the one, almighty living God, cannot discern between the spirit of the world and the reality of the Spirit of God! They have been so moulded in a form of godliness that all they want to be involved in, is the spirit of the times.

Should a gospel message be too steeped in humility and Holy Spirit reality, it is therefore strange and weird to them for what is dictated by Gospel Singers and Gospel Preachers at this point in time are usually quickly lapped up and just because it smacks of the spirit of the times, the ruling spirits of the world dictating to the so-called "flock of God". For there is no superficiality, in fact no place whatsoever for the spirit of times in Christ Jesus who gave His life for us and so that we could be clothed with true spirituality. And although times have indeed changed, Jesus has never (Heb. 13.8)! And if He has not changed, surely His Gospel and apostolic Truth have also not changed.

The dividing line is then once again "spirituality" coming straight from God and which is forever fastened for us in Luke's Acts, also the New Testament apostolic reality, over against "carnality" impacting on man via the carnal, spirit of the times Church - and which is then indeed a product of the ruling spirits of the universe (Eph 6). For this reason sensuous pride has impacted on the Body of Jesus at large.

A carnival spirit, a spirit of doing one's thing in accordance with the "spirit-of-times way" has for sure fallen in place and only the truly blood-washed, those who will have the Spirit direction within their hearts, will be able to escape this millennium snare of satan. We are indeed living in testing times.

The righteous who are then walking in the way of the Lord - that is among the large conglomerate of "Christians" - or who are trying to do so in utmost sincerity of heart, are often being given negative labels whereas those who are carnal-minded are revered as "perfect" examples of the living faith. Isn't this confusion that has indeed settled full-force on the Body of Jesus?

Therefore so many are indeed detesting Biblical Truth, yet, ironically, simultaneously claiming it for themselves? And isn't God a God of Truth and therefore demanding of us to bide by Scriptural Truth and so that we can be made spiritually whole? It is therefore the "righteous" who will indeed live by faith for this is the Path those who want to serve God in Spirit and in Truth will have to go.

So much confusion has impacted on the Body of Jesus that a sifting will indeed be necessary and it is coming indeed! But it is the Body of Jesus ready for such drastic intervention by God? It seems to me that we will again have to take note of true Jewish worship for persecution is something Jews have always been well-acquainted with and although not one and all of them are living for God, obediently and faithfully adhering to His prescriptions, we can surely take note of their history for it is said that persecutions are also drawing them back to their God! But do the "Christians" understand God's ways" to man and why God would, e.g. apply tough measures to cleanse His Body from the dross of apostasy? So isn't keeping faithful to God in and through His Word leading us to the path of Life (Jn 14.6), of the utmost importance to us? And don't we indeed need the Spirit of LIFE to remain within Gospel Truth?

Fact is Satan does not want us to serve God and our Lord Jesus in Spirit and in Truth! He wants us to tag along with the apostate, wishy-washy masses - a spiritually motley-coloured array of all sorts and sizes - i.e. in conformance with how he dictates through the world to those who want to serve God on their own terms.

Therefore the reality of a risen Jesus has left the scene to a very, very large extent. What has then on the whole remained is nothing but man's own efforts to whip up something spiritually yet what is not always in accordance with God's Word. For if we remain IN HIM, we WILL be able to discern the spirit of the world also that it had indeed impacted full-blast on modern-day Christian worship!

Only a total new Holy Spirit Revival, even though it will be on a small, selective scale, will restore true worship in these days. And why will God not send a large-scale revival again? Because the current churches who have enriched themselves so despicably from the Revival God had previously sent - see how their empires had grown from nothing to spectacular - will just carry on procuring money all the more stronger. Therefore God has to intervene and He is indeed going to do just that, with nothing but "persecution"! And this will of course separate the sheep from the goat.

Nothing but persecution is therefore now in the offing for broader Christendom, excepting of course God's constant love that will be upon the truly blood-washed who will also have to go through persecution but they will be the ones He will meet through the Power of His Spirit. Therefore take heed! Come over to the true flock of Jesus Christ, the sign thereof will be upon those who are thoroughly cleansed by the shed blood of Jesus and who are filled with God's Holy Spirit Power, bearing the fruits of the Spirit and grafted into the true Vine (Jn 15; Gal 5; Col. 3).

We are indeed still trying to please those who are despondent and who are desperate, yet we are not coming fully back to God's Word, something that is also neglected in these days for there are Christians who only want to worship in song and in praise, yet who are not gathering around the Word as God demands it of us in His Word (1 Cor. 14.26+). They therefore propagate that preaching the Word in Church is not necessary anymore and this way they are mesmerized by Satan's prescriptions for the Word is the Lamp and the Word is further symbolic of the small mirrors around the Tabernacle font of water, representing the prescriptions of God and especially the regenerative bath of God's Holy Spirit.

