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## Spiritual Blindness

What is the church's No. 1 priority, that it doesn't even see? And, how can it be that they don't know what it is? Because they are not looking at the subject spiritually, and don't realize what a devastating effect it has had on their testimony, personally, and the church, collectively!

First of all, since there are two opposing interpretations of a major biblical doctrine: the gospel, at least one of them has to be wrong--or scripturally untrue! Furthermore, the erroneous version was not spiritually learned, or concluded, because (1) the intended meanings of God's word are clearly revealed, and able to be "rightly divided" (discerned), and (2) a wrong interpretation can only be a product of the natural, unspiritual mind of a Christian, and to whatever extent possible, the devil!

Now, for this counterfeit gospel to be believed, and maintained, now for at least several centuries, essentially intact, and unchanged, means that the spiritual faculty of the majority of the church has become diminished, and ineffective!

Therefore, the failed responsibility of believers to learn about the two competing natures of a Christian, (1) the old, fleshly nature, and (2) the new, spiritual nature, and the continual conflict between them is the root cause of the gospel corruption!

Romans, Chapter 6-8, explains the problem of the old nature in the Christian's life, in conflict with his new nature. The latter is the spiritual principle of life that the Lord implants in us when we become Christians. But, the old, unspiritual nature is not removed from us, and so the two natures contend against each other for supremacy, or control of our lives.

A Christian must continually deal with this conflict, and yield to God through His word in order to be spiritually empowered to live according to His

established ways, and thus be faithful to Him.

Romans, especially Chapter 7, and Gal. 5, are key scriptures to learn how to "walk (think, and act) in the Spirit." If this fundamental learning process had been sufficiently taught, and studied early on in one's Christian life, he would become grounded, and indoctrinated with the truth, and able to recognize, and resist false teaching before it could overtake him, and cause him to defect, and betray the Lord. Then, to be followed by millions of other "foolish" Christians, like those that Paul chastised in Galatians, for "not obeying the truth."

The introduction of the false teaching of Pelagius, a British monk and theologian, in the late second century, and the early third century cast the die for the historical departure of the church from the traditional literal gospel, that the apostles gave to the original churches!

The intervention of that dark day foreshadowed the trend of the church's downfall, from which it has never recovered. Ever since that time, most churches have been indoctrinated with the radical free will manipulation of the gospel, daring to call it the word of God, when it is, in fact, the word of man, and Satan!

Nearly the entire church today is trying in various degrees, to obey the word, and will of God, with the same unspiritual, natural faculties they had before they became Christians, and therefore, they do not learn spiritual truths, and are only capable of carnal, intellectual reasoning, and conclusions!

In other words, a Christian, or the great majority who are in this category, cannot understand biblical doctrine any better than a non-Christian. Because both are living by the same life principle--the flesh, or old nature.

That is why they let themselves become indoctrinated with a humanistic, perverted adulteration of the gospel! And, because they are not spiritually motivated, and active they cannot see that their thinking is erroneous, and scripturally untrue! It has the obvious appearance of believing what they want to believe, or, not "coming to the truth" at all costs!

It is categorically the same thing that Israel did, by turning away from God, and going after "other Gods." The church's defection from the true gospel, and partaking of false teaching (of another "god", Satan) is of the same idolatrous effect!

The Arminian gospel believers have put themselves in a trap, and they don't even know that they have to be freed by the very truth they have forsaken! But, there appears to be virtually no movement away from their self-imposed doctrinal bondage, to the truth they never knew, nor show any concern for--being incorrigibly entrenched in the man-made liberalized gospel concept, known since the reformation era as Arminianism, after the main promoter of the adulterated gospel, Jacobus Arminius, in the reformation era.

Once a Christian adopts false gospel doctrine, he cannot honestly use gospel truth which he has misinterpreted, whether in scriptural references, or quotations, hymns and songs, or any other way. An example would be the song, "He holds my hand", and that saying it, or singing it, doesn't make it so!

The precious, intimate truth of the song phrase cited, as beautiful and touching, and heartfelt as it should be, has no right to be sung by one who has betrayed God, and therefore, to some serious extent is walking with another god, Satan!

Before anyone gets angry, and self-righteously offended at the charges I have made against him (them), tell me what is wrong about using the strongest words of accusation against abject, shameful conduct against God.

The day that anyone bases their salvation on a false interpretation of the literal gospel of Jesus Christ, they "let go of His hand", and are no longer walking with Him! So, when such a one (plus the multitude of believers who believe the same corrupt gospel concept) sings that song, he is taking false comfort in words that are not true for him, and misrepresenting God's word!

Another example of a song that Arminian believers should not participate in is "I will go where He commands me, anywhere He leads I'll go"(because you already didn't, if you didn't believe His literal gospel). And,

note too in connection with the words of the song, what the bible warns against, "that it is better not to vow at all, than to vow, and not keep it." And, if you sang that song before you capitulated to the false gospel, or after, you have violated the oath principle in both cases.

A serious question to consider about another song, "Only one life, twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last" is, what can actually be done for Christ, if we have forsaken His gospel? As I have noted somewhere else, can you imagine how Adam could have walked with God in the garden of Eden, as he did nightly, if he disagreed with anything that God said, or did?

As scripture asks in Amos 3:3, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" The same principle applies today when a Christian, or a church, or almost all churches, as it is, disagree with God's literal gospel, and have dared to pervert it with man's butchering of it!

To start with, God doesn't cause the separation between Himself, the Arminian believer does, who turns away from His true gospel. And, yes we can always say that "God never leaves us, nor forsakes us", by which He assures us that He is always there to sustain us, and protect us, and for us to turn to in repentance, or for forgiveness.

But, when one sins against God, by such a flagrant dishonoring act as believing false teaching of His gospel, he has broken fellowship with Him, that must continue as long as he is unrepentant, and unreformed about such major unfaithfulness. And, because Arminian Gospel believers are not spiritually sensitive to God, they don't know that they have lost contact with Him, the essence of which is that if one doesn't walk with God, he can't talk with Him, except for repentance, or reformation!

A serious factor in the church's degeneration is its universal complacent, uninformed attitude about the utter importance of knowing the truth of God's word. Instead, the church has a misguided preoccupation with hyper-evangelism, (motivated by the free will, universal eligibility premise of their misconceived salvation theology).

Which keeps it from its primary responsibility to grow in the grace(s)\*, and knowledge of the Lord! Instead of concentrating on something that it has no effect on (personal salvation), and ignoring, and failing what it is mainly required to do, and potentially can do! \*Gal. 5:22.

There appears to be very few Christians who take the bible seriously enough to diligently study its doctrines to the extent necessary to prove its truths to themselves, and be enabled to live by its spiritual principles, as true disciples of the Lord.

A reality needs to be noted relating to doctrinal interpretations. A Christian who studies the word of God thoroughly enough to know its true meaning, cannot conceivably be drawn away by false teaching, because its errors are evident when compared to true interpretations.

The upshot of the main point of truth vs. error, discussed herein, is that (1) truth, once established in a Christian's mind, will not depart from him, or he from it, and (2) entrenched erroneous doctrine in a Christian's mind, will not usually be departed from, either! How vital it is, then, to learn doctrinal truth early, before the devil can lure us into what can essentially be called his "gospel".

But, if the church you become part of, is already indoctrinated with the Arminian false teaching, which is the prevailing salvation doctrine of nearly every church in the world, the temptation is very strong, and difficult for a new Christian to recognize, and resist! Hence, the majority of today's Christians are ignorant of the church's pathetic, fallen state, never knowing what could have been, and should have been!

