

Great Concern for the Church

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Colossians 1:28-29 & 2:1-4

'Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: whereunto I also labor, striving according to his working, which works in me mightily. For I would that you knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mysteries of God and of the Father, and of Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:28-29

"Besides those things that are without, that which comes on me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is offended, and I burn not?

Colossians 4:12-13

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, salutes you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in **all the will** of God. For I bear him record, for he has a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Are we as a church, the body of Christ weak today? Yes, I see person after person who claims to be a Christian living day after day on the same spiritual level with Christ. If we have two consecutive days on the same spiritual level, same relationship level with Christ we are in a backslidden state and need to repent and get back on the right path.

And let the Holy Spirit direct our path. God's word tells us that we are to "seek His will in **all** we do and He will direct our path." Too often we only seek him when we are stuck, when we are in a crisis and need Him to bail us out. But if we would have sought him first we would not be in the crisis and would not need the bailing out.

What will happen to the weak?

Let's look at God's word and see what will happen to those who are weak and are not growing in the spiritual revelation of Jesus Christ.

Luke 6:46

"And why do you call me, Lord, and do not the things which I say? "

Matthew 7:21

"Not everyone that says to me, Lord, Lord will enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that **does the will of my Father** which is in heaven."

John 15:1-2

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that bears **not** fruit, he takes away: and every branch that bears fruit, he prunes it, that it may bring forth more fruit."

Revelation 3:15-16

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I would rather you were cold or hot. So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth.

WOW, why are you calling me Lord, if you don't do what my Father says, if you are not doing what He says you are not bearing fruit and if you are not bearing fruit he will cut you out of the tree of life. He sees the works we do but our works are in ourselves and not in him. We do not have the passion or zeal of a follower of Christ one who spends time in the presences of God we are lukewarm. We have a mind knowledge of Christ but not a heart knowledge and if we once had a heart knowledge we have given it away for the cares of the world.

He says he will vomit us up and out. WOW, I'm really concerned that He will need a huge puke bucket or buckets.

What do we need to do? Let's see what God's word says.

Acts 2:36-38

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God has made the same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said to them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Galatians 3:26-27

"For you are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Acts 2:20-21

"The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come; and it will come to pass, that whosoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Repent, be baptized and be filled with the Holy Ghost. Consecrate ourselves to God; consecrate all of our being to Him, our Soul, our Spirit and our Body so each of these aspects of our being can be held blameless.

How do we walk in this new consecration?

Colossians 2:6-8

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk you in him**: rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any many spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

1 Corinthians 11:1

"Be you followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."

2 Samuel 11:3-4

"And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, is not this Bath-Sheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? And David sent messagers, and took her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned to her house.

She had to be ceremonial cleansed for David to sleep with her because she was given to a man that was not an Israelite he was a heathen from another country where they, did not worship the one true God.

Let not this commitment in your heart be a mere ceremony that is meaningless as what David did but that it is a true consecration of Soul, Spirit and Body to Christ.

John 14:10

"The words I speak, I speak not of myself. The work that I do I do not of myself"

All He said and all He did and all He was, was the expression of God the Father.

Consecration and commitment to the will of God, and all righteousness

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ that YOUR whole SPIRIT and SOUL and BODY be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Below is a guide to help you walk this out in your life. Keep in mind that it is only a guide and not to be substituted for divine revelation from the Holy Spirit.

Real Purpose of Becoming a Christian

The real purpose of becoming a Christian is not to save ourselves from hell, or be saved to go to heaven. It is to become a child of God, with the character of Jesus Christ, to stand before men, pledged to the uttermost, “even to death”, by refusing to sin, refusing to bow your head in shame, preferring to die rather than dishonor the Son of God.

Successful Christian Life

1. To have the knowledge of the teaching of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whose words are the final authority, the bar where every question must be brought for final decision. The words of every other must be measured, and their value determined by their statements of Jesus Christ. “In him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” Colossians 2:9
2. To have consecration to do **ALL the will of God** as declared by the Lord Jesus.
3. To Recognize the Holy Spirit as revealer, guide, interpreter, teacher and empowerer. For without the presence of the Spirit of God in our hearts, our consecration would be valueless. We would not be able to live it and without knowledge of the teaching of Jesus, our consecration would not be intelligent.

Consecration Prayer

“My God and Father, In Jesus’ Name I come to you. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in SPIRIT, in SOUL, In BODY. Give me power to do right, if I have wronged any, to CONFESS, to REPENT, to RESTORE, no matter what it costs. Wash me in the BLOOD of Jesus that I may now become YOUR CHILD, and manifest YOU, in a perfect SPIRIT, a holy MIND, a SICKLESS BODY, to the glory of God. Amen.”