



Introduction

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus! Last newsletter I shared my background. If this is your first newsletter I will simply say I was called of God to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ as a boy, first started preaching at 17 years of age, graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary and have pastored several churches in different states since then. Because of many heart wrenching and difficult experiences in the organized local churches both as a lay person and a pastor, I have sought the Lord for understanding. The Lord has revealed some startling and difficult truths concerning the organized American Church.

The organized church has actually become a hindrance to those who want to follow Jesus Christ according to God's written word. The organized church has turned away from truly following Jesus Christ as taught in the scriptures because the cost is too great. They have watered down the gospel to make it non-offensive to be accepted by the world. There is so much rebellion to God's written word they have become backslidden, lukewarm and even apostate. It has invented a false Christianity that I call churchianity full of man's teachings and tradition to put on an illusion that they are followers of Christ. Its' leaders are like the Pharisees of old who put on a great act of being godly but are hypocrites doing their job for money, career and glory for themselves. The sad thing is that they fool most congregations that are made up of either baby Christians and false Christians. American Christians are refusing to grow up in Christ because of the cost and persecution involved. We are living during time of the great falling away of the Protestant Churches of America. The great Titanic ship of organized protestantism is sinking. If you stay with it and cling to it you will die with it.

In my last newsletter I gave a broad view of the serious problems of the American organized church. I mentioned how many Christians are being confused and discouraged in their walk with Christ because of either being burnt by the local church or not seeing the love of God or reality and truth of Christ in the local church. Christians have either quit going to church or are being put to sleep in a lukewarm state by its delusion and poor preaching. Most Christians have never heard strong anointed Biblical preaching. Most have never seen a healthy Christian church, 98% of all churches are sick, backslidden and even apostate. Hence the need for this newsletter. We must begin to evaluate our preachers and churches by God's written word. A healthy church is lead by godly preachers who will be persecuted in this evil world for following Jesus. A healthy church preaches the true gospel that will always cause offense because man is evil and rebellious to God. Any church or pastor on fire for Jesus and living godly will be persecuted. The reason your church is not being persecuted is because it has sold out Christ to make peace with the world and Satan by propagating a false Christianity - churchianity. God is calling his people out of these sick churches to start new churches with Christians who want to be wholly consecrated to Christ and to follow Him onward to maturity. It is the devil's lie to teach you to stay in the sick church to try to reform it. The time for reform is long gone. The leaders of the church and pastors are too steeped in their rebellion and deception of churchianity to ever give it up. The money, glory from men, and comfort zone is just too important to them to give up. God is telling His people to come out now and come together and then the blessing will come. I Corinthians 6:17 says only when God's people start leaving these sick rebellious churches will

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How Reform will Come

Reform is desperately needed in the modern church. But it will not come from within because the leadership is way too corrupt. There are too many false preachers and unsaved leaders who propagate churchianity and themselves, not Christ, like modern Pharisees. To support them is to support their sin and suffer their judgement. Reform will come from the outside of the church as God's people leave the modern church and gather together under godly preachers who suffer for Christ because they preach the true gospel. Then as God's people pray together, fellowship together in God's love and under God's authority the Scriptures - The Lord will forgive their sins and begin to bring a great revival to our land.

Test your Pastor

Jesus said beware of false prophets or preachers. You will know them by their fruit. Matthew 7:15 & 16, What is the fruit of a true man of God? He has character that is holy with integrity. He is honest and forthright, not double minded. He preaches God's Word without compromise even if it causes offense and obeys the word outside the pulpit. A true pastor is godly and willingly takes up the cross to stand with Jesus and suffer real persecution for Christ such as reputation being slandered, being rejected by people, and losing his job as pastor because he won't compromise his preaching and God's commands. He endures real trauma and hardship because he has lived a godly life and preached the true gospel. A false preacher has these fruits: He pleases people not God.. Tries to offend no one, especially those in control and waters down the Gospel so it offends no one. He avoids persecution at all cost even by lowering Gospel standards.

