

The View From Where I Sit

Perhaps, just perhaps, God had high hopes when in the 1930's a couple by the name of Herbert and Loma Armstrong became convicted, inspired, and were moved to enthusiastically begin the next generations of true believers. We who were called "by God" in these generations of believers are struggling to endure to the end. But many have fallen by the wayside. How sad is that? Do we feel as Jesus did, an overwhelming sense of loss, and go after them as the Good Shepard did?

Do you ever suspect that the Father and Messiah (picture this) are sitting in Heaven and weeping over the many, many, divisions that have come about in these last generations.

We all need to know in our hearts what is required for Salvation. Do we really even know? Somehow, I think that if we did, we would be behaving much differently in all ways.

Each group, large or small, is on their own little soapbox, zealously, and jealously I might add, defending their own "pet doctrines". Our "pet doctrines" are keeping us separated from each other! Yes, even from loving and nurturing each other.

Where is our focus?

Are our churches just businesses to be promoted, or are they a tool for God to further the growth of His saints, and the coming Kingdom of God? Will God single out