Make Your Calling and Election Sure

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Therefore, brothers and sisters, <u>be all the more diligent to make certain about His</u> <u>calling and choice of you</u>; <u>for as long as you practice these things</u>, <u>you will never stumble</u>: (2 Pet. 1:10)

We are the product of our decisions (Don't Blame GOD). In simple terms, God gave us a free will, and He will not violate it. The Lord cannot be mocked! (Gal. 6:7,8). The Lord is all powerful and GOOD, but He must destroy evil, especially liars, or they will continue to spread all over the earth. In Noah's day, the Church was reduced to 8 people, this is horrible but True. Do you know that most of the people throughout Earth's History are in Hell right now, and that a great majority of people attending Churches today are not saved. They think they are because they have been deceived by the devil. This is hard to believe for most people but it is absolutely True! Did you know that because of Adam's Sin no one can enter Heaven. Adam's sinful blood flows within our bodies as well.

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: (Rom. 3:10)

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

(Is. 64:6)

The Problem is SIN, Heaven is Perfect; Sin Cannot Exist There

God's Love was so great for us that He sacrificed His own Son against our Sin. Perfect innocence would pay the price (penalty) for the guilty (humanity). We cannot pay for our sin with good works (going to Church, paying our tithes, helping the poor, taking communion, sacrificing our lives for others, etc...); because we are sinners. We sin because we are sinners, we are not sinners because we sin.

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. (2 Cor. 5:21)

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. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. (Gal. 2:15,16,21)

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:5-7)

Without the proper understanding of the Word of God we are nothing but a social club! Again, in order for us to understand God's Word (The Bible) correctly, we need Two Things. The <u>WORD</u> and the <u>SPIRIT</u>! The Holy Spirit brings you a tangible and real experience with Jesus. They both work together, you can't have One without the Other! The Spirit without the Word will produce Doctrinal errors, and the Word without the Spirit will produce a dead lifeless Church not having the Life of Christ!

Let's Understand the WORD

The WORD can manifest itself in Three ways. If we don't understand this correctly we will not go to Heaven! "The <u>GRAPHE</u>, The <u>LOGOS</u>, The <u>RHEMA</u>"

The GRAPHE:

Is the Printed Word (the printed Bible). In actuality, the Greek word Graphe refers to the written Word. It's usually translated "writings" or "Scripture." You can place 100 Bibles around your house with a great big one on the coffee table for all to see, and yet never know the Author which is Jesus Christ!

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. (John 5:39.40)

Getting to know God begins by reading and understanding His Word (The Bible). Everything you ever wanted to know about God is found in the Bible. The entire Bible is the Testimony of Jesus Christ and His rescue mission of man.

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Tim. 3:14-17)

Here's the problem on why the world and some so called Christians will miss Heaven and be in Hell! They read the Word (The GRAPHE) but it means nothing to them because of unbelief they are willfully Ignorant. They willfully refuse to believe the Word.

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts (in the Church), And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: (2 Pet. 3:3-6)

But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion. These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever. (Jude 10-13) ESV

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. (Psa. 14:1)

The LOGOS:

Logos is a concept word in the Bible symbolic of the nature and function of Jesus Christ. It is also used to refer to the revelation of God in the world. It is the Written Word <u>revealed and understood</u>. One can read the Bible and not understand what it says (Graphe). It takes the Holy Spirit to reveal the Word to us correctly. To understand God's Word correctly, one must manifest a revelation from God. Simply put, **The Logos** is the Living God (Word) revealed in the flesh (John 1:1-14):

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: (Gal. 1:15,16)

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (John 3:6)

The RHEMA:

In the Bible, the Greek word Rhema (ῥῆμα) means "an utterance" or "thing said". A Rhema is a verse or portions of Scripture that the Holy Spirit brings to our attention with application to a current situation or need for direction. When God gives a word of knowledge, word of wisdom or a prophetic Word on healing, it becomes the Rhema that is filled with Spirit and life. The Rhema Word has within it, the spiritual seed that releases faith, life and power. Its fulfillment is accomplished through the operation of the Holy Spirit. Rhema is the Word heard when the Holy Spirit is speaking to our spirit.

