

From Beginning to End

Jesus Christ is the same today as He was yesterday and He will also be the same 2,000 years hence. And His method of reconciling a lost people back to the One True God and Our Father will always be the same.

Because He is the Author and the Finisher of our faith, many people know Him as the Author of their faith but have never gone on through the severe work of the cross to know Christ the Finisher or the One who finishes off the old fallen nature and creates out of that void a new man.

Now the people who don't know Christ at all usually think the ones who know Him as the author are a little weird or different because they talk about their new found Love all the time and usually there is a little change in their lives and it causes upheaval for those closest to that person.

But when one dares to leave all and follow Him and know Him as the finisher of one generation and the beginning of a whole new people — not only do those who have never met Him point fingers and mock and persecute — but the ones who will torment you and even kill you if they can — are the religious ones who know Him as the Author. This is not surprising or new for they did it to Him and He said they would do it to us.

I met the Author of my faith through a well-known man of faith who never went on to know the Christ of the resurrection and whose gospel was rather shallow. I gleaned from his field all he had to offer in about six months. He was a “John the Baptist” and walked in that light, and that was nice to bask in for a season. However, that light does not transform the mind and the heart of man. So Jesus called me to be His disciple —

or simply to be disciplined by Him — and after counting the cost, I turned my back on all I loved and followed Him. Did this cause pain and suffering and upheaval in my life and in my family's life? You bet it did!! But once I made the commitment, or as Jesus called it, “put my hand to the plow,” I never turned back.

I found this Jesus to be an all consuming God who demanded that I love Him more than husband, children, job — yea, even my own life. He began to show me the idolatry in my life and to take my idols from me.

In retrospect, I see the wisdom in complete and total commitment and obedience, without which I never would have become one with God. Even as a person has a vision of a career — he has a certain path to follow to get to his goal. Having a profession he is perhaps a better father, or, should I say an asset to the community. So are the true people of God. Their hearts are cleansed from impurity. They are a light in a dark world — the salt of the earth. And the prince of this world, called the devil, and all his wily offspring would like to put out the light for the light exposes their evil intents and motives.

How can I put down on a couple of pages my walk from a life of sin and suffering into a life of freedom? It is all written in a book called *The Bible*. The most abused book ever written, for the natural man does not understand it. It is spiritually discerned.

Let me end by saying this — no greater love has man for his brother than to lay his life down. He did it and because we love Him — we — called “His body” — also have done it.

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.



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