



The Lost In Church

It Is By Faith That It Might Be By Grace
"Called Out" - The New Testament Church
Lost in Church part 4

"It's Not finished until the task is done".

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If you have not done so please go back and read the first three parts of this four part series, as I will be building upon the foundation there already laid.

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It is now predawn, 4:10 am, the 14th of March in the year of Our Lord Jesus Christ MMVI. Blessed is the name of the Lord.

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. - Proverbs 3: 3-7

“In His Presence”.

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Let us begin.

Eastons Bible Dictionary defines “Church” as follows:

^{CHURCH} Derived probably from the Greek kuriakon (i.e., "the Lord's house"), which was used by ancient authors for the place of worship. In the New Testament it is the translation of the Greek word ecclesia, which is synonymous with the Hebrew _kahal_ of the Old Testament, both words meaning simply an assembly, the character of which can only be known from the connection in which the word is found. There is no clear instance of its being used for a place of meeting or of worship, although in post-apostolic times it early received this meaning. Nor is this word ever used to denote the inhabitants of a country united in the same profession, as when we say the "Church of England," the "Church of Scotland," etc. We find the word ecclesia used in the following senses in the New Testament: (1.) It is translated "assembly" in the ordinary classical sense (Acts 19:32, 39, 41). (2.) It denotes the whole body of the redeemed, all those whom the Father has given to Christ, the invisible catholic church (not the denomination) (Eph. 5:23, 25, 27, 29; Heb. 12:23). (3.) A few Christians associated together in observing the ordinances of the gospel are an ecclesia (Rom. 16:5; Col. 4:15). (4.) All the Christians in a particular city, whether they assembled together in one place or in several places for religious worship, were an ecclesia. Thus all the disciples in Antioch, forming several congregations, were one church (Acts 13:1); so also we read of the "church of God at Corinth" (1 Cor. 1:2), "the church at Jerusalem" (Acts 8:1), "the church of Ephesus" (Rev. 2:1), etc. (5.) The whole body of professing Christians throughout the world (1 Cor. 15:9; Gal. 1:13; Matt. 16:18) are the church of Christ. The church visible "consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion, together with their children." It

is called "visible" because its members are known and its assemblies are public. Here there is a mixture of "wheat and chaff," of saints and sinners. "God has commanded his people to organize themselves into distinct visible ecclesiastical communities, with constitutions, laws, and officers, badges, ordinances, and discipline, for the great purpose of giving visibility to his kingdom, of making known the gospel of that kingdom, and of gathering in all its elect subjects. Each one of these distinct organized communities which is faithful to the great King is an integral part of the visible church, and all together constitute the catholic (not the denomination) or universal visible church." A credible profession of the true religion constitutes a person a member of this church. This is "the kingdom of heaven," whose character and progress are set forth in the parables recorded in Matt. 13. The children of all who thus profess the true religion are members of the visible church along with their parents. Children are included in every covenant God ever made with man. They go along with their parents (Gen. 9:9-17; 12:1-3; 17:7; Ex. 20:5; Deut. 29:10-13). Peter, on the day of Pentecost, at the beginning of the New Testament dispensation, announces the same great principle. "The promise [just as to Abraham and his seed the promises were made] is unto you, and to your children" (Acts 2:38, 39). The children of believing parents are "holy", i.e., are "saints", a title which designates the members of the Christian church (1 Cor. 7:14). (See BAPTISM.) The church invisible "consists of the whole number of the elect that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one under Christ, the head thereof." This is a pure society, the church in which Christ dwells. It is the body of Christ. it is called "invisible" because the greater part of those who constitute it are already in heaven or are yet unborn, and also because its members still on earth cannot certainly be distinguished. The qualifications of membership in it are internal and are hidden. It is unseen except by Him who "searches the heart." "The Lord knoweth them that are his" (2 Tim. 2:19). The church to which the attributes, prerogatives, and promises appertaining to Christ's kingdom belong, is a spiritual body consisting of all true believers, i.e., the church invisible. (1.) Its unity. God has ever had only one church on earth. We sometimes speak of the Old Testament Church and of the New Testament church, but they are one and the same. The Old Testament church was not to be changed but enlarged (Isa. 49:13-23; 60:1-14). When the Jews are at length restored, they will not enter a new church, but will be grafted again

into "their own olive tree" (Rom. 11:18-24; comp. Eph. 2:11-22). The apostles did not set up a new organization. Under their ministry disciples were "added" to the "church" already existing (Acts 2:47). (2.) Its universality. It is the "catholic" church; not confined to any particular country or outward organization, but comprehending all believers throughout the whole world. (3.) Its perpetuity. It will continue through all ages to the end of the world. It can never be destroyed. It is an "everlasting kingdom."

