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**Slice of Life**

2 Timothy 2:19-21 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. (20) But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. (21) If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. (KJV)

If any man be in Christ he is then considered a new creation by discarding old things and leaving them buried. Those that have not established a firm foundation in their life are considered workers of iniquity. I have found in my walk with the Lord many that considered themselves one of the Lord’s people; however, according to His word that was not the case at all. I then had a choice to try to please and chum around with these workers of iniquity or move on. I also found that evil communications with these people would eventually corrupt the good moral standing I have in Christ.

Luke 13:24-27 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. (25) When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: (26) Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. (27) But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. (KJV)

Remember the many that were called of God? Obviously they didn’t build their spiritual house on a firm foundation; rather they ended up falling for another version of the gospel. Oh, and you can see clearly that even though they claimed to be one of our Lord’s people and were working on His behalf, or so they thought, the end result was that they were turned away at the door to an eternity with our heavenly Father.

Luke 13:28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. (KJV)

The Bible tells us that the wages of sin is death; so in essence what the workers of iniquity end up with is a hell of a reward. Salvation is a free gift which can easily be exchanged for some knock off version if one is not watching always.

Psalms 28:3-5 Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts. (4) Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert. (5) Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up. (KJV)

It’s up to you to rightly divide to word of truth so that you don’t end up in a ditch with the rest of the spiritually blind people who profess to know God but in works deny Him.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? (15) And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? (16) And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (17) Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, (18) And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. (KJV)

The Bible encourages us to draw near to God and then He draws near to us. However, for that to take place you may need to leave some of the old influences behind you in order to be received by our Father in heaven. Maybe the only thing keeping you in a ditch with your wheels spinning are some of the people that you have been chumming with and following. Had you looked close enough you may have seen the bumper sticker on the back of the vehicle that you were following which said “caution blind driver ahead”.