

That we might be justified by the faith of Christ

It's exceedingly greater than I can express how God's word speaks so wonderfully and beautifully the things God would show to all of mankind. It's unfortunate how mankind wants only to hear those things that are peaceful and lovely as if they are entitled. And there are professing Christians who only hear the terrible things of God's word; His judgments and wrath and the darkness of this world; as if those things in themselves are the evidence of the true gospel and eternal life (John 5:39).

Things which are peaceful and lovely should be greatly desired; and the terrible things of God's word should not be left out; but I find as sinners we are not always of the mindset that is peaceful and lovely; and I believe God's people in their behavior will confess this truth. But this will not be so for the self-righteous and the ambitious, who speak and act according to convenience, according to ones own understanding (Romans 2:15).

I believe the scripture shows the child of God is ever desirous of God's peace and love every minute of every hour of every day (Psalm 51). But they also know that of themselves these things don't exist, at least not unto the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, which is the only faith that really matters to them! Their prayers, and supplication with thanksgiving arise from the understanding God would give them, and they see and hear His spiritual truth as they remain in ALL OF GODS WORD daily. Unfortunately, today, many a professing Christian, are not of this mindset as described throughout the bible (Psalm 119:11, 81).

The world has a term called 'ideological extremism' which the bible also refers to but in different terms (2 Thes 2:11-12). The world's definition of ideological extremism is the inability of mankind in themselves to change a particular course regardless of what the evidence shows about that course. This would include the professing Christian who are an integral part of mankind who, like the Israelites of old, have been given the word of God. One way or the other all mankind are being shown the word of God, whether by the written word, or by the creation that speaks in every language (Psalm 19; Matt 13).

By virtue of the fact all of mankind have been created by one God who alone is true, and trustworthy, all of mankind know what they see and hear in this world with respect to themselves and of their neighbor; for God is not a liar who shows it to them, and who writes His law on their hearts (Romans 2:15). But not all of mankind will settle on God's truth as 'their truth'.

This, Ideological extremism, [intellectualism], as it is defined by the world, manifests a point at which many no longer find the ability to reason according to observable verification of established truths, which in earlier times many had seen and understood. But that was God's faithfulness not man's. For most of mankind at any time in history, God's truth is not convenient. God's holy word presents an inconvenience that flies in the face of an individuals pleasure in their

pride and ambition which before God is unrighteousness. And the day is here now when the world as a whole is consumed by this pride and ambition, as God may be preparing the world for it's last twenty-four-hour-day:

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

This delusion must include the works of many a professing Christian who are in denial of the evidence God's word would show them; that their faith is according to their own pleasure in place of the word of God. That only God's word the bible can prove or disprove all things, not the wisdom of the world, which unfortunately includes today's professing Christian (1 Co 2:13; 1 Thes 5:21).

It's as it was in Noah's day that had earlier begun with Seth and Enos, when men first began to call upon the name of the Lord, to Lot's day, that had begun with Abraham, to Israel's day from Jacob and the 69 souls, for Joseph was already in Egypt, to Jesus' day, in the year of our Lord, as it is today – in the day - from when Adam sinned.

Progressively, ideological extremism, can be understood as the rapidly growing inability of mankind to separate oneself from one's own understanding. But this is God's judgment not blessing! And it is a judgment that is exhibited through every religion, which in action demonstrates to be the opposite of what its members claim, [hypocrisy]. For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). God's word alone is true and trustworthy, (Pr 3:5-7).

Mankind's faith and belief inevitably shows not to be of the Faith of Jesus Christ, and is therefore untrustworthy, and is a lie. All of mankind's religion is according to the corrupt minds of men. Who refuse to see how, in themselves, they have no choice but to go the way of death, while always endeavoring to prove, according to their own understanding, how it is not so, [strong delusion]. But God's people will not be overcome by this spiritual darkness that is so prevalent today.

This spiritual condition of darkness since the fall of Adam makes much of mankind, 'prisoners of unrighteousness', (Romans 1:18). Only the Lord Jesus Christ is able to free us from all of our sins, according to all of scripture (Hebrews 4:7).

But most will not come to God on God's terms, according to God's word and longsuffering. Thus the world looks the way it does! Be that as it may, the fact that, in themselves, many will not possess the ability to come on God's terms, this shall not serve as an excuse before God on that last twenty-four-hour-day. And it won't matter whether that day is when one enters the grave, or the Lord returns on the clouds of glory, but whichever happens first. For spiritually, eternally, there is no difference between the two, as far as the outcome (John 6:36-37).

A few more verses come to mind this morning.

**Flee the things of this world
Lay hold of eternal life:**

1 Timothy 6:5-6, 11 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. 6 ¶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ... 11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

But by the faith of Jesus Christ:

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

This is the work of God:

John 6:28-29 ¶ Then said they unto him, what shall we do, that we might work the works of God? 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

**It is the eyes of the LORD
that sees and hears all things:**

Psalms 34:15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

1 Peter 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

**If we are truly His we feed on His word
in the same way we eat our physical food:**

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**On this earth there is a relationship
between the sinner and the Creator
according to the scriptures or there is not:**

If we are not feeding on the word of God as we eat our earthly food we may not starve physically, or intellectually, and, in our lives and according to our works, we may experience many an ambition come to fruition, blessings which God gives even to the unbelieving world, yet, all along we are starving spiritually and morally, eternally, manifesting an unrighteousness which we refuse to see, until its too late, and we are gone, never to see the light of day ever again for all eternity, even though we had been warned many times when we were here.

God declares a certain day saying, in David. Why is He saying, in David:

Hebrews 4:7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.