American Tract Society defines "Catholic as follows":

This term is Greek, signifying universal or general. The church of Christ is called catholic, because it extends throughout the world, and during all time. In modern times the church of Rome has usurped this title, improperly applying it exclusively to itself.

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Pretty accurate. The only things that I might add is that Jesus Christ is the head of the Church...

For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing. - Ephesians 5:23-24

Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body *is* of Christ. Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. - Colossians 2:17-19

and that...

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If you have not done so please read the entire contents of the message study "Upon This Rock" and the "Apostle's Creed" located

in the archive section one of our web site. It is an important part of the overall “picture” so to speak that the Lord Jesus Christ wishes you to see. Also the “Second Stone” given to me by God, “Landmarkism” located there as well.

My apologies for not using the Easton definition sooner for your understanding; as in the previous message studies as will all; I rely totally upon Him and His guidance, to dictate subject, to lead.. The lack of addition of the above definition was a mere oversight. Forgive me.

“In His Presence”.

Let us now continue.

Just as my Lord had me lay the foundation in the three parts of this study that one can profess Christ and still not be Christian, can err from the truth and from the faith; and not be saved. So to can the Church or local assembly through false doctrine depart “from the faith”. And cease to be “A New Testament Church”. As an assembly. As in the case of the Body of All believers, those embracing false doctrine are then removed. No longer justified by faith. The faith. An example would be the Galatians of Galatians Chapter 5, who through embracing false doctrine had fallen from Grace. No longer justified “By Faith” in the “Eyes of God” nor under the precious Blood of Christ. Yet millions of you out there still struggle with this and cannot grasp TRUTH.

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“Just because it has a Cross on the Steeple does not make it a New Testament Church”. Nor the people inside a part of the Body of Christ.

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As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I

grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. - Revelation 3:19-22

Now grasp this truth as like you have never grasped truth before beloved:

“It is of FAITH: THAT IT MIGHT BE BY GRACE”.

A LORD STANDING OUTSIDE KNOCKING ON THE DOOR TO GET IN IS NO LONGER THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH. AND IT CEASES TO BE A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH FOR OUR LORD IS OUTSIDE.

Lay hold to this truth.

IF IT BE A LOCAL ASSEMBLY OR OF THE ENTIRE CHURCH.

Those of you that have studied the Word to any depth are aware of the significance of the seven churches of Revelation and how they have “mirrored” the entire Church down through the Church age. The “prophetic thread”.

We are at the End of an Age. And Our Lord Knocks.

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A CHURCH THAT EMBRACES FALSE DOCTRINE AS MILLIONS OF YOU SO DO, AND HAVE ERRED FROM THE FAITH AND MADE YOUR FAITH SHIPWRECK: ARE IN NEED OF TRUE REPENTANCE AND ARE NOT “SAVED”.

Do not be deceived any longer.

Do not follow the lead of those such as Greg Albrecht that hides behind the Cross of Christ. And if you do not follow particular him, through the vanity of your mind follow much the same path.

A Church that emphasizes Grace to the Point that it has lost sight of "Faith" altogether is not a Church at all. "Saving Faith". "The Faith".

"The Truth".

I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. - Revelation 3:15-18

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"Saving Grace".

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Perhaps it was not so that they felt it was not worth the effort, but that it was "Not yet the season".

For revival. For the awakening of...

"The Lost In Church".

But I do...in fact beloved: I know you are. Worth it.

“Saving Grace”.

“Seasons Change”.

The beginning of the restoration of ALL things.

Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because *there was* no shepherd. Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle. Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.

And they shall be as mighty *men*, which tread down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD *is* with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded. And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I *am* the LORD their God, and will hear them.—Zechariah 10:1-6

“The Season”.

Who then too will pray for rain? And..

“Saving Grace”.

Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth

evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. - The “**Gospel**” According to Matthew 7:14-23

And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great. - The “**Gospel**” According to Luke 6:46-49

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. - The “**Gospel**” According to Matthew 7:24-27

And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I

know thy works, that **thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.** Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; **and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life,** but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. - Revelation 3:1-5

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No Doubt About It.

“And the Greatest is Love”.

“Who then will cry out Lord Save Us! Who then will cry out Restore!

“Who then beloved...too... will pray for rain”?

“The Phoenix”