Demands no apologies or true repentance and avoids church discipline especially of leaders or people who give a lot of money to the church. He is a hypocrite, says one thing from the pulpit does another outside the pulpit. He is endorsed by and endorses the modern corrupt church. If your pastor has not been truly persecuted or avoids persecution by compromising God's word or has a forked tongue with guile - then he is a false preacher propagating modern churchianity. It's time all Christians test their pastors. Christians through out the country are greatly to be blamed for the corruption in the church because they blindly follow false preacher no matter what they do. If a pastor does not meet the test of Scriptures - he plays church politics, waters down the gospel, loves men's applause and to be lifted up and avoids persecution then he is false preacher. Either encourage him to leave and get a true pastor, or you leave. Don't support a false preacher or you sin. If your church fires a true man of God then leave your church and follow the man of God. The Bible teaches us to follow men

of God not corrupt churches. We are not to be married to churches or be so loyal to churches we never can leave, our loyalty should be to the person of Jesus Christ.

A Quick Review

Churchianity is different than Christianity. The modern Church claims to be followers of Jesus but are not. They have rejected the way of the Lord because the cost is too great and they love the world. Just as the Pharisees of Jesus time twisted and corrupted the way of God These modern Pharisees (the corrupt Church leaders) trust and corrupt the way of Christ into a false Christianity which I call churchianity. Churchianity promotes and teaches many sins and wickedness that are against God's way. These are just some of them:

1. Terminates true men of God.
2. Perverts the gospel
3. Loves the world and runs the church in worldly ways.
4. Pleases people not God
5. Loves and serves money, the more money the more successful the ministry
6. Submits to corrupt man's authority
7. Rejects taking up the cross to suffer for Jesus.
8. Rejects Lordship of Christ refuses to forsake all for Christ to live in absolute obedience to Christ.
9. Preaches a false faith - an easy believeism with little commitment
10. Rejects authority of scriptures while man's doctrine and tradition more important than scripture
11. Glorifies church more than God . Teaches idolatry: that people should serve and worship the church above all- that serving church and God is same thing.
12. The church teaches a lukewarm type of Christianity that in its extreme is apostate.

To look up scripture references that support these conclusions refer to my 1st newsletter. In each of my newsletter I will concentrate on a major problem of the American organized Church that most people are not aware of. Each of these major problems have contributed to the falling away of the American Protestant church and directly or indirectly affects every true Christian in America. Please study these problems and let the Holy Spirit give you further light on your path how they apply to you.

Main Topic: True and False Conversion

One of the major problems that have caused the organized church to become so corrupt is that many of the people claiming to have gotten saved never have truly been born again. I call these false conversions. These can be found in the both evangelical and non-evangelical churches. The non-evangelical churches do not use terms such as "saved", "converted", "born-again" or received Christ or committed my life to Christ as the evangelical do. They are usually high churches that believe that babies and people are saved when they are baptized in water. Their faith is confirmed in confirmation classes where they study church doctrine. Types of Churches that believe that water baptism saves people are the Roman Catholic, some Lutheran churches. Greek Orthodox, some Methodists, and even some Southern Christian churches. Of course those who understand the scriptures realize that baptism in water alone, does not save anyone. The Bible teaches us in John 3 and Mark 1 and Acts 2 that a person

must hear the Good News about Jesus Christ feel convicted of their sin, then chose to repent of sin and call upon the Lord Jesus in faith to save them and give them the new birth. Baptism is the physical act new believer does to confirm and seal the salvation he has experienced. Most evangelical realize that high church members have never been born again because they are not taught the need.

The great truth that most evangelicals do not realize is that most of the so called conversions that are happening in the present evangelical churches are false conversions. They may use such terminology as "I'm saved, I got converted, I received Christ, etc. But still never really have experienced the new birth.

The scary thing is many even have a so called testimony and some even have a type of spiritual experience. But still they have never truly been born again where the Holy Spirit comes in to dwell and give the person a new heart and divine nature. How is this possible? There are many reasons. But two of the greatest reasons are the Gospel of Christ has been so perverted and over simplified the terms have lost their true meaning and the true salvation experience is being lost substituted by false salvation experiences. The other reason is the true holy fruits of true Christians and understanding the process of being saved have virtually been lost. Hence most no longer understand in depth how a person gets saved. Also because the high standard of holiness that are fruits of true Christians has been rejected for an all time low standard of behavior. Most no longer realize what a true Christian looks like and behaves like. Another reason is there are very few true born again Christians left in Churches. The mature ones are driven out and the baby Christians are few and far between.

