

PTB2-31: The Bible is Christ, Jesus as the Foundation Stone. (a message for you in 5 parts or a teaching outline that will preach, remember Carroll is a model for commentaries that teach and preach)

Ways in which Jesus is the Foundation Stone.

1. The Father established this corner stone.
2. Jesus's perfection was tested on earth.
3. Jesus is precious as the beloved Son of the Father.
4. The only foundation for faith laid by the Father.
5. People are only made secure as they stand by faith on this foundation.

II. Gentiles of the new remnant will not be ashamed of their faith in the foundation stone.

1. Isaiah 1:9.

"Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah." (Isaiah 1:9)

2. Romans 9:29.

"And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabbath had left us a seed, we had been as Sodom, and been made like unto Gomorrah. What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone; As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumbling stone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." (Romans 9:29-33 and Isaiah 1:9 and Psalms 118:22 and Isaiah 8:14, and Isaiah 28:16)

3. Isaiah 49:23.

"Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shall know that I am the LORD; for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me." (Isaiah 49:22,23)

4. Romans 10:11.

"For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." (Romans 10:11)

III. The New Remnant of the New Foundation Stone of faith identified.

1. Isaiah 10:22,23.

“And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God. For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.” (Isaiah 10:20-22)

2. Romans 9:27.

“As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto the, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God. Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved.” (Romans 9:25-27, Hosea 2:23, Hosea 1:10, and Isaiah 1:9 and Isaiah 10:22,23)

3. Isaiah 53:1.

“Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?” (Isaiah 53:1)

WHO CAN BE SAVED AND WHO WILL BELIEVE THE REPORT OF THE GOSPEL IN ORDER TO BE SAVED? THE NEW REMNANT OF JEWS AND GENTILES!

4. Romans 10:16.

“But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you. But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.” (Romans 10:16-21 and Isaiah 53:1 and Psalms 19:4 and Deuteronomy 32:21 and Isaiah 65:1 Isaiah 65:2)

IV. Even as the real Captivity is spiritual, so also the real remnant of a few Gentiles and Jews is the real nation of the new earth.

1. Isaiah 52:5.

“Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day is blasphemed. Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak; behold, it is I.” (Isaiah 52:5,6)

2. Romans 2:24.

“For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you (the Jews), as it is written.” (Romans 2:24)

3. Isaiah 65:1.

“I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name.” (Isaiah 65:1)

4. Romans 10:20,21.

“But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was fond of them that ought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.” (Romans 10:20,21 and Isaiah 65:1 and Isaiah 65:2)

V. All the Gospel implications of Jesus as the new foundation stone for the new remnant.

1. Israel as a nation has not been able to see and hear this Gospel, nor to become part of the new remnant.

2. All of “Israel”, the new remnant, is not of the nation of Israel; but all of this “Israel”, the new remnant, shall be saved.

3. The Covenant of God with this new remnant of the new nation of “Israel”, of a few Jews and Gentiles, includes that God will take away their sins. Even as this new remnant is the real Israel, so the real Captivity and Restoration is the taking away of the bondage of this sin.

4. God the Father has pre-determined and even sworn on the fact in the Old Testament that every single knee on this earth and in history shall bow to Him, and confess that He alone is God.

5. It was predicted by the Prophet Isaiah that Gentiles would believe in the root of Jesse and David, Jesus the foundation stone.

6. The ones that God has spoken of in Isaiah and the rest of the Old Testament, those of the new remnant of the new nation of Israel, will see, hear, understand, and believe the Gospel of the foundation stone of Jesus.

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2-2: The Urgent Need to Properly Learn Christ

"This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness." (Ephesians 4:17-19)

" But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus..." (Ephesians 4:20)

I. Consider that you did not properly learn Christ if:

(1) Your life style is influenced more by your culture and associates than Christ and His teachings.

(2) You share a "futility of mind" with your associations which is an imagination separated from the realities of God.

Time in the Word Ministries elaborates from the Bible on the meaning of futility of the mind in these words:

"Their minds are full of are darkness (Eph 5:8), enmity against God (Rom 8:7), poisoned (Acts 14:2), debased (Rom 1:28), set on the things of the flesh (Rom 8:5), blinded (2 Cor 3:4; 4:4), vainly puffed up (Col 2:18), corrupt (1 Tim 6:5; 2 Tim 3:8), defiled (Titus 1:15), unstable (James 1:8), and finally as we will study today, futile (Eph 4:17)."

