

The Bishop's Corner

Preach the Gospel not tradition

Praise the Lord Saints,

“Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:15-16).

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ” (Colossians 2:8).

By the time Jesus comes into the world, the Jews had gotten so far from God and were not trying to get anybody saved. They were corrupt because they were living according to traditions. Jesus tells them to change and become godly. He wanted the Jews to get out of their traditions and preach the gospel so people could be saved. They were supposed to grow in the Spirit and be led by the Spirit because the people needed to be saved. Jesus did not preach the traditions of the Jews, but the gospel.

“From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people” (Matthew 4:17, 23).

Jesus told Peter and Andrew that they would be fishers of men, but he had to get them out of the Jewish traditions. “And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew is brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him” (Matthew 4:18-20).

We have to learn to obey the Spirit so that we give people the gospel and not laws and traditions. God gave the law, but now the Holy Ghost has taken the place of the law. We need to preach the gospel and be soul winners, not law givers. God only requires people to repent and live holy. The Spirit wants us to change so we can be fishers of men. There must be a move of the Spirit when we witness. “And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give” (Matthew 10:7-8).

God bless you all,

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