

## Cinco de Mayo – May 5, 2021

**Celebrates Battle of Puebla (1862 vs France),** not Independence Day.

We like Cinco de Mayo – it's fun. There's a party. It's social. No meaning.

You have a good meal, get together with others, and then move on.

Some approach Christianity the same way. Go thru motions. **Social, not soul.**

**Food for Thought:** as a Christian, soul feeding should change us. Mature.

- **Eph. 4:21-24** - “Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your **former way of life**, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. 24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.”
  - Is your way of life different than before?
  - What is “former” in your life? What sinful **nature is changed?**
  - Do you allow the Spirit to speak to you?
- **1 John 1:5-6** – “God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.”
  - Light is good & true; dark is wrong & false. To have fellowship w/ Jesus & walk w/ Him, we **can't live 2 different lives.**
  - Can't continue doing what we know is wrong.
- **Eph. 5:8-10** – “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness & truth), and find out what pleases the Lord.”
  - Is your life pleasing the Lord? Know what pleases Him?
  - Living life of love/hate? Serving who? (**Ex:** Cmas giving-joy)

If the Bible doesn't effect us (mature/change) ... then it's like Cinco de Mayo – one day that doesn't mean anything.

**James 1:22** – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” (KJV)

**NLT – James 1:22-25** – “But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. 23 For if you listen to the word and don’t obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. 24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. 25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don’t forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

- **Don’t let it go in one ear & out the other.**

- **Duet 28** - the blessings of God that come on our lives when we obey His teachings & live life His way:
- 3 You will be blessed in the city & blessed in the country.
- 4 ...fruit of your womb will be blessed, & crops of your land ...
- 6 You’ll be blessed when U come in & blessed when U go out.
- 7 ...enemies who rise up against you will be defeated...
- 8 God will bless your barns & everything you put your hand to.
- 12 You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none.
- 13 The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. . . you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.
  - You can’t do it your way and expect God to bless you.

Christian walk is a journey. Not 1 day. It’s being led by God and prepared for the future. It’s constantly moving forward. It’s learning lessons & maturing.

If you’re standing still, you haven’t learned the lesson you need.

Right now – what is God trying to teach you?

God has great things for each of us. We’re His tools. His arms...

**Seek out soul food for a purpose. Then pour yourself out...**

**Song of the week – “Like Perfume to your Feet” by Erin O’Neill**