<https://timeintheword.org/2009/11/24/the-futility-of-their-mind/>

II. Is Paul and the Word of God through Paul getting us to doubt, of all things, that we did not learn Christ, that we have not really heard him in our heart, and our church membership has come by outside influences, not Christ; that Jesus has not really been your Teacher through the Holy Spirit in all the things He taught us to do and say; that you got your "truth in Christ" from others more than the Christ of the Bible.

III. Paul, as a former lawyer was extremely well trained in the law and the Prophets of the OT, and with His enlightenment and conversion by Christ, recognized a similar

central common message of the 19 Writing Prophets, namely that GOD'S PEOPLE WERE NOT ACTING LIKE GOD'S PEOPLE. If we are the kind that compare ourselves by and with ourselves, alias our culture, it is easy to miss the boat on Learning Christ properly.

IV. Sanctification is important here as is your original regeneration or new birth, also the anticipated and assured glorification at the Second Coming of Christ, "when we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." Even as the Bible in this verse points out the example learning of Christ in eternity, so we learn by the example in the Bible of Christ as we go along in life with sanctification, striving to close the gap in our internal Christ like along the life style path of all the way from new birth to glorification. One is inclined to naturally think that the smallness of our gap between initial regeneration and glorification of Christ likeness when we meet Christ in heaven will help to determine our positions of service on the new earth.

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The Obvious Gap between Christ and Church Members

The contemporary gap between Christ and church membership should be obvious to all. It hardly matters which church or denomination as you look at church members around you, and then look at the Christ of the Bible and the teachings of Christ, there is little similarity. The discouraging aspect of the gap is that it is getting larger each year. That means that it is diverging; and if it is diverging, it is conceivable that shortly the churches and Christ will be going in opposite directions. Horrible, yes; but what is the answer. What is the cure for this obvious and serious problem that has gripped the world of Christians?

The answer is for church members to Learn Christ. Which Christ? The Christ from the apostles and prophets of the Bible.

If one passage of the Bible were chosen as a gist or theme for this Bible commentary, LEARN CHRIST FROM THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, it would be Ephesians 2:19-22.

"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."
(Ephesians 2:19-22 NJKV)

I know the classic reply for church leaders. “No human can be perfect”, and “at least they are trying.”

No, that is the point. The church members are not trying. They are doing what they want to do. They are not making positive efforts to be like Christ and to be like God which is demanded in the Bible from the apostles and prophets. The description of what is presently happening to church members is like the description from the Apostle Paul in II Timothy 4:3,4

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers, and they will turn their ears from the truth...” (II Timothy 4:3,4 NJKV)

You see it is not longer a negative thing of “we are trying...our heart is in the right place...but we just cannot reach perfection.” No, that is not it! It is a positive matter of first, a lack of tolerance for sound doctrine—church members will not listen to sound doctrine, church members will not go to hear sound doctrine, and church members will not tolerate preachers and teachers who preach sound doctrine. You see how horrible that is as compared to the excuses from the heaped teachers of itching ears.

Church members, according to the Apostle Paul’s description, are motivated not by any effort to be like Christ and any effort at perfect, but are motivated by their own human desires; that is, “according to their own desires,” and “because they have itching ears.” In short, church members are doing what they want to do and they are believing what they want to believe. What they want to believe is things that will tickle their ears. Things that will give them pleasure like, “nobody is perfect” and “you are the people of God”, and “at least you are trying”. Maybe 20 or 30 years ago that was true; but not now. And the apex of the gap in Paul’s description is that they pile up or heap to themselves teachers. It is much like building a dirt fortress or battement around themselves in order to protect themselves from sound doctrine. They buy books from teachers that feed their desires; they run off teachers and preachers that offend their itching ears with the truth; and they call as pastors, teachers, and administrators those “teachers” that will teach according to their own desires.

The whole motivation is to turn away from the truth. Now, brother, that is a positive thing. It takes a lot of effort for so-called “Christians” to turn away from the truth of the Bible. It takes a lot of effort for church members to cease to Learn Christ; and in the place of learning Christ to learn some kind of church membership that is based on “desires” and “itching ears”.