Therefore the first leader of the Church of Jesus in Jerusalem, Peter's emphatic statement: "Repent and be baptized" not the other way round, namely, (1) repentance, and then (2) the baptism with of course all the rest that has to follow IF we at least are still on the first-century apostolic track!

But instead of coming to God His way, carnal man is so quick to side-step the everlasting truthful message, the message representing the everlasting Gospel and all done in conformance with the spirit of the times!

Weren't we called to remain faithful to the message that was once delivered to the saints (Jude v3)? Weren't we called to follow Christ God's way (1 Cor. 15)? Weren't we called to proceed on the narrow Way as Jesus surely depicts it for us in the Gospels? Weren't we called to seek and then we shall find? Has the Gospel then changed?

If we look at the methods that are frantically applied and often to procure money from the Cross - huge sums of money are harvested under the veil of pretence, i.e. a veil pretending to promote God's cause yet what is in effect done is to enrich the Gospel bringers and often to also enhance and to enlarge the Show Time presenter/s' impact - what is often then presented as "Gospel" , whether finding expression in singing, teaching, preaching, or whatever way, is on the whole done to enhance the performance and for this very reason all is done to procure money and so that a "nice, professional impact" can be made "in the eyes of the world". Impressions are then, in the true spirit of the world, the order of the day!

Some even claiming to do it all for Christ as though Jesus, the Man of Nazareth who walked in utmost humility, is in need of man's spectacular performances in order to promote His cause! Fact is : Jesus is indeed still to this day in need of real faithful gospel bringers!

True servants who are functioning IN HIM and who is still carrying forth the old, first-century Gospel He had established in the Upper Room (Acts 1 & 2) and so that His reality could shine TO THIS DAY in the hearts of those who are laying claim to His redemptive work on the Cross. This is the type of faithfulness often lacking in man-made worship and especially man-made Gospel shows.

A spirit of mesmerisation has surely and indeed since the apostate "Toronto Blessing manifestation" times descended upon the Body of Christ paving the way for much apostasy and a falling-away from God's Spirit and Truth. No wonder a truly Holy Spirit vessel of God had in the nineties received the following prophecy from the Lord: He said he had seen in a vision Christians standing on a platform of glass singing with all their heart yet underneath them was a deep pit. Through the power of God's Spirit he thereupon cried out to them: "Get off that glass platform you are standing on, it is going to cave in under you!" But they would not listen!

I also had a vision about 15 years ago, warning the Christians that persecution is coming and they must ready themselves, yet nobody was listening to me. They were laughing and cracking jokes, proving once again that God does send timely warnings, giving man input of future happenings, but who will listen? Only the very faithful! Did not the prophets of old also complain of the self-same non-chalant attitude among their own kinsmen?

Christians are frantically grasping for reality, trying to fasten it in diverse ways, yet the only way is to return to Jesus wholeheartedly in prayer, seeking His face earnestly, and returning to Him with a contrite heart and a broken spirit for only true repentance will bring about a heart change. Only true repentance of heart will bring us into God's Presence and so that we can reconnect with the one and only force of LIFE, Jesus Christ, Son of God, our blessed and only Saviour (1 Jn 5.12).

Therefore and once again: Come unto God on HIS terms and on HIS conditions then you will rediscover the reality of a risen Jesus!

The Gift of Life, the Holy Spirit, was indeed fully given, but man has lost this precious reality in his life through sin and backsliding, through ignorance and obedience to the spirit of the world ruling the hearts of the carnally inclined Christians! Also through hardening his heart and stopping his ears to God's instructions contained in his Word.

We are indeed living in very, very difficult times spiritually and therefore we will have to strive hard and with all our might (see Jesus' words in the Gospels) in order to be found faithful in the end. There is just no easy way to gain everlasting LIFE!

We must therefore, each and everyone of us laying claim to Gospel Truth and the Power of God's Spirit, work out our own Salvation with fear and trembling (Paul) but because the spirit of the world has entered the Body of Jesus via pulpit messages brought by carnal teachers, the flock of God is so dry spiritually that they cannot discern between true spiritually and a semblance of truth.

And therefore much is being done yet the end-result is not beneficial to us spiritually and it is the end-result, the sum-total, that will count most in the day of all days and when Jesus comes back as Judge (Acts 10). Will we go empty-handed or will we have confidence before Him who knows the motivations of our heart?

Come unto Jesus!
Give Him your life TODAY!
Come unto Jesus!
Let HIM have His way!

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