A Perverted Gospel Causes False Conversions

One of the main reasons there are so many false conversions in the organized church is that the true Gospel of Jesus Christ has been changed by the organized Church and preachers to make it more acceptable and popular with sinners and the world. The gospel has been so oversimplified it has been reduced to an easy believism that requires no true repentance but rather mental acceptance of a mechanical religious formula that ends in a rote sinners prayer that recited by someone else. God help us! So different from the conversions of great saints. The gospel has been reduced to a rote religious formula that is punched out like a quick mechanical process. If the hearer simply nods in mental affirmation without any heart conviction he is ready to be saved. He simply repeats the sinners prayer. And presto magic - without any feeling or spiritual experience, or deep conviction a person is declared saved. How silly and how shallow. Mental acceptance of biblical truth and a rote prayer does not a Christian make. There is no salvation in getting people to mentally accept some gospel truths. Even the demons believe the Gospel truths but they aren't saved. God does not answer rote recited sinners prayers without a deep conviction of sin and a broken heart of repentance. I believe the four spiritual laws of the gospel have done more harm than good Why? Because they have over simplified the gospel way too much. Plus the way it is presented is far too shallow and rote with a terrible misunderstanding of the process of salvation and the state of mind and heart a person must be in to let God save him. A simply rote prayer no matter how theological connect will never save anyone. ONLY Jesus Christ can save a soul, no religious formula or prayer.

Another reason the four spiritual laws has done much harm is because the gospel truths says a person must be born again to enter the kingdom of God (John 3). Jesus says a person must be born again to enter the kingdom of God . He must be born of the spirit and also by the word of God (the gospel of

heart as he responds with humility and repentance to God's word that's in the gospel of Christ. Unless a person is drawn to Christ by being awakened to God a person cannot get saved. (John 6:44) Unless a person being drawn hears the Gospel of Christ and feels convicted and understand God's word they can't get saved. Romans 10 Christians must work with the Holy Spirit to help people get saved. Too often people work against the Spirit because of the rote shallow methods of evangelism. People can actually quench God's Spirit working in a person's life by pushing for a false decision before one is ready. It's like plucking fruit before it's ripe. So if a person pushes an awakened soul into a premature decision before the Spirit has finished his work the soul has a false conversion. Coercing a person to pray after an oversimplified presentation of Gospel truth does not save anyone. A sinners prayer will not save anyone. It is not magic. If a person prays and then are told they are saved before the Spirit's brings rebirth it can cause a false conversion. The person will quench the Holy Spirit convictions and wooing that bring salvation because he thinks he already is saved by a false faith. There are many who have been awakened by the Spirit only to be cut short before being saved by someone telling them they got saved by praying some rote prayer. Too many oversimplified and other important Gospel truths are left out. The four spiritual laws are : 1. Man is a sinner - All have sinned. 2. The wages of sin is death. 3. Christ died to save from our sins and gives us eternal life. 4. Confess your sin and accept Christ by faith by saying sinner's prayer.

At first glance this looks like the simple Gospel. On further evaluation we realize that it is too over simplified. Why? Because the terms are not defined and are left open to be interpreted anyway one chooses. What does it mean - Man is a sinner? Is he basically good, but once in a while makes mistakes or is he so sinful that even his nature is corruptible and vile that there is no good in him apart from God? Is man good enough to chose God without God's help? What is this death that sin causes? Is it physical or spiritual. Is it eternal hell or just separation from God? Does it happen now or in the future after death? The death of Christ - how does it atone for sins? Is this atonement earned by good works or certain acts? Or is it a gift? If it is a gift are all men saved then? What does confess win mean? Just admit you've sinned at times. Most will do that already. Why is the command to repent omitted? How does one receive Christ? What kind of faith is involved? Who is Jesus Christ and what happened at his death? As you can see an oversimplified Gospel is open to so much interpretation people can define these terms as they will, which leads to great misunderstanding and even many false conclusions. A sinner does not have to totally understand everything about the Gospel to get saved. But he must have a basic understanding of its' truths and commands. Without it how can one truly repent and deeply believe the truth. A over simplified Gospel robs people of a basic needed understanding of the Gospel that is vital to true salvation.

