Howards Corner

Many are called but few are chosen – (Transparency of Church 11)

There are many that call themselves Christian but are they really?
Math 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

My observation is that many church pews are filled with people that observe the rituals of the church service but who are really Christian? ---and who are there with false colors and are not believers? ---and who are there that have been called but have not been chosen ?--and who are there that have been chosen? And who are those that are not there any longer but are true believers and have left church organizations because of false teaching or spiritual deadness in their previous churches?

There are many in the world who have labeled themselves as Christians but are not actively involved in the kingdom work or active in any evident way but have some vague belief that Jesus did live but are not his and there are whole churches and denominations that have labeled themselves as Christ followers but have corrupt doctrines and even have many members but are not in Christ Jesus.

These are questions that need to be asked by the church pastors/teachers/church body and by the people themselves and by the world that does not understand the true gospel of Jesus Christ and accept anyone that labels themselves as Christian. That is another group that must be addressed by we that are true believers for there are whole denominations that have false doctrines but are labeled Christian by the world.

We that are the pastors/teachers/church body may not know what all these people are, but we need to be aware that there are many different people that attend churches and our message needs to address the message of the gospel accordingly so that there is no doubt in the mind of all that are there about the truth of the gospel and we are to portray this message to the world also –**Go and make disciples of all the nations.**

If the gospel message is correctly preached and taught, then the power of the gospel preached with the truth will touch their hearts and each will understand which category they fit. If we try to pull the punches so no one is offended, we then are allowing each one to leave there without being changed and those that are not true believers may be led to believe they are saved and think they are Christians and then not be challenged to seek the truth. So,

once you compromise the gospel message you may never have another chance to reach that person.

There is power in the message of the gospel when preached or taught when it is preached with the power of the Holy Spirit to reach to the heart and pierce to the depth of man's spirit and bring about the spirit of conviction and if responded to with humility it leads to repentance and if sincere repentance and confession of the heart that is acceptable to the Lord for only He can read the heart of a person. Once a sincere repentance is confessed, then if the Lord agrees that the heart is sincere, He will send the Holy Spirit into that person. The Holy Spirit then takes residence with that person, and He will abide with Him forever. That is what being born again is.

So, if the Holy Spirit has not been received, that person is not by definition a follower of Christ Jesus and is not a Christian. Although many have based the label Christian on church membership or living in a Christian nation. So therefore, many that are in Christian churches have never crossed over from being spiritually dead and therefore have never been given new Life in Christ. All the promises made to those that are in Christ are not applicable to them, and they are not Saved. They may have been Called but the cares of this world have turned them away from the truth.

Matt: 13:20 The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away. 22 And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

So, these are called by the word but have not stayed the course and though called have not been chosen and therefore are not true believers. The true believers will hear the word and believe the word and take it into their hearts and receive the Holy Spirit so that they may be followers of Christ Jesus even when the things of this world and persecutions come and others call you fanatic and disown you and families and friends turn away from you. The Holy Spirit is there to teach and strengthen you to withstand the opposition and the world's message. Satan is there to try to deceive you and through doubt in your mind and his many attacks for he must destroy all that belong to Christ Jesus.

So, the churches of today are full of worldly minded people that are not true believer but somewhere they had called themselves Christian because they had joined a church and had been there for many years and therefore believed they are saved but had been deceived by

false preachers/churches. Are you the teachers and preachers and denominations that have only superficially delivered a message of salvation which is false? Have you been called but have not been chosen and therefore have been living a false life. Only the true believer will inherit the Kingdom of God.

Therefore there are many different people in this world and many different religions and beliefs and many different philosophies that are believed and many may sound true but there is only one truth and that is Jesus the Christ who came from God with the good news of salvation from our fallen nature and from the Judgement to come to the unredeemed.

He paid the price for our redemption with His blood shed on the cross and by His shed blood He has imputed His righteousness to those that believe by faith and therefore received that gift of the promised Holy Spirit.

Eph:[13] In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, [14] who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

This is another of my writings to the churches of today which I have called "Transparency of Churches" so that you may understand the true doctrine of the church which is the body of Christ redeemed from the world.

Abide in the truth.

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