

The cornerstone which the builders rejected - Part I

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This cornerstone that the Bible talks about in Acts 4:11 is Jesus and is the foundation according to Ephesians 2:20. The religious leaders, Pharisees and Sadducees, were supposed to have lived by the Law of Moses when our Savior had finally come. They were deciding who and when taking partiality. For example, the woman caught in adultery would not have even been punished. She had been doing this for awhile but they tried to trap the Lord with their legalistic ways. They were partial. They were willing to kill her to prove the Master was wrong. There was evil in their hearts.

Today, leaders and pastors are still trying to shut down fresh fire, fresh faith, using their doctrines and opinions. They're still rejecting the corner stone. They are legalistic. Jesus said that they killed the prophets that came before Him. Knowing well, they would also choose to kill him in the name of God. It was blasphemy. Jesus was rebuking the man's order in the book of Revelation through the letters for the seven churches. Fear God, Saints! Paul was clearly laying down a foundation. Paul never said in this particular place: you are to do something different if you are called to be a gathering of saints, subject one to another. Well, you say: "That's not what we do here." So, this is sin. Jesus, Paul, Peter, James, John, all the rest moved by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost.

Guess what? The Holy Ghost is alive and is still giving inspiration by His own spirit. He will always confirm His word. But you say, "God has us doing something different." No, my friend, you are deciding to create your own Gospel. This is what religion has done, how the devil has gotten in. Now you, with your new title of non-denomination, have created another denomination. It is the same thing. God is done with man's order. He is done with leaders who are more afraid of the people than of Him. This is witchcraft disguised as the Gospel. Rebellion against His Word is sin. Church, you are sinning. Don't even fear who is deceiving you. God is not mocked. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is the same God of love. He will be the same God that sends people to eternal torture because of their own choices. Open your eyes and see. Hear what the Spirit is saying. Do not use the grace of God in vain. Do not be unequally yoked with an unbeliever. You continue to lead and run your gathering the way you want to do it, not how God wants it done. Then you say God is doing something different here. He does nothing different apart from His word. It is one body, one mediator, one accord.

What do you think? Jesus – the head of the church (**Ephesians 5:23**), is going to tell His people to do a different Gospel than the one down the street. Jesus clearly commanded us to do what He did, not what the Pharisees were doing. What they were doing was not what we should do. We need to do what God is doing. What is your big or small church doing? We need God's power. Not enticing words of man. He commanded us by saying: **"Go your way, and tell John what things you have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached."** Luke 7: 22. Also He said: **"Blessed is He who shall not be offended in me."** Luke 7:23

Why are we so offended by Jesus? Religious leaders are grieving the Holy Ghost, which is the Third part of the trinity. They are one. So you are offended at your Lord. Open up your eyes. Receive the things of the Spirit. Jesus moved in the miraculous every time. They were unsaved seekers as well as the ones who began to follow Him already. **Christ in us the hope of glory (Col 1:27)**. God tries to bring His Kingdom to His church and we are worried about offending the religious, the rebellious. The fear of man is sin. Fear God, not man. **Obedience is better than sacrifice (Isa 15:22)**. You sacrifice your life and don't obey my Word. Your sacrifice is not received. **Matthew 10:5-8**. This is not a suggestion, Church. Wake up, you are deceived and deceiving others. The last word of Jesus in the book of Mark, chapter 16, verses 15-20 was: **"And he said unto them, 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. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."**

What is the problem? You, my friends, have control. You believe you are the leader of the church; you have false humility which is pride. You are creating heresies; you are holding back the truth and doing it in the name of love. Real love: is laying down your life, your will, for your brother (**1 John 3:16**). What that really means is becoming a persecuted target for your Lord. You, so fearful of man, of what they think or say, or that you might not get their money. You shimmy through the Gospel, watching your words, killing the anointing. We have a controversial Gospel. You are called to bring controversy against evil like a sword. But you pull out your butter knife and just rub it over their flesh. You are a wicked servant, says God. You are not preaching God's truth or demonstrating the kingdom, not in Word only, but in demonstration of power. You seek your board members of flesh instead of God himself. You have gone the way of Cain. Your sacrifices cannot be accepted but you think everything is ok. You pervert my ways to keep the agendas of man. Look to the book of Revelation when Jesus speaks to the seven churches. Jesus is speaking to His church for the last day, over 70% of His church, Jesus is rebuking them. We have taken His grace and perverted it with heresies and doctrines of devils, soothsaying messages, while people are going to hell. We need truth and the sword and the power of God. Why, Church? Have you really heard people preach on Jesus, rebuking?

Witchcraft is operating now. Because these preachers aren't going to preach against themselves and the seducing spirits have them blind to the truth. Not putting the first thing first. This is a crucial time. We must go to the lost sheep and pull our brothers and sisters out of the ditch. If the blind lead the blind, won't they both fall into a ditch? We must shine the light on the darkness that has so easily taken the church captive. The truth will set us free. Change your bylaws to God's laws, and change your opinions for the Word of God. Look to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith (**Heb 12:2**). His word is truth (**John 17:17**). And if you reject the truth you reject Jesus because **He is The Truth (John 14:6)**. Think of that: what kind of thing built by man can stand up without the chief cornerstone?

"For thus it stands in Scripture: Behold, I am laying in Zion a chosen (honored), precious chief Cornerstone, and he who believes in Him (who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him) shall never be confound, disappointed or put to shame." 1 Pet 2:6

Brothers, let us no longer reject Him.

