

The Church Must Awake From Its Sleep

The most critical need for the Christian Church today is to be brought back from a long pagan Babylonian captivity.

As this website has revealed in articles listed under the sub-heading of “*Religion*” the Church, mostly unaware, of how pagan practices have been allowed to creep into its theology and worship.

The worship of its people have been gradually re-directed away from the Creator God to worship pagan gods and idols.

Christians are the Church and whatever they do the Church as a whole is doing.

This matter, therefore, is for each of us a personal one.

Any step towards pure worship of the true One and only Creator God must begin with the individual.

What can we plain Christians do to bring back the departed glory and Holy Spirit empowered worship and work that the Church has been commissioned by Jesus Christ to do, [Matthew 28:18-20]?

Get to know and have a personal relationship with the One and only Creator God.

Isaiah 40:21-26, 28 [NIV] *“Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff. ‘To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?’ says the Holy One. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.” ... “Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no-one can fathom.”*

Isaiah knew the God we worship personally and in these verses he is describing this vision of the Holy, all-powerful, all-knowing Creator God.

A God we cannot see with human eyes because of the brightness of His holiness, but we can see in what He has created.

Romans 1:18-20 [NIV] *“The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”*

When we ignore this revealing source of knowing our Creator God He is stirred to wrath because those in authority have blinded the vast majority of people to such knowledge.

Those who teach the lie of evolution are in the forefront of such ignorance.

[Please download and study the articles on this website under the sub-heading of ‘*The Delusion Of Evolution*’.]

1 Corinthians 2:6-14 [NIV] *“We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we speak of God’s secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him’, but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way no-one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.”*

For an in-depth understanding of the thoughts of the Creator God we should be worshipping, we need the active indwelling of the Holy Spirit, [John 14:15-18; John 16:13].

There are conditions to our receiving the Holy Spirit to bring about through us individually and then as the Church as a group of empowered people.

We must forsake our sinful life –

Matthew 5:8 [NIV] *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”*

Only those who are empowered to live a sin-free life will see the glory and the majesty of the Creator God.

Romans 6:3-6 [NIV] *“Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin,”*

Our old sin-driven life must be crucified, so we can begin a new life of serving our Saviour Jesus Christ.

There must be a total commitment to Jesus Christ –

Romans 12:1 [NIV] *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship.”*

This is how we can show our gratitude for what God has done for us through Jesus Christ’s sacrifice.

Romans 12:2 [NIV] *“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

This allows the Holy Spirit to re-educate our minds and produce within us the “fruits” that are the very character of the Creator God we should be worshipping, [**Galatians 5:22-23**].

Detach ourselves from this sin-driven society –

1 John 2:15-17 [NIV] *“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world, the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does, comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives for ever.”*

We are to turn our backs on everything that unbelieving humans set their hearts on, allowing ourselves only the simplest enjoyments of the physical creation which God has bestowed, alike upon the just and the unjust.

Meditate on the majesty of God – the focal point of human interest is on themselves.

Humanism in its various forms has replaced theology, [the study of the Creator God] as the key to understanding the purpose of life.

God is a Person and can be known in increasing degrees of wonder and awe, through meditation on the Word of God, the Christian Bible.

When reading the Psalms we see the word “*selah*” placed at the end of several verses. This word is telling us to pause in our reading and meditate on what we have just been taught by God through His inspired Word, [2 Timothy 3:16].

Greater knowledge of God leads to personal witness –

John 7:38-39 [NIV] “*Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.’ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.*”

The indwelling Holy Spirit cannot be static, He must flow through us out to other humans in acts of love and compassion.

Matthew 5:13-16 [NIV] “*You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*”

We are to be salt in society to add flavour to others’ day-to-day life. Also a living example that can illuminate God’s way of life to other people, a life of love and giving.

1 Peter 3:15-17 [NIV] “*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. It is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.*”

We must always be ready, to tell anyone who asks the hope we have through being a Christian.

This will mean we need to know the scriptures and how we had been led by the Holy Spirit to a position of repentance and renewal of our minds and hearts, leading to a new way of life, that they had noticed.

The response must be given gently and respectfully.

John 17:15-18 [NIV] “*My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.*”

The prayer of Jesus Christ for His disciples just before He sacrificed His life for the salvation of all humanity, [John 3:16-17].

We are here on earth for but a very short time, so we need to use them to fulfil the job of work that God has given us to further His Kingdom, that is His created family.

Ephesians 5:8-18 [NIV] *“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: ‘Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’ Be very careful, then, how you live, not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.”*

As “*children of light*” all our actions should reflect our Christian faith. We should live a life that is above reproach morally so we can reflect God’s goodness to others.