Another sad problem that happens in this over simplified Gospel is the quick sale approach. For some reason the instant salvation idea has been so pushed by these false teachers. People think everyone who hears the Gospel should immediately accept Christ and if they don't they are damned. It must be the influence of the push button technology age of the world on the Church. People are not given time to assimilate, learn and understand the Gospel before they are ready to be saved. The Holy Spirit is not given time to work on people's hearts through prayer and the ministry of the word of God. For someone to get saved is a complex thing because the Gospel has great divine truths and people are complicated

creations. There is also great opposition against the Gospel to top it off both by others, Satan and our own evil natures. An apple does not ripen instantly over night after the blossom is seeded. A baby is

not born the next day after conception. How is it we think a soul should instantly be converted after he hears the Gospel a couple of times. Jesus refers to winning souls as a farmer grows a harvest of grain or a fisherman seeks to find fish with his net. Both take time and patience neither are instant results. The farmer doesn't get a harvest the next day after he plants the seed. The fisherman doesn't get fish the first time he puts the net down.

Many people who have not been awakened by the Holy Spirit are being persuaded to just mentally accept the doctrinal truths of the Gospel when there is no deep conviction of sin being wrought by the Spirit in their hearts. The person appeases the evangelistic salesperson who peddles an over simplified Gospel by saying the sinners prayer. The sinner who has never been awakened by God and is dead to God is then told he is saved to just believe it even though he has just gone through the motion to get rid of the salesman. The sinner is told he need not experience any feeling or have any spiritual experience with God to be saved. Thus he is taught a dead faith and given a false hope. If he believes it he has experienced a false conversion.

A fellow I pastor told me this happened to him. A person came into their home and shared the four spiritual laws with them and then coerced them to pray. He then told them they were saved. After I came to his church as the new pastor he told me he only prayed to get rid of the person and realized as I preached the Gospel in depth he never really got saved. God awakened him through my strong in depth preaching and he began to seek God and even requested to be baptized again because he never got saved before.

An Abusive Altar causes False Conversions

Today the altar call has become a standard and accepted method used by preachers to try to convert people to Christ. There are three serious problems with the altar call when sinners are taught that by just coming forward and saying the "sinners prayer" they will be saved- first, it is not scripturally supported, meaning neither Jesus nor the apostles used such methods; second, the altar call is being greatly abused by preachers today to get results by manipulating crowds with the false expectation that the altar will somehow save them. Third the altar is being used as a man inspired method to publically express one's faith in Christ that subtly replaces the Lord's command to be baptized in water. The altar should only be used for people to privately seek God in prayer not as end in itself. No person can ever be saved just by coming to an altar and saying a rote prayer out loud. This is such a shallow superficial idea of salvation. The process of salvation begins with the deep convicting work of the Holy Spirit in a sinner's heart especially upon hearing the Gospel of Christ. The sinner is awakened by the Spirit and God's Word so he/she will seek after God till they find Him through faith in Jesus Christ. But the responsibility for the sinner's salvation is on his own head. He must seek for God with all his heart thru prayer and Bible study until he finds Him. It is often a tough process a sinner goes through before he gets saved. To repent and give up our old life and face our sins head on is not easy. But a sinner must go through the process from beginning to end and gain enough understanding of the Gospel to truly repent and find saving faith in Christ. Today there are many false preachers that

salvation by a man made method - coming to an altar and saying the magic sinner's prayer. These preachers are not truly concerned if people are really getting saved they just want results no matter how they get them, so they can get glory and praise for themselves and the money will flow. Thousands and thousands of people have been conned into believing they were saved because they came to the altar and said the prayer when in truth they have experienced a false conversion. They did not experience the new.