Examples; Simeon who saw the birth of the Messiah; Annunciation of Mary by the Angel; Noah's building of the Ark; Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac; and many more: In the Bible, both Logos and Rhema are only referred to as spoken.

But I certify you, brethren, <u>that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man</u>. <u>For I neither received it of man</u>, <u>neither was I taught it</u>, <u>but by the revelation of Jesus Christ</u>. (Gal. 1:11,12)

Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

(Jer. 14:14)

And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: <u>and they were talking with Jesus</u>. (Mark 9:4)

An Experience with JESUS can Only Come through the Logos or Rhema Word The Born Again experience can only manifest itself through the LOGOS and RHEMA Word! The purpose of the Born Again experience is to know Jesus intimately, like you would your mother, your father, your best friend etc. Knowing about Him will not save you (The GRAPHE), you must know Him personally. He must reveal Himself to you! Look at Paul's testimony!

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)

Most of the Church is Living a Christless Christianity

Many in the so called Church today are religious and not Born Again! A drunk is in a better situation than these, because a drunk realizes he's wrong and not right with God. But a religious person does not realize they're not right with God and self deceives himself. There's no doubt satan has blinded their minds along the way. Formal religion has taken the place of believing faith and understanding the Word of God!

But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.

(2 Cor. 3:14)

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. (2 Cor. 4:4)

Believers and Make Believers (thank you Sandra Kennedy)

Let's begin by saying; The Bible is our Foundation. It is Absolute Truth from God, anything or anyone that contradicts it is a liar! It is our guide to instruction and correction in the righteousness of God through the HOLY SPIRIT! The problem is, some believe and others think they believe! God Gave Us a Severe Warning

Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.' (Matt. 7:21-23) NASB

Keep in mind these were Christians, the New Testament is written to Christians, not to the un-believers (world)! Jesus is addressing the church folk here. In this chapter (Matt. 7): Jesus talked about hypocrites, He talked about giving holy things to dogs, and pearls to swine, He talked about the straight and narrow gate, and how a good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and closed by saying; the foolish man built his house upon the sand! As He spoke these words the crowds were amazed at His teaching, for He taught as one having Authority and not as the scribes.

Notice Jesus Did Not Call Them Liars "they really did those things" (v. 22)

But there was something about what they were doing that was totally wrong and insulted the Lord! The Lord sounded very angry and insulted when He declared; "I never knew you; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS."

These people appeared to be Christian but in reality were fakes, relying on their self works, their carnal nature instead of the Holy Spirit. They had no true relationship with Jesus Christ! They were like actors on a play willing to receive the applause of men. They were self deceived. One thing is someone lying to you, but it is quite another when you lie to yourself. The real issue is not what people think of you, but what is really important is what God thinks about you. We must pray and meditate asking God what He thinks about us. Don't worry about the opinion of people. Most of them are more messed up than you are. Showing God your good works is not a sign of a True disciple.

A True disciple is known by his obedience to the will of God.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, <u>If any man will come after me</u>, <u>let him deny himself</u>, <u>and take up his cross</u>, <u>and follow me</u>. <u>For whosoever will save his life shall lose it</u>: <u>and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it</u>. <u>For what is a man profited</u>, <u>if he shall gain the whole world</u>, <u>and lose his own soul</u>? <u>or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul</u>? (Matt. 16:24-26)

Remember What Jesus Said;

Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven:

Every single disciple should constantly <u>examine their heart before the Lord!</u> Let us walk away from any man made pleasing religion (self deception).