In Him,
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The cornerstone which the builder rejected - Part II

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“This (JESUS) is the Stone which was despised and rejected by you, the builders, but which has become the Head of the corner (the Cornerstone).” Acts 4:11

We need to put our agenda's aside and listen to anointed and holy men and women of God who move in the Spirit. We need the Holy Spirit moving, doing working among us. Clear your mind and now think on this: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost – they are one. So the Holy Spirit is God: His best gift to us, His first, was His son. He gave everything so we could have his spirit, duplicate Him. When we reject the things of the Spirit, we reject God. **“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” John 15:5**

This is pride. Hiding behind false humility, we say one thing and do another. We all want to take cities, nations. “You think we can do it without the manifestation of my Spirit,” says God. That's pride. Works are dead without Holy Spirit. It is like being in a canoe trying to paddle against the wind, upstream. The Kingdom is God's business. We look at others trying to see how their churches grow. A church explodes, and they write a book on what and how they did it, like “5 ways to multiply your church.” What's next? “Every hundredth new person at church for the first time wins a flat screen T.V.” Sounds ridiculous but really that what's going on. How about Mark 16, the great commandment: casting out devils, speaking in new tongues, healing the sick, baptizing in the Holy Ghost and fire.

I think God knows best how to build His own church. We need to lay down fear of man. Fear God. Do not allow heresies and seducing spirits in. Seeker friendly deception - this is also pride. You think you have a better way to reach people. Peter reached and converted 3000 in a day. How? With the Holy Ghost! God is not looking for a church full of seekers. Repent! The kingdom of God is at hand. Church attending is not what God wants. He wants disciples. What are disciples? They are suppose to be all Christ followers doing greater things than the master did. **“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.” John 14:12**

Not leaving things up to some hot shot preacher who continually talks about the things of God but never operates in them. **“For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.” I Cor 4:20.** They are always learning but never coming to the knowledge of the truth, just like it is written in 2 Timothy 3:7, **“always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”**

The people are crying out for truth. Here it is: His kingdom will come just as it is in heaven no matter what man wants or tradition tries to keep. This is the day of the Lord. This is time to take back the kingdom. It is time for the latter rain to fall. Look out America. Here comes the real Church. **“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! 6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” II Tim 3:1-7. 1**

This is happening now, especially in the church. It goes on in this chapter and gets worse and worse. Choose what team you are on. Make audible repentance first. Be filled with the Holy Ghost. **“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.” II Tim 4:2-5.**

A big lie from the enemy is, “Well, we have all kinds of people here. We need to be careful. We don't want to scare them away.” When did Jesus change his gospel? Everyone He preached to were not even born again, not even birthed yet until he manifested the kingdom. The church is full of people who are not saved. They won't be saved if you think you can save them your way. The fullness of the gospel is the only way to save a soul.

Love will draw them. How can they believe if they do not see Jesus revealed and His power manifested? Great worship does not save us. Great speakers cannot save us. Big churches cannot save us. Imagine Jesus Christ walking 3 1/2 years with no power, just talking about himself but never showing any proof by His power. He just had meetings and preached and talked about himself. NO demonstration at all. That's what many are doing--talking about Jesus, not being Jesus. Do you think His church would exist if Jesus held back His power and only used enticing words? We now can be like Jesus. That's our calling. You say, “We don't want to scare them away.” Believe you will scare them to Jesus. Supernaturally! His power proves He is. Every religion is full of words. God commands through Paul to reject churches or gathering places that deny the power of God. **“Having a form of godliness but denying its power.” 2 Timothy 3:5 From such people let's turn away!**

Becoming a disciple is not serving at church, a denomination, or a religion. It is becoming and doing the works that Jesus did. **“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.” John 14:12 Don't ever say we don't want to offend them. “And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.” Matthew 11:6**

Don't ever be ashamed of Him, of His power, and of His Holy Spirit.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.” Romans 1:16

Jesus said, “If you deny me I will deny you, too.” Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are one. You cannot deny one or not offend the other. So my friend, open up the church and bring the real thing. We don't need another play or skit. The church is not supposed to be a talent show. Trade the show for testimonies. People are saying, “Show me the way.” How do we show them without the proof? Holy Spirit is our proof: **“For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.” (Acts 22:15)** The Bible says of what you have SEEN and heard!

Those seekers you are seeking not to offend will just go on down the road. Continue to seek the real thing. You will lose them anyway. The reason they are seeking in the first place is the real thing. We've put Him in a back room in some box. Let them stop seeking. Run into the power of the Holy Ghost. God has His way of reaching His people. The Church belongs to Him.

"And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church," Ephesians 1:22. Lay down your pride, your way. Put on Christ and see the harvest come running to Him. Many are deceived; many believe the Holy Spirit is moving. But He is not. The devil, the deceiver, wants to make many think something different. When He moves, you will know. And you will see the fruits: thousands coming to Christ in one day! Leaders, don't settle for the brass, go for the gold. As we, as a body, come together, yielding to God. He will move mountains. Remember, without faith it is impossible to please him. We can no longer stand in the way of God. He must be the head of everything. Not man and his religious hierarchy system. We cannot become like Saul and do things our way. This is witchcraft. Seek his face, fear God, and watch His harvest come rushing in. Our prayer must be: not my will but yours, Father. Jesus put His own will down and said, "Not my will but your will be done". Why don't we do the same? Then let's get out of His way. This is how we shake cities, nations and kingdoms. Together we can do this. Don't say the harvest is in 4 months. It's here. It's for now. Reapers, reap it.

"3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. " I John 2:3-6

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