Howards Corner

"And I was wounded in the house of my friends."

Zac 13:6 If someone asks, 'What are these wounds on your body <u>[a]</u>?' they will answer, 'The wounds I was given at the house of my friends.'

(Read all of Zachariah for they are the account of the time of Jesus return and the restoration of Israel to their land. So how can the churches of today say that there is no Israel and have falsely interpreted the word to say that the church has replaced Israel. It is obvious if you believe the bible that Israel is restored, and Christ Jesus comes to fight for them and bless Israel.)

The wounds are still happening today. The people that are the true believers of the gospel of Jesus Christ and are following His teachings and are a witness to the truth is being persecuted by the very people that are supposed to be friends and brothers are now persecuting the very people that are walking in truth.

How is that possible? Well, you must understand that all are not in the Spirit of Christ Jesus but have been put in our midst to deceive the true saints. They sometimes come in as angels of light but are of the enemy.

2 Corinthians 11:14

And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

So, your congregation has people who claim to be of the kingdom but where are their credentials –where is their spirit of truth—where is their seal of the holy Spirit which is given to those who are accepted and approved to be in the kingdom? They have slipped in the back door and have not known Christ Jesus but have put on their cloak of deception and have come in unnoticed because we have not required that they walk in the spirit and the word but have accepted anyone that walks in off the street saying that all are welcome -- but are all welcome?

Those that come in are welcome, but it is necessary that they have accepted the word of truth and are repentant and desire to receive the word and spirit of forgiveness that is offered. You cannot stay in an unrepentant state but must be

seriously desiring to walk in the faith. If you remain in that state of unrepentant then you are then the enemy seeking to steal a place in the kingdom of God.

How many today are trying to steal a place in the kingdom but have not humbled themselves —not bowed their knees to Christ Jesus—but are still operating in the spirit of the world. How long do we in the church accept these imposters of the kingdom. Some have been there for many years and have not repented. Well, I see that the many churches of today do not preach sermons that weed out those imposters. So, we are stuck with these pretenders and the church has grown so weak that we do not challenge the pretenders but have lived with them for many years. We are not preaching from the pulpit the truth of the word. If the truth of the word is preached with the power of the holy spirit, they would be driven out of our midst. They could not stand the power of the holy spirit.

Well the problem is obvious to me we are today not a church operating in the spirit and are being led by those who are also not in the spirit of Christ Jesus but have substituted a form of godliness –a religion which is not in Christ but is worldly and full of the first man Adam who brings death but has not receive the second man Jesus who brings the spirit of God.

Well, I heard about a preacher that inherited a church of 450 members. He started to preach the first week and about 150 left after that sermon and he then preached the next week and another 150 left and then the next week he preached again and 50 left. Then he said, "we can now get to preaching the word with power and finally be the church of Jesus Christ."

That sounds like these modern dead churches of today, except they have no one to preach like that but just suffer from week to week and the dead do not leave but because they have no fear of hell or of lostness and have been comforted by salvation in church membership and have never been told the truth. Churchism is the sleeping pill of today that puts many to sleep because they have been led to believe that church membership is salvation therefore, they are no longer seeking the truth and do not have a chance to mature in the faith.

So, I have been beating the drum in your midst for five years but the ones that hear the message are almost none. A few have written back to me saying they have left this dead methodist church, but the rest are still worshiping the Methodist church even when it is splintered into a thousand pieces. Do you not understand yet the methodist church is in splinters today because you have been preaching the wrong gospel and God has once again caused you to come to a point of decision about the truth of the gospel, but I see none coming to the truth but still clinging to dead churchism.

This is another of the many religions of the world which have no understanding of the truth but insist on saying we can do it ourselves —we can be righteous in ourselves and do not need the bible -- the word of God to lead us. We think we know the way and will decide for ourselves what is right!! Let us elect for ourselves leaders that think like us and because we all think alike then it must be right. How foolish are you to choose yourselves to be the marker for righteousness and ignore the word of God or twist it until it is so distorted that I do not even recognize it.

Now there is still a move among you to restore the Methodist church because you have followed a man and a religion but have never understood what it all meant. You walk in darkness and do not even know because you have been deceived by the enemy which has always wanted you in darkness. So, many still sit there Sunday after Sunday with no clue what salvation is. You hear words and ceremonies from spiritually blind preachers but have no discernment of the truth in the word of God.

So, you are trying to raise the spiritually dead that have been sitting next to you and you have called friends but are empty of the spirit of Christ because you still see the organization Methodist church as your salvation and so you hope for eternal life but by what power. I have been trying to tell you for 5 years, but you appear not to want to hear so what else can I say but go ahead and trust in empty religion for I cannot stop you. It is your choice, but I fear you have no inner call of the spirit of the Lord but only the dead call of the Methodist church organization.

I don't know how long I can continue to write to you without some form of confirmation that some of you at least have a twinkling of spiritual life. These writings have been going to your pastors, but they seem not to be interested either. Could it be that is the problem—Blind leading the blind?

1 Cor 2:14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

Therefore, if you do not have the spirit of Christ abiding in you then you will not understand and cannot receive the truth but continue in worldly thought process which is the spirit of the anti-Christ. This is then the prevailing spirit of most main line denominational churches of today. They do not operate in the spirit of Christ but instead in their own spirit which has called God a liar because the word is called false and has been changed to suit their own worldly desires

Since you can only understand by the spirit of Christ and do not have the spirit of Christ abiding in you --you will not understand the words of the bible and cannot be called to follow Christ. So, you change the words of the bible and pretend they are only your interpretations.

2 Peter 1: *20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things.*

So, scriptures have been interpreted by men and have done great damage to the integrity of the bible because you cannot understand the bible because it has been polluted by church interpretation. The bible must interpret itself for it is in harmony and will somewhere in the scripture clarify itself with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Whole books have been left out or ignored as not relevant. Read only quality translations and not church teaching or paraphrase writings or books that do not use scriptures as evidence of truth.

Words have been written and they were meant to guide us into the truth which is Jesus the Christ and not to be changed by men to what they want it to say.

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