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? (2 Cor. 13:5)

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. (1 Cor. 11:28)

(Matt. 7) - also warned us about false prophets, false teachers, etc... but He went further and warned us about self deception (delusion). It is one thing for someone to lie to you, but it is something entirely different for you to lie to yourself! There are many of us who have lied to ourselves for so long we can't see the Truth when God presents it to us. We believe our own lies because people cheer our good works. In every church there are believers and make believers. Some believe and others think they believe! Listening to our own lies puts us in the category of non-believers. True disciples hear God's voice. What is a True believer one might ask? True disciples are the only ones prepared to meet Jesus (the Rapture)! Someone who says they're saved but lives the life of the un-saved is a liar. I'm not talking about a slip-up or a momentary failure, I'm talking about a constant unrepentant lifestyle. Someone who says the right thing but refuses to act it out. They know what the Word says, but refuse to obey it.

Remember What Jesus Said;

Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven:

Make believers are very good actors, sometimes their disobedience is so subtle that they are able to keep an appearance of a Christian disciple (2 Tim. 3:5). Having your name on a church roll means nothing.

Names on church rolls don't save people, good works don't save people, water baptism doesn't safe people, taking communion doesn't save people, etc...

This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. (Matt. 15:8,9)

We learn how to behave correctly in church thinking that is what is going to save us. Knowing how to act right in church does not grow you into Christ! Jesus declares He is LORD of All, and demands strict obedience. He is to be feared and worshipped. Notice the scripture from His Judgment when they said LORD LORD! That is a strict statement on who He is. Remember He is not talking about un-believers here, He is talking to Christians (church folk). Jesus called the religious crowd Hypocrites! Outward works were highly important to that group. That's why the pharisees observed the commandments in detail but failed to understand the condition of their heart! Salvation by works was their doctrine. The pharisees had a false understanding of what it was to be a disciple. Their religiosity blinded them and sent them to Hell (self deceit).

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

(Is. 5:20-23)

Faith without works is the profile of the un-believer. They go to church, sometimes even tithe, but refuse to do the Word of God on a daily bases. They think a great deal of themselves. They know what needs to change in their lives but the devil continually deceives them by not listening to what the Holy Spirit is telling them. I've known people who have been in church for many years even in leadership, but have not changed into the image of Christ. Anything we place above God is an idol. God must be first choice in our lives.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: (Ex. 20:3-5)

Many false believers can preach, can teach, can pray for the sick, pastor churches, while totally disconnected from Jesus Christ. If a believer prays for a sick person and they get healed that does not validate the spiritual stature of the one who prayed for them! The sick person is healed because the Lord responds to the faith of the one in need, not to the spiritual status of a make believer. We have all been make believers at one time or another. The working of a miracle does not validate the spirituality of the person who prayed for the one in need. It validates the power of God in demonstrating His Compassion and Grace toward a believing disciple who comes in faith asking for a healing. Because God is faithful and True, His will toward us is yes and amen.

For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. (2 Cor. 1:20)

The casting out of demons is not a measuring tool of a persons personal relationship with <u>Jesus</u>. As a matter of fact it could become a hindrance to them thinking it was their own power who cast out that demon slipping them into pride. When they think the power is their own and think more highly of themselves they become a make believer. It's a scary thing to hear what Jesus told the make believers (Matt. 7:2)

Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not <u>prophesy in Your name</u>, and in Your name <u>cast out demons</u>, and in Your name <u>perform many miracles</u>?

<u>I Never Knew You</u> are the most frightening words in the New Testament! That word <u>Knew</u> in Greek means to know someone in a deep intimate way. Again Jesus was talking to Christians. In other words, Jesus was telling them, I never had a real relationship with you. You knew a great deal about me (GRAPHE) but, you never got to know me personally. You never invested the time or energy to get to know me as your best friend and companion. You did many things for me and pretended to serve me, but you never showed it by the behavior of your heart. You did just enough to convince people you are a Christian, but your actions were external and not from the heart!