birth. The Holy Spirit did not come in their lives and give them a new heart. Why? Because they did not come to Jesus Christ with the proper state of heart; a humble, broken contrite repentant heart that calls out to Jesus convinced that only He and He alone can save them and they want to be saved more than any thing in the world. Yet these deceived souls are told to just come to the altar as they are and Christ will receive and save them regardless of their state of mind. A bold faced lie. Then they are told to believe they are saved even though they have experienced nothing. So today in the churches we have multitudes of people who have testimonies of their false conversions where they experienced nothing except maybe an emotional high, made a shallow commitment with a false faith and then declared saved by the false preachers. An unsaved person with a false conversion becomes very arrogant and dangerous person to the work of Christ. He becomes a proud, judgmental hypocrite, a tool of Satan, that is helping destroy the organized church in America. These are the majority of the Pastors and leaders of the churches today. May God have mercy on us!

The Fruits of a False Conversion

From my many experiences as a pastor I have come to recognize people who have false conversions. Jesus said you will know them by their fruits. Matthew 7:13 & 16. The sad thing is the fruits they bear often fool people because they are not murderers, thieves, harlots, blasphemers, gamblers, drunks, lazy, wild party goers, or outward sinners. No rather they have a form of godliness but just reject the true power of Christ to change evil sinners. They have artificial fruits that appear to be like the fruits of the Holy Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-25. On a closer look you will realize they do not have the real fruit of God's Spirit but rather a worldly substitution that Satan gives them. Below is typical substitutions that are in false conversions, but yet claim to be saved because they are religious and involved in Church activities and meetings.

True Fruit

1. Love - the love of God that loves both neighbor Friend and enemies.
2. Joy - A happiness that comes from obeying God and His presence in one's life - does Not depend on circumstances.
3. Peace - A heavenly peace from Jesus that Does not depend on circumstances.

False Fruits

1. Worldly Charm- that manipulates People to get their praise & support Thru flattery. Prov. 20: 19
2. A happiness of the flesh and depends Upon getting their own way & circumstances going their way - gets angry When things go wrong. Mal. 3: 15
3. A worldly peace - depends on circum- Going right & gives way to fear &

Worry & anger when things go wrong. Jn14:27

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| <p>4. Longsuffering - the grace to endure hardships
Persecution & suffering and still loves &
Forgives those who do wrong & still

loves and trusts God.</p> <p>5. Gentleness - are kind and considerate of
Others and their feelings.</p> <p>6. True Goodness - Do good deeds because
They love God & people.</p> <p>7. Faith - Truly trust in Jesus Christ as Lord
And Savior in their heart & are sincere.</p> <p>8. Meekness - are humble & truly submit to
The Lord Jesus & the scriptures sincerely
Try to obey Him. Willing to admit when
Wrong & feel others are equal.</p> <p>9. Temperance - has self-control from
Holy Spirit.</p> | <p>4. A vengeful attitude - does not take
Rejection or disagreement with grace
Instead strikes back to get even - eye

