

# Howards Corner

## **Who are you following?**

*One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."*

So, it appears today that many are following so many church denominations and leaders—many of whom are dead and long departed this earth—some are still alive and are influencing churches and peoples. Some of these leaders are indeed in Christ and some are not, and some did or are doing good works for the kingdom, and some were and are false teachers. The question for you though is “Are you following a man?” regardless of how righteous they are or have been whether alive or dead. Do you not yet understand that you are not to worship men or angels or churches or other organizations?

*1 Cor 15:21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.*

So, if you are following the ways and wisdom of man, you are still in Adam and if you are following the first man Adam you have death awaiting. So, the first man Adam brings death not just of the body but of the eternal soul. But through the second Adam who is Christ Jesus we find the resurrection of the dead which comes through Him. He has brought with Him the power of salvation of the soul and forgiveness of our lostness in the first Adam. So, it is not man or the teachings of man or his rituals of religion or churches and traditions but is by the power of the second Adam—Christ Jesus who gives us the power of the Holy Spirit which He introduced to us at Pentecost.

*If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”<sup>[1]</sup>; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.*

So have we down through the ages found ourselves entrapped by man's ways and forgotten the life-given spirit of the “last Adam” and surrendered to the teachings and ways of men who have been led by the enemy who has been working in their midst for centuries. I can tell you many errors have been mixed into the teachings of the churches. Do you not have the understanding to search the scriptures to find

the truth? Are you instead just blindly following the teachings of churches and denominations? Well, I can tell you that if you are in the first Adam you are led by the spirit of the world and only if you have transferred your flag to the second Adam are you able to see the truth because the last Adam is a life-giving spirit.

*<sup>47</sup> The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven.*

So are we to copy the man of the earth which has been going on for many years and this man of the earth has been corrupted with the things of this world and put on appearances of righteousness but has no understanding of righteousness. It has yielded to religion and pomp and ceremony and the puffing up of man and churches and righteous looking buildings and glittering costumes and robes that look righteous but have no value except to the one who wears them. They have even done things that are unthinkable in their roles of piety and power thinking that God will not notice because I am in the seat of power of Jesus the Christ. That is the office of the popes who call themselves the vicar of Christ. I warn you vicars of the faith that your punishment will be severe for to be false is worse than the lowest of sinners. Jesus hated the hypocrites of His day which were the Pharisees, and they all led the people to their destruction.

*<sup>50</sup> I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.*

So, if you are still in the first Adam you are still in flesh and blood and cannot inherit the kingdom of God nor do you inherit the everlasting life that is the promise of our Lord and savior. For those that are Christ's will receive the imperishable which is eternal life and a new eternal glorified body.

*<sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."<sup>[h]55</sup> "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"<sup>[i]</sup>*

What else can I say? Walk with the second Adam -- Jesus for He is Life.

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