

April — June 2000 Word

“And it is not feasible to put a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. Nor do people put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”

Matthew 9:16–17

IT IS HARD TO TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS...

There is nothing more difficult than to teach someone who has already been taught wrong. Thus we find the Holy Spirit speaking to the church and they are all dull of hearing because they are steeped in wrong doctrine. What are some of the wrong teachings??? Let me tell you of only a few.

1. The rapture doctrine is being taught by teachers who are voiding the cross — teachers who think there is a way out of our dilemma other than complete death to our old man. Paul the apostle was so irate with these false teachers that first he wept and then he was so angry he wished they would castrate themselves while performing the right of circumcision for they were deceiving the people into thinking their salvation was by circumcision. At the cross we shed our blood. At the cross we rid ourselves of our genealogy. At the cross we become a new creation who has new elements that makes one able to abide in Christ, the Creator, who is fire. At the cross our old wineskins are removed with the help of the family God has placed us with. At the cross we overcome death and hell. The cross is where we become free from sin. It is the doorway into Heaven where we can once more be united with God, making Him our Father.

2. I was reading an article last week about all the converts who were coming to this person's church and all the things that were happening there. Well, all that sounded good until I read that he thought that the “many wonderful things” happening was his fruit.

Let me explain what the fruit is that God is looking for. It is definitely not the people we bring to Christ, or the healings or any other wonderful things we do in his name. As a matter of fact when they came to Christ bragging about all that was going on He replied, “Get ye hence, I never knew you, you doers of iniquity.” So that old Adam man can be ever so nice, ever so religious, but until our iniquity is removed we are but a big puffed up nothing. Bearing fruit happens after many years of dying daily, denying oneself, much groaning and suffering. You see, dear reader, as the kingdom of God is within us so also is the fruit God is looking for. Our fruit is love (not as the world giveth), joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness and faith. The seed is in the fruit and the seed is Christ. I could write much more on the fruit interesting to God. A tree is a perfect picture of the process a seed (our natural man) goes through to come into maturity and bear fruit.

Hebrews 12:11 tells us that fruit is the result of severe chastening. Like an apple tree, the fruit is a result of the seed leaving all behind to grow up into a tree, bearing fruit.

3. Yet one more erroneous teaching is on Israel somehow being a chosen country. Always remember the kingdom of God is within us and if it doesn't happen on the inside of each of us it will not happen in our nation. By “it” I mean the big change from Adam to Christ.

Everyone begins his walk as a Gentile (a heathen). All of us are in the pits of hell and are pulled out by

obeying the Spirit much like an apple seed obeys the process of maturing that takes place in it as it grows from a seed into a fruit bearing tree. Jerusalem and Zion are all places within us. Israel is just one more warring nation on the verge of being annihilated by God. A true Jew is one circumcised in his heart — has nothing to do with his birth or where he lives. There is an arrogance in the heart of many Jews just because they have a Jewish lineage. That, my dear friends, is a stench in the nostrils of our God as much as any one who has pride in his genealogy or religion or any such thing.

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation (get that — the nation is a royal priesthood) His own special people that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who have not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. (1 Peter 2:9) That tells us who the chosen people are and what His nation is.

4. Recently the pope asked the world to forgive the church for atrocities committed in times past.

Forgiveness does not come quite that easy. Repentance, deep and painful must come first — looking on the grief we have caused the human race and God and all in the name of Christ. God is not only holding the Catholics responsible, but all Christians. If the pope really wants forgiveness why does he not confess he has millions of people held hostage with man-made doctrines that have nothing to do with one's salvation of the soul.

Going to mass, communion, confession in a dark box have nothing to do with our salvation. Deceiving the people is akin to murder, as our soul is bound in hell, sealed by false hopes.

Now if you can say “amen” to the above message you just may not be an old dog or perhaps you are an old dog whose heart wants to know God above things, for God looks on the heart of His people. There are many other false teachings but for the present let us settle for these four. God is making crooked places straight — straight truth makes straight the path for the coming of the Lord. God bless you and I pray these words bear the fruit of the kingdom.

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Dear Friends,

The new millennium is beginning to unfold, and with its unfolding lives are being forced to change. The sooner we can all submit to the Potter, the easier our lives become as He is molding and forming a new creation.

We all at Piecemakers are chugging right along through many trials in which we are attempting to “count it all joy”. The fire of the Holy Ghost is real, burning up all that cannot enter the kingdom.

*We thank our dear Lord for our work, our faithful supporters and for the epidemic of quilting that is hitting the whole world. As you all know there is always something new and exciting taking place at Piecemakers, so check our **Calendar of Events** — better still, come see us.*