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Easy Believism

Easy believism is an evil counterfeit of Bible based Christianity. Yet, much of Christendom is plagued by it today. It's as easy as ABC: ask, believe, confess and you will become a Christian. Just ask Jesus into your heart. Come forward in a meeting. Be baptized. Even, pray for and receive the Holy Spirit. All of these are common expressions that many take to mean that this all there is to it: nothing more.

However, the real meaning or drinking of the Water of Life, which is the prayer to receive the Holy Spirit, involves a commitment to obey Him in all that He teaches. All of the above expressions are meaningless unless they involve a commitment of obedience to Father, Son, and Spirit. It is impossible to make such a commitment without the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit: but, we must be willing. Nothing happens unless we are willing. The Father, Son, and Spirit are not playing simple games with us: They are in the business of transforming us into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

The Spirit leads us to Jesus: empowering, helping, showing, teaching us to deny self, take up our crosses and follow Jesus (Matthew 10:38; 16:24; Mark 8:34; 10:21; Luke 9:23) along the narrow road (Matthew 7:13-14) of life. This is a hard, tight, ascending path with many dangerous pitfalls. Satan lays snares and traps for us, he hunts us and attacks us. We stumble (παραπτώματα, side-falls, Matthew 6:14, 15): Jesus and the Spirit lift us up again, and again, and again... hundreds, thousands of times each day. We wander off path and the Good Shepherd finds us and sets us back on the path again.

Who is this Jesus that the Spirit serves so faithfully? He is the God-man who fulfilled all the righteous demands of the Law of God on behalf of the whole human race (John 3:16). The Law of God, recorded by Moses for us around 1406 BC, nearly 3500 years ago, is the prophecy. Jesus is its complete and perfect fulfillment. The life of Jesus and the Law of God do not differ by as much as a single smallest letter, or even a hair of ink on that letter. In fulfilling this Law Jesus accomplished the complete Will of God. Jesus is the Law and Will of God standing on two feet. When Jesus and Moses sing a duet (Revelation 15:3), they are singing the same song, which is Deuteronomy 32: Jesus and Moses are in perfect agreement.

We don't need to ask, "What is the Will of God for our lives"? We need to follow Jesus on the narrow road: that is the Will of God for our lives.

When we want to discover the shape of the life of Jesus: we read it in the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy... which some call Pentateuch and others call Torah. These first five books of the Old Testament provide a detailed description of the Law that Jesus fulfilled; the first four books of the New Testament provide a detailed description of how Jesus fulfilled that Law.

Thus, Jesus, by His life and works, and especially by His death on the Cross for us, purchased the whole human race out of slavery to sin. Thus, the Law of God and Moses was made a solid foundation under our feet. We obey that Law by grace through faith; stumbling, losing our way: but, nevertheless obeying. It is a grave mistake and sin to think; that just because the Law is given to us by grace through faith; that we don't need to attend to that law and obey it. But, we must follow the One Who is made The Law for us.

Many people in the Old Testament era, and many today, try to obey this same Law by works of righteousness which we have done, and fail miserably: because of absolute human incapability.

This does not mean that we are not obliged to obey that same Law: for, we follow Jesus, who is the Law of God, the Law of Liberty, the Law of Love, the Law of Life, the Law of Moses, standing before us on two feet. Even Moses assured us that obedience to this Law was a matter of the heart, a matter of love, not a matter of works.

So, we follow Jesus: one step at a time, as the Spirit of God inculcates the Law of God in us because we now love Jesus, and want to become like Him. So, as imperfect as our meandering, stumbling obedience is, we learn to obey the Law of God, one painful step at a time.

It is common today, in these days of effortless grace and easy believism to ignore the Law of God, which all of us do every day. Our deliberate inattention leads to many gross and grievous sins: public sins, government sins. All because we are in denial and delusion that we don't need to obey the Law of God. Well, we do need to obey the Law of God, however imperfectly, out of love for Jesus, for the Father, for the Spirit, and for our fellow humans. Such utter disregard for the Law of God, will eventually prove fatal to our nation.

But to say such things out loud in this faithless and unbelieving generation; in these days of effortless grace and easy believism; surely results in being falsely tarred with the evil brush of Marxism.

How is it that supposedly Christian people fail to see the difference between the Law of God and Marxism; and some are even so deluded that they see Marxism as a form of Christian moral obedience?

First of all, many supposed Christians don't read the Law, don't understand the Law, don't obey the Law, and haven't got the first clue of what it means to follow Jesus. So, when Marxists, utterly without God, counterfeit nice sayings of morality to deceive the masses, many are completely and easily duped because they are ignorant of the Law and the Spiritual interpretation of that Law (Romans 8).

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter.

“They that have My Commandments, and keeps them, they are those who love Me: and those who love Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love them, and will show Myself to them.” — John 14:21

The Commandments of Jesus are the same as the Commandments of Moses. Jesus fulfilled all the righteous demands of the Law perfectly. We must strive out of love and faith and grace to follow.

Marxism is a bitter lie. So is easy believism.

Following Jesus may not sound like much: but, it is the hardest job we will ever have... because Jesus is perfect and we are not... perfect... YET. God is the potter; we are the clay: God doesn't know how to make bad pots.

Soli Deo Gloria.

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