Mean, cruel with tongue and actions. Matt.12:7</p> <p>5. Very judgmental & domineering &
Quick to put down others & judge
Them. Are control freaks who must
Have their way & try to dominate &
Control others even threaten to get their
way in matters- walk over others. Ps.94:21</p> <p>6. False Goodness - do good deeds to get
Praise & recognition for themselves
From others. Does not love men, use
People to get glory for themselves
Even use God. Matt. 6: 2</p> <p>7. False Faith - No true faith in God but
Rather trust in money & people -
Usually they believe in the church as
God & speak empty words of faith
With no sincerity or heart. Matt. 15: 8-9</p> <p>8. Pride & Arrogance - are very proud &
Feel they are God's right hand person
That can do no wrong and even put
Others down to vaunt themselves up.
Religion is an ego trip for them to
Build themselves, by using God to
puff themselves up. Matt.23: 1-7</p> <p>9. False Temperance - is a good actor at
Religious meetings but in private usually
Has violent tempers & speak harsh cruel
Words of gossip & slander, lacks true
Godly self-control. Matt. 6:5</p> |
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For lack of time & space I will give a quick overall view of the process involved in a true conversion with the different state of mind and heart a person enters into: 1) The initial state - dead in sin - dead to God here a person is in total darkness with no true desire for God nor any true understanding of God. Here a life is lived for self and pleasures of sin as if God does not exist or if he does exist He does not concern Himself with ones personal matters. Hence even a moral person trying to be good to earn heaven can be dead to God. 2) The awoken state - God comes to the sinner and wakes him up to his lost sinful state by revealing himself to him and making Himself real by some miracle or goodness He does for the sinner. Sometimes even by hearing the word of God. In this state God becomes real to the sinner and he has what I call a beginning faith. 3) The seeking state - If the sinner responds to God after being awoken by wanting to know more about God and His word he becomes a seeker. The sinner learns to pray, attend Church, reads the Bible and learns more about the Gospel. During this state the Holy Spirit convicts the sinner of specific sins to repent of that keep him from receiving the grace of salvation. 4) The broken repented state - here the Holy Spirit brings a sinner into a humble broken state where they realize they must find God's full salvation or they are lost and doomed. In this humble state a sinner does not want sin or his sinful nature any longer but wants Christ to truly save him from himself and sin. He cries out to God frequently by calling on the name of Jesus to come and save him and give him the new birth and make him God's child. Because of his humble, broken sincere heart God is able to give the sinner saving faith that enables him to receive from God this wonderful gift of salvation which is full forgiveness and new life in Jesus. 5) The new birth state - Here a sinner because he has called out to God in a humble broken heart is transformed by the Holy Spirit coming within the person and the person becomes a child of God. He is born again and truly saved. All his sins are forgiven and is put in right standing with God because of his deep true repentance and saving faith he has put in Jesus Christ and the merit of his death and resurrection.

Hard Questions

The questions you need to ask yourself are these 1. Do I have a true or false conversion? 2. Do I believe in an over simplified gospel that coerces people into a false conversion? How do you know if your really born again? Did you really change when you were saved so God's love filled your heart and you love God and people? If you are mean and cruel with your mouth, get revenge and hurt those who hurt you are arrogant, who think your never wrong, or dogmatic, who force your beliefs on others, or who seek the praise of men by being religious then you are not saved. Just check over the fruit list and ask yourself do I have the fruits of the Holy Spirit or just false artificial fruits of the flesh. Today we have so many that are great actors in the church - with false conversion. If you try hard enough you can pretend to act like a Christian outwardly but eventually people will see you don't have the true love of Jesus in your heart. A goat can try to dress like a sheep, talk like a sheep, act like a sheep, but it is still a goat. Wake up- be honest, don't deceive yourself any longer. Don't miss heaven because of a false conversion. It doesn't matter how long you claimed to be saved. Many with false conversions claim they have been saved 20-30 years but they still are not saved. Jesus said you must be born-again. Please don't be fooled either by yourself or others. Don't be fooled by others in church either. Evaluate them

and if they are false Christians stay away from them. They will only hurt you and cause you to stumble if you yourself are saved.

If you are peddling a perverted oversimplified gospel that causes false conversions, then stop and repent. Ask for wisdom to gain more understanding how to work with the Holy Spirit to see people get saved rather than work against Him.

Notes About Newsletter

This is the second issue of my newsletter. If you enjoy it and want to learn more about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, you may become a subscriber. My future newsletters will be exposing the modern church and teach how to follow Jesus as the Bible teaches. My newsletter will be a good resource of teaching how to be a true Christian in a generation where false Christianity or Churchianity is the norm.

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Thank you for reading my newsletter.

Remember to keep our Nation in your prayers during this unusual war we are in. Pray for conviction of sin to come to the Americans so they will repent and God may bring a great awakening. Remember that no matter how difficult your situation God is good all the time and has given us this unspeakable gift of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us spend more time in our hearts praising and thanking Him this Christmas. Sometimes we are so busy thinking of others during Christmas we forget to think about and praise the Lord Jesus whose birthday we celebrate. Let us show our love to Him in special ways this Christmas. May God bless you and your family.

Love in Christ,

Rev. Stephen Brown

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