

Ask for the Old Paths, Where is the Good Way

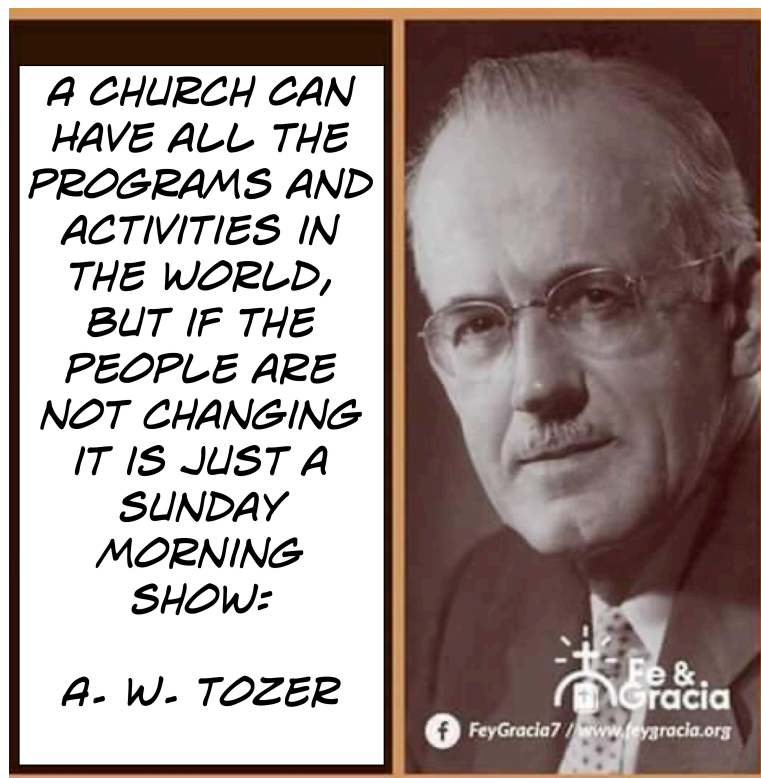
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Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.

But they said, We will not walk therein. Also **I set watchmen over you, saying, Harken to the sound of the trumpet.** But they said, We will not hearken. (Jer. 6:16,17)

Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee. (Deut. 32:7)

And **rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.** (Joel 2:13)



But **grow in grace**, and **in the knowledge of our Lord** and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. (2 Pet. 3:18)

Growing in Grace means it is God that Grows you (by His Spirit), you cannot grow yourself. Churches are full of people trying to grow themselves without the Power of the Holy Spirit. They are trying to grow into Christ through Self Works. They're trying to know Jesus through communion (Eucharist), giving their money, good works, trying to love people more, etc... You will never know Jesus that way. Remember the two Trees in the Garden; The Tree of Knowledge (Good and Evil) the destruction of mankind, and the Tree of Life (Jesus Christ). These two spiritual Trees are still with us today. The Only way to heaven is Jesus Christ (the Tree of Life). Satan (the deceiver) is still blinding the people with the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. There are Only Two Ways to get to know JESUS; (The WORD and the SPIRIT) and they work together. You cannot have One without the other. Either you have Both or none at all!

The SPIRIT

Now **the Lord is that Spirit**: and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty**. But **we all**, with open face beholding as in a glass (*mirror*) the glory of the Lord, are **changed into the same image from glory to glory**, even as **by the Spirit of the Lord**.
(2 Cor. 3:17,18)

Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth**: for **he shall not speak of himself**; but **whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak**: and **he will shew you things to come**. **He shall glorify me**: for **he shall receive of mine**, and **shall shew it unto you**. (John 16:13,14)

But **the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you**, and **ye need not that any man teach you**: but **as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth**, and is no lie, and **even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him**. (1 John 2:27)

For **who hath known the mind of the Lord**, that he may instruct him?
But **we have the mind of Christ**. (1 Cor. 2:16)

(when you touch the Power you'll feel the Current)

The WORD

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life and the life was revealed, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was revealed to us what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

(1 John 1:1-3) NASB

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. (John 1:1-4) NASB

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John testified about Him and called out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who is coming after me has proved to be my superior, because He existed before me.’” For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. (John 1:14-17) NASB

(Jesus is the Word of God)

A Disciple is One who Knows JESUS Personally and Lives for Him

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. (Phil. 3:7-11)

“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

“I do not nullify the grace of God, for **if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.**” (Gal. 2:20,21) NASB

Knowing JESUS Gives Us His Authority

But **if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.** (Matt. 12:28)

He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me. And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, **Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.** And he said unto them, **I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.** Behold, **I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.** (Luke 10:16-20)

The Only One that can set you Free is JESUS

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (2 Pet. 1:2-4)

Then said Jesus to those Jews **which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.** (John 8:31,32)

And **he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations; And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers:** even as I received of my Father. (Rev. 2:26,27)

*We don't follow JESUS out of fear (or for power); we follow Him because **It's RIGHT!***
(TRUTH)

If the Church has the Power of God; Why Does it Fail at Times?

For I bear them record that **they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.** For **they being ignorant of God's righteousness,** and **going about to establish their own righteousness,** **have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.**

(Rom. 10:2,3)

Till **we all come in the unity of the faith,** and **of the knowledge of the Son of God,** **unto a perfect man,** unto **the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:** That we henceforth **be no more children,** **tossed to and fro,** and **carried about with every wind of doctrine,** **by the sleight of men,** and **cunning craftiness,** whereby **they lie in wait to deceive;** But **speaking the truth in love,** **may grow up into him in all things,** **which is the head,** **even Christ:** (Eph. 4:13-15)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.** But **shun profane and vain babblings:** for **they will increase unto more ungodliness.** And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; **Who concerning the truth have erred,** saying that the resurrection is past already; **and overthrow the faith of some.** (2 Tim. 2:15-18)

And I, **brethren,** **could not speak unto you as unto spiritual,** **but as unto carnal,** even **as unto babes in Christ.** **I have fed you with milk,** and **not with meat:** **for hitherto ye were not able to bear it,** **neither yet now are ye able.** **For ye are yet carnal:** for whereas **there is among you envying,** and **strife,** and **divisions,** **are ye not carnal,** and walk as men? (1 Cor. 3:1-3)

The world's culture has invaded the Church, yet God told the Church to invade the world. Due to a weak Church, Satan has gotten so bold as to start stealing God's sheep right out of His pen (the Church). If you are more committed to the culture rather than God you are a worthless Christian soldier. Or at worst you are not saved and going to Hell. We cannot let the world come into the Church thinking we can use the world's tactics to reach the lost. God's children are completely different from the unredeemed (Satan's children). We dress different, our music is different, our entertainment is different, our morals are different, our social life is different etc... we are totally opposite of what they are. God is waiting for His Church to grow up and defeat the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. (2 Cor. 6:14-18)

And hereby **we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.** He that saith, **I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.** But **whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.** (1 John 2:3-6)

Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. No one who has been born of God practices sin, because His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin continually, because he has been born of God. By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother and sister. (1 John 3:7-10) LBLA

If there come any unto you, and **bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.** (2 John 10,11)