



REASONING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Private Time With God

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men? For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not mere men? (1 Co 3:1-4 NASU)

It is a crying shame that even today nearly 2000 years later and the Church (Body of Believers) have still not receive this basic truth of scripture. Sects within Christendom was and is still unacceptable in the sight of God.

According to the above scripture we are suppose to be more than mere men, we are to be Super men and women of God. Now that is not above and beyond to the point of looking down on others, but above and beyond in our spiritual man. Remember we are a Particular People, and that is because of our New Nature in Christ. As God through the Holy Spirit by way of the Apostle Paul has explained, there is no sense in sectioning yourselves off from each other. "I am of Paul, and I am of Apollos".

Well today we have a nice little name for this same sort of spiritual retardation, yes its called denominations. Today we are Baptist, Catholics, Evangelicals, Born-again, Apostolic, and the list can go on and on.

Now the sad thing about this is that each one of these claims to be a Christian, which is supposed to be A Follower of Christ.

Is Christ divided? I think Not! And as stated in the verses above, there is Jealousy and Strife within each of these little groups. And the scriptures say that is a clear sign of spiritual immaturity, a clear sign that those that should be Mature are still Babes in Christ. It makes you wonder just how folks like this will ever get to continue on with the Great Commission:

" Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Mt 28:19-20 NASU)

Tell me, how can one share the Gospel If they themselves are not living the Gospel, how can one Baptize in the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit; when that in and of itself is the seat of the problematic cause for the division within the Body of Christ. And ask yourself Why is that such a divisive issue within the Body.

I know there are plenty that will still say this is a small issue, actually it is not, it is much bigger than one would believe. Furthermore, if the Body of Christ is not in one accord (like they were on the day of Pentecost - 120 plus in one room were in one accord) on this matter - how then can they "teach others to observe all that He has commanded us".

Brothers, Sisters I appeal to you to re-examine the state of affairs that this denominational thing is in, and be truthful to yourself, is it worth it? Just the other day someone I was talking with or rather heard me talking and they said, so you're a Christian, I said yeah, they then said "what kind" I said just Christian, they said "But you know, Baptist, Catholic, Born-again...) They just would not accept just "Christian".

You know, personally I try not to ever watch most of these Tele-evangelist, (actually there is only two that I record and watch when time permits; and they are not considered Tele-evangelist, but proven Pastors: Dr. Charles Stanley and Joel Osteen) but once in a blue moon while scanning the channels I come across one and within the first five minutes my spirit is grieved because of what I'm hearing and seeing, hundreds and hundreds of people sitting in the pews listening to someone feed them on a regular basis false doctrine, the kind that keeps them in spiritual bondage. Countless number of people walking and professing Salvation based on teaching that is useless to their spiritual growth.

It is time to get back to the basics, if the Bible makes a clear distinction between a Mature Christian and an Immature Christian, or a Spiritual Man and a Mere Man, what are we to glean from this, are we to look at it and believe the nonsense about "who are you to Judge, you don't know a person's heart". Well let me say this, my Bible tells me to "Beware of False Prophets" (Teachers, Professors - or rather those that claim to be), it then goes on to tell me that I will know them by their Fruit (deeds in life, conduct, behavior, Teaching/Doctrine), as well as how to discern if a person's faith is genuine, "if it has not works..." "deeds of righteousness" than that person's faith is dead or rather Vain, or Empty.

In closing consider this for a moment,

***"if I am to lead
someone to Christ at
what point am I to
Judge if they are Saved
or Not, and by what
criteria must I use to
do that."***

Well, it is all laid out in scripture, but unless you get away from the "Denominational Blinders" it will be indistinguishable to you, simply because the things of God are Spiritual and they that would receive them must be spiritual not a mere man. Getting back to Basics is, "God Said It, I Believe It"; Not 'Well my Pastor said this or my Pastor said that'...Lets Get Back To Basics!