

The law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus

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Part I

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In the New Testament of the Bible, God announces His deliverance of a Pharisee who's name was Saul of Tarsus. By the mercy and grace of God, Saul would be born again in Christ, and would become known as the Apostle Paul. Following Paul's transformation, Paul's 'doctrine of Christ' to his brethren, *[the Pharisees who had become one with the Roman government]*, would be rejected and considered religiously incorrect (Acts 25:24; 26:24).

Today, as in Paul's day, the scripture reveals how the ideology of being religiously-correct is no different from the practice of political-correctness. Further, both, intellectualism, and spiritualism, can describe the same person, whether they be good or evil. Both strive to show what they say by what they do. Both are known for showing what they do by what they say (Ro 3:23). What's noteworthy is how many in early Christendom did not believe 'James' should be included in the Holy Bible. What's so threatening about the book of James? In James 2:17-18 the Lord declared:

James 2:17-18 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

When James 2:17-18 is compared with Galatians 2:16, the Lord proves how 'the works of the law', that justify mankind, is by the faithfulness of Christ in mankind, according to the scriptures, not according to the ideology of mankind:

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.

No doubt, in Paul's day, the politician presented himself as a servant of the people according to the laws of the land. Today, in America, her laws were first received from the Holy Bible. However, in both cases, *[Paul's day in Rome, and today in America]*, history shows how it is no secret to the people that politicians in general don't do what they promise. And how over time their lies serve to erode and discredit the spiritual laws meant to protect what the people hear. So that by the time Jesus came on the scene in Jerusalem, which had been under Roman control; virtually no one in the market place knew the true gospel, with the exception of a remnant Christ would gather to Himself (Mt 4:19; 8:22).

Likewise, in Noah's day, (Mt 24:38; 1Pe 3:19-21), from the teachings of Seth, and Enos, when men began to call upon the name of the Lord, (Ge 4:26); we can know, that prior to the flood, their would have been teachers declaring themselves to be spiritual servants of God. Yet, there were only eight souls saved by water (1Pe 3:20). Eight points to God's atonement for 'all' His elect in Christ. So, as in Noah's day, 'today', it is no secret to the people, 'both good and evil', that what the spiritual leaders say and do, more and more, becomes less and less true to God's word, that is written on the hearts of all of mankind. In God's infinite mercy, today's Christian Bible shows how the Lord has not kept this a secret:

Romans 3:4 ... yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, ...

I find the political front [*ei., violence*] taking place in Washington D.C. and throughout America, is not a different spiritual condition from what is taking place in America's Christian church's, and the spiritual famine around the world, even since the days of the Apostle Paul, from Amos:

Amos 8:11 ¶ Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:

For ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter:

Further, it seems to me: if how Washington D.C. conducts itself politically is not seen as coming from the spiritual condition that exists in the nations Christian congregations; then how the believers fellowship conducts itself, in those congregations, with respect to the Bible, may show a nation that has spiritually forgotten God – while the outside of the cup looks very good. Perhaps a flattering ideology will utter: “but we’re not a church!” In other words: “we’re different than everyone else”. But this is why the Baptists remain Baptists, and the Methodists remain Methodists! According to the scripture: if we are not of the invisible church of Christ, then we must be of the visible church of the anti-christ, as in the days of Saul of Tarsus and the Jewish temple. By the grace of God Saul of Tarsus became the Apostle Paul.

In Paul's day, those in political office, [*Herod, Pilot, Felix*], were just as spiritual as those who attended the Jewish fellowships, [*ei., the Jews who harassed and sought to kill the Apostle Paul*]. In one sense, all have the spirit of God in them, until they return to the dust, no longer having the breath of life, [*See: The law of the Spirit of Life ... Part 2*]. The Lord declares:

Ecclesiastes 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Whether this one, or that one, including oneself, is a good spirit, [*in Christ*], or an evil spirit, [*unsaved*]; surely the child of God is always mindful of this question in fervent prayer. Additionally, the Lord instructs His faithful:

1 John 4:1 ¶ Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Discussions about Christian apostasy, and unqualified pastors, is not different from discussions about political corruption by those seeking the least corrupt leadership. All are souls with God's spirit and God's law written on their hearts. One is a Politician one is a Pastor [*professing believer*]. In the flesh both are sinners under God's sovereign will and good pleasure. In some cases both are seeking the one true God and Savior Jesus Christ, according to the scriptures. Moreover, if the early days of the Apostle Paul and Peter were carefully examined: neither would look to have been of God's elect, according to the way the Jewish temple, and today's fellowships measure godliness [*the outside of the cup*]. Yet, all are doing precisely according to God's will and good pleasure, whether it be for their good or for their hurt [*the wheat and the tare*]. Additionally, the Bible reveals; God is not a respecter of persons:

James 2:1 ¶ My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

The scribe and the Pharisee of Paul's day held the position of politician, and pastor, [*Rabbi*]. Like the scribe and the Pharisee, today's lawyers and politicians outwardly wear the uniform of a Lamb, [*sheep*]. They are tutored by the best education systems of the day, so that they appear to the people to be qualified and true; while inwardly many are ravening wolves. Those who daily meditate upon all of God's word see those who show themselves incapable of impartiality. How without mercy, the scribe, [*today's media*], and the Pharisee, [*those working to look and sound perfect*], are those who practice a craft that causes envy, and strife, and confusion, that the simple might fall into every evil work (Js 3:16):

Because individuals, and the fellowships they make up, are created according to God's gospel design; none are totally ignorant of the existence of the one true God, and the trials God places all mankind in. In Romans 1:18-20, the Lord declares:

Romans 1:18-20 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 ¶ Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

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Except the professing believer willingly practices chronic laziness, [*disobedience against the law of God*]: the diligent, [*obedient*], are not enslaved to looking at the outside of the cup; like the sluggard who believes every word they hear, and every image they see (Ge 3:6).

Proverbs 14:15 ¶ The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going.

If the professing believer is to be their brothers keeper, part of that occupying involves sincere biblical discussions about earthly matters, without which the US Constitution never would have been written by the servants of God; that a people might know, not only the physical, but the spiritual peace of the Lord Jesus Christ. But eloquent words, and the fair show, that comes from the outside of the cup, has brought the best of nations to ruin; as the Apostle Paul would learn all too well; yet, with great comfort:

Romans 8:1-2 ¶ There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

To the willingly ignorant and disobedient the Lord declares:

Matthew 23:25-16 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. 26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

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