

Howards Corner

Where Do we go from here?

I have been writing to those that will listen for 5 years, but I feel I have wasted my time because instead of adding new readers that hear and understand and if you do understand you have not witnessed to your friends. I have been accepting cancellations from readers who have chosen to close their ears and say to me “I don’t want to hear anymore”. They have been deceived by false teachings of some of today's Churches and are lost in a religion without the understanding of the bible which can only be interpreted by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Because it has failed to base its actions and beliefs on the written word but have accumulated a selection of man’s ideas and have adopted those ideas and have apparently said I do not care what the bible says, “I am going to do it my way”.

When you are on a journey and have a map to where you are going but during the journey you decide to lay that map aside and see a road that looks better and take off after that other road. The map is laid aside and you have become your own pilot. You do not then have anything to depend on but are substituting your own ideas for the map that has been given to you. You have become like a leaf blowing in the wind not knowing where you will land, and you don’t know where to go because the wind has shifted again and there is no certainty in anything you do.

You have thrown away the bible and have decided to twist the words the way you want to, because you have decided that you do not like what God has said and think you know better. You bring in those hired hands that will preach it the way you want it preached. Sin is still sin and hell is still real and there are false teachers that like to twist the word—Satan is still a deceiver and without the map of the bible and the Holy Spirit to interpret for you --you have no reference point to stand on.

2 Timothy: 4:2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

So, many church organizations have chosen to place in their pulpits and bishop's office those who do what they want without the council of the word and the spirit of the lord. The bible is a spiritual book and cannot be interpreted by the human mind but only be interpreted by the spirit of the Lord. The human mind is a depraved thing and without the new spirit of the Lord cannot be trusted. I see very few in these church organizations that have been "born from above" but with human thinking have usurped the position of preacher and bishop by their own will.

Well, you may think this man is an outsider come to criticize the churches of today but what I say is based on many years of firsthand observation of the teachings and lack of teaching. I have been here observing and teaching for many years. The world is changing before your eyes, and I do not see the fight to correct the many wrongs going on. You have placed your trust in men/women that are worldly and without spiritual eyes. Your only weapon is the word of God which you have thrown into the trash can and written you own words without any authority to do so.

I have pulled up my chair and am and have been speaking to you for a long time, but I find deaf ears –those itching ears that want all to accept without question your rewritten word. But I tell you that you are a leaf blowing in the wind with no root of truth to guide you. Well, I have been speaking but have few if any that listen. You are in love with church denominations—but church denominations are not the call but instead it is to be disciples of Christ Jesus and to spread the word to all that will hear—but how can you spread the good news when you want the good news to be defined by your works as defined by you.

The social gospel is false and has been spread by the enemy to be a substitute gospel. So, your false gospel is based on works that look righteous but have no saving power but makes you appear to be righteous, so you look good but have no substance. You have no power to save the lost. Those that are being saved in this world are only saved by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus and not by your works. We are all sinners by our nature and only the power of the work of Jesus on the cross through faith can bring about salvation. Only the preaching of the word of truth can bring about conviction of our sins and once conviction comes to our hearts can it then bring about repentance which then makes it possible to be accepted into the kingdom of God. A humble heart is required to accept the

message of repentance and then if sincere you will receive the power of the Holy Spirit which will provide your redemption—a new heart—a new creation—not a remake of your heart but a new one. Without this new heart you cannot enter the kingdom of God.

The Lord Jesus defines this journey as a narrow path—a narrow gate. It is not a path that we can decide for ourselves, but we are led to walk that narrow path, not by our own righteousness or our good deeds but by the grace of the Lord and He requires our humility and surrender to Him so that our salvation is not by our own hand but by faith that He is able to save to the utmost.

This is so foreign to man's way of thinking that so many have said that it is too simple and that I am going to have to do it myself, so we fret and toil to do those works that we think will make us worthy enough to get through that narrow gate but do not understand that we are on the broad road that leads to destruction. But the more we try the more it becomes obvious that we have not become worthy but find our righteousness to agree with the Lord—all our righteousness is as filthy rags before the Lord.

Galatians 5:1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

2 Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. 3 Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. 4 You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. 5 For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

So, the reference to circumcision in the above scripture is a reference to the keeping of the Jewish law from which we have been set free if we have received Jesus Christ as our savior—redeemer—the only way provided for salvation—the only path to eternal life. You have been set free from the law of sin and death. That is why the gospel of Jesus Christ is defined as “good news”. Paul calls it the yoke of slavery. The question is are you still in the yoke of slavery or have you been set free by the work of Jesus the Christ. You are not under the law of Moses but have been set free by the shed blood of Jesus on the cross.

If you are a gentile, then you have never been under the law and have entered the kingdom of God by faith in Christ Jesus alone. You have never been saved by your works but by the grace that is available through trusting Jesus alone to bring you into the kingdom. When you have humbled yourself and understand you cannot work your way to heaven and surrendered your life to Jesus then you will receive the Holy Spirit into your heart which will then produce the fruit of the Spirit which is the assurance of your salvation and then and only then will “good works” flow in your life.

A misunderstanding of scripture

Matt 25:31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

This continues through verse 46 and explains good works being rewarded but it does not mention faith or believing with grace but is good works by people on earth after the Lord Jesus has returned to set up His kingdom on earth and these people that are left are not the church which has been redeemed by faith in Jesus alone through grace freely given. The church has already been raptured and has come back with Jesus to the earth and will be a part of the 1000-year reign of Christ. These people are still in their natural body and will occupy the Kingdom of God on this earth for the Millennium.

Those that have been raptured are the “Bride of Christ” which you call the Church, but the organization church is not necessarily the bride of Christ. Many in these organization church have never been born again but have taken on the label Christian by their own works and ignorance of the word of God. Those that are the true “Bride of Christ” are the first fruits of the Kingdom and will rule and reign with Christ on earth.

Your choice is to accept the good news of the gospel and humbly acknowledge that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God and the only way of redemption is in the work of Jesus on the cross by His shed blood by faith and not trust your works for salvation which is pride in yourself. Follow the word of God and not your wisdom and understanding.

With true love I offer these words. I am praying that you will sincerely search the scriptures for the truth of the gospel.

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