"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

Oh Sam; God is a Good God, He Won't Send Anyone to Hell for an Eternity

These are the exact words of a fool! Sad to say some are in a Church. Notice people are destroyed for lack of Knowledge (Hosea 4:6). Knowledge and Faith come by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17): You cannot believe something you haven't heard. Before you believe something you must hear and understand it. The Knowledge of God's Truth can only be found in the Bible. It's a Love letter to us from God. God wants you to go to Heaven but if you reject Him and His Word, God has no choice but to reject you from entering Heaven and the only other choice is eternal Hell! God is Love but God is also Just, He must judge Sin. God must Judge Sin, Sin cannot enter God's Heaven! Heaven is perfect Love because Sin cannot exist there. Look what happened when Sin entered humanity!

Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp (*Pride*), and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. (Is. 5:14)

Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. (Is. 14:9)

Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

(Prov. 27:20)

The LORD of Heaven's Armies says, "The day of judgment is coming, burning like a furnace. On that day the arrogant and the wicked will be burned up like straw. They will be consumed roots, branches, and all. "But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture. (Mal. 4:1,2) NLT

A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.

(Prov. 26:3)

And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. (Mark 9:45,46)

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

(Matt. 10:28)

But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. (Luke 12:5)

<u>The snares of death encompassed me And the terrors of Sheol came upon me;</u> <u>I found distress and sorrow.</u> (Psa. 116:3) NASB

Who Are the Inhabitants of Hell?

"And this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the Light; for their deeds were evil. "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light, so that his deeds will not be exposed. "But the one who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds will be revealed as having been performed in God." (John 3:19-21) NASB

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. (Rev. 21:8)

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

(Psa. 9:17)

And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. (Matt. 25:8-10)

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (Rev. 20:10)

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

(Rev. 20:12)

Lastly; Death and Hell Will be Cast into the Lake of FIRE

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

(Rev. 20:14,15)

What is Hell Like, and What Will it Feel Like to be There?

The worldly fools say, I'm going to party in Hell with all my friends, drink beer, and laugh! They know nothing of what it will really be like and the eternal pain they will undergo!

And shall cut him asunder, and <u>appoint him his portion with the hypocrites</u>: <u>there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth</u>. (Matt. 24:51)

And <u>cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness</u>: <u>there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth</u>. (Matt. 25:30)

There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. (Luke 13:28)

What are the reoccurring words in these verses? weeping and gnashing of teeth: Weeping is described as constant crying in great agony and despair, Gnashing of teeth is described as angry or frustrated about something, it means grinding one's teeth together, having one's teeth set on edge, or biting down in pain, anguish, or anger. It depicts someone that is angry at God saying; "how dare you send me to this place."

I'm going to get back at you God:

Hell is a Real Place, and Most of Humanity Will Be There

Hell is a real place that is presently located at the center of the earth. Two men went to that horrible place and by the mercies of God were brought back to give their Testimony to the world (<u>Bill Wiese</u> and <u>B.W. Melvin</u>). Hell is a permanent place where the unbelievers go once they die for an eternity of punishment. There is no return or escape unless God will's it. I want you to examine the testimony of these two men who died and came back to tell their stories! Their testimonies are in <u>Books</u> and <u>Videos</u> as they describe everything they saw, and show you where it's found in the Bible.

The worst horror on Earth pales in comparison to what they experienced in Hell and it goes on forever and ever. Their books are; "23 Minutes in Hell" by Bill Wiese. And; "A Land Unknown: Hell's Dominion" by B.W. Melvin. You can look up their videos or you can view them on my webpage; cristoviveparasiempre.com

Most People today Mock God and Laugh at His Consequences

They don't take God seriously at His Word, even some people in Church who have heard God's Word don't take Him seriously. I assure you, <u>GOD will have the Last Laugh</u>!

"Do not be deceived: <u>God cannot be mocked</u>. <u>A man reaps what he sows</u>.

<u>The one who sows to please his sinful nature</u>, <u>from that nature will reap destruction</u>;

<u>the one who sows to please the Spirit</u>, <u>from the Spirit will reap eternal life</u>."

(Gal. 6:7,8)