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**Reality Check**

Galatians 1:9-12 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. (10) For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. (11) But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. (12) For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. (KJV)

Given the fact that your entrance into the kingdom of God began with hearing the gospel of Christ, that is the same doctrine that you will need to hang onto and preach as well if you desire to gain permanent access to your eternal inheritance. The gospel and the doctrine changes when man tries to appease people more than God. You will find that you can please man or you can please God; yeah, the catch is that you just can’t do both at the same time people.

Luke 16:13-15 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. (14) And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. (15) And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. (KJV)

A lot of false doctrines are a result of people preaching for the wrong motives, and as we see above that nasty word ‘covetous’ arises from the pit. Many a doctrine has been tweaked and changed ever so slightly making it appear that our Lord is so concerned with finances and giving, and nothing else is really that important. Actually, the truth be known, just the opposite is the mindset for those in Christ; where what man considers first priority is actually last on our Lord’s list, and what man should consider first is put on the back burner.

2 Peter 2:1-3 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. (2) And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. (3) And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. (KJV)

You know, the reality is folks that, to many of these so called ministries, you are nothing more than a number; which once they get you on their mailing list they would like to see you throw a number back their way in the form of a check. Really Church, because I can guarantee you that in God’s sight you are more than a number to Him, and you are not just considered some cheap piece of merchandise either. As we see, the way of truth is evil spoken of because they make it seem that our Lord has more of a love for your wallet than your soul.

2 Peter 2:18-20 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. (19) While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. (20) For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. (KJV)

Hey what happened to just preaching the Word, being instant and ready to always give our Lord’s answer? Wow, lots of big fabrications being thrown around by a bunch of people that out of one side of their mouth are promising liberty, while with the other side they are talking bondage again.

2 Peter 2:21-22 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. (22) But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire. (KJV)

Hey, you’re not going to let a pig or some puking dog into your house are you? Well, I can assure you that neither is our Lord.