

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE TWO CHURCHES

"I had been a Christian for over 25 years when first taught the doctrine of the Two Churches. During that time span I had listened to innumerable sermons, attended many camps, retreats, and seminars, read scores of books, listened to countless tapes and heard hundreds of programs on Christian radio. During these thousands of hours of teaching by the so-called leading pastors of the day, nary a word was spoken about this important teaching." James Grippe, ICONBUSTERS

The value of understanding what the Scriptures say on this matter is beyond measure, for it clearly defines the enemy. Most in the Christian world, though not all, understand we are in a battle. Sadly, most are battling the wrong enemy. If they are battling the wrong enemy, then the head of their army must be wrong as well. If that head is wrong, then he must be a false head and not the true head of the church. Christ does not place leaders in His Body to misdirect the troops, nor does Christ misdirect His troops.

The true Christ is the head of the true church and is able to communicate to His saints the true enemy's identity. The false christ, read Antichrist, leads false believers to fight a false enemy. During my days of ignorance in the Arminian world of free will, where 'God loves everybody' is preached, the enemy consisted of abortionists, homosexuals, liberals, gun control advocates, the government, etc. Unfortunately, Christ did not tell us to 'take heed for many liberals would come'. Rather He said "Take heed, for many will come in my name, saying 'I am the Christ and will deceive many,' (Mt. 24:4,5). The many warnings of Jesus, Paul, and the other apostles, alert us as to the whereabouts of the enemy.....where we may find his hiding place.

Here is the crux of the matter. The battle is not with the world but within the visible church. The visible church encompasses all those who name the name of Christ. However, we are warned that not everyone who names the name of Christ is truly saved, (Mt.7:22).Therefore, within this visible (visible to the world at large) church resides the invisible church, or the true church, not discerned by the world and unregenerate 'Christian.' It is interesting to me that after Christ speaks on this matter in Mt. 7, He ends it by speaking about two foundations, one good and one bad, one true and one false, one that leads to life and one that leads to death.

The battle is over the truth of the Word. It is a war of polemics as the spokesperson for that old serpent, known as the Antichrist, spews forth his false doctrine in an effort to destroy Christ's church, Rev. 12:15 and 2Thess 2:8-12. The following verses, 13-14, declare that it was for the purpose of defending this truth that we were called.

Therefore, we admonish all with eyes to see and ears to hear to 'come out of her', that is, Mystery Babylon, the false Mother church and harlot daughters, for her destruction will be swift and sure. (Rev. 18:4 & 18:17-23).

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