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A challenge for those in church pews today!

I just sent out an update on my website and in the middle of my writing I realized that what I have been saying for the last four years has been falling on deaf ears and am wondering where do I go from here? The United methodist church is in shambles because it has failed to believe the word of God. Although it is not only the Methodist church but is a widespread number of churches and denominations that have abandoned the word. It did not just happen suddenly it has been going on for a long time and the problem is not with the word but these Christian members that have refused to believe and have accepted what the world thinks. It is not the members only but the leadership which has twisted the words to fit their own belief, but the members are not blameless because they have the word to read for themselves.

Well, you may think I am a “crack pot” that has gone off my rocker, but I attest to you that my rocker is quite on track, and I wonder how many true Christians are in the pews of the churches of today. It certainly appears to me that the narrow path that leads to eternal life has few travelers today. There is little true belief in Jesus but only in church membership and worship of men. Unless yours is true belief in Jesus alone for your salvation and not in anything else then you are lost and need desperately to change direction. That is called repentance! I do not think I have heard that word in a long time. I think it has been outlawed in the modern churches.

All this is to say that the enemy has won a lot of ground in the last few years. So much so that I do not know if it is recoverable. That is the “apostate church” coming into being because we have left the word. You cannot leave the word. It is the only true track we can follow. But when the word is distorted and whole books are left out and churches say they do not believe this or that –then it is not the word but is man's word.

I know that it is written about the Apostate church, and it cannot be changed but it is changeable for individuals who will leave these dead churches and devour the word with all their hearts. You cannot read the word occasionally and expect to

understand. You will never hear enough of the word from the preacher in the pulpit because most only preach for about 15 to 20 minutes, and can you believe what they say—check it out for yourselves?

Understanding how to read the word

When we read with superficial understanding, we are subject to making major errors in the truth of the scriptures.

Point number one

One such error is to believe that the meaning of believing in Jesus is to believe that He came and actual died on the cross but have not understood that we are sinners and have no other way to be reconciled to God and be able to come into His presence. This believing must come to the point that you surrender your will to him and humbly repent and then trust in him **only** for your reconciliation to God the Father. This belief means laying aside all your works and keeping the law as a way of salvation. If then you genuinely believe in your heart with humility and know you cannot save yourselves then He can send the Holy Spirit to abide in your heart. This is being born again or born from above. Only then can it be defined as believing in Jesus which means He is in your heart as the Holy Spirit.

There are many things that get in the way of surrendering in humility. We still have that pride that I can do it myself –that is we think we can be or am righteous in ourselves. That is quite evident with the many that still think they are under the law of the Old Testament. They do not understand that the law of the Old Testament was made obsolete when the New Testament came into being at the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus for the requirements of the law were met and we were freed from the law but now live by the spirit of Christ Jesus that now lives in our heart. “He said it is finished.” I have written much on this but still I do not think very many understand and still think they can reach God by the law of the Old Testament. This law includes the “Ten Commandments” and all the Jewish laws. That is pride in ourselves, and we have not humbled ourselves to surrender to Christ alone for our salvation.

I am in complete freedom in Christ Jesus and am not required to keep the letter of the law but the spirit of the Law which I received by Jesus' word and His spirit. If you think you are saved by the law, then you are still in bondage to the law and do

not have freedom in Christ. I have written a writing "To those that really want to understand" which explains it all with scriptures to support this clear position. You can find it on my website howardscorner.org.

Point number two

The second error that is keeping many potential believers from finding true belief and attaining true salvation is that of church membership and denominational teachings. We have been trapped in church teaching that is often either in complete error or is not a complete understanding of the bible. The word has either been watered down or the word has been changed by men and not the original word of God. If we do not believe the word which is the word of God or if you will understand is the word of Jesus. When you or the church say I do not believe this or that then it is not the word of God. When you leave out a lot of the bible because you do not understand what it means then you do not have the word of God but instead a partial word which is no word at all but man's desire to create the word he wants. The word of God endures forever, and it is not the doctored words of men.

Many of the churches of today are purely religious ceremonies without any understanding of the true word of God. There is no power of the Holy Spirit present. That power has been denied by church leaders who themselves have been deceived. Once that deception happens to leaders then the next generation of teachers and preachers and bishops carry on this deception and the congregations are hopelessly lost if their trust is in this false leadership. I warn you –do not trust in church leadership without reading and studying for yourself.

This is mostly the mainline denominations which have been controlled by large church organizations and the local churches have no control over the perversions of their leaders. You will not be able to change these churches because they are too large, and their doctrines have been cemented in place and there is no room for discussions. You will burn yourself out for Satan has gained control and they will not look for any change. It will become apparent you cannot win. Many have placed their whole belief for their salvation on their church membership and therefore think they must stay in these dead churches for their salvation to be accomplished. Maybe you have never been saved –born again-- and are part of the problem. How sad!!! Get out while you can before you become dead like they are. Or repent and

trust in Jesus alone for your salvation and lay aside all this dead churchism. A prime example today is the implosion of the Methodist church which is coming apart at the seams because it has left the word of God and invented its own word and is reaping the whirlwind. They are not alone for judgement is starting in other churches also. I think Peters writing is true today "for the judgement will start with the church."

Do not be caught in this judgement but make sure your salvation is on the solid ground of salvation in Christ alone. You must make this decision personally and the church organization cannot do it for you. You cannot mail in this vote it must be delivered personally and your credential will be checked at the door.

I will conclude for tonight, but I have other points to make but have found that after about 3 pages it is time to end. I will write more in my next writing.

A believer in Gods written word and not man's version. With Love for all that are seeking the truth and hope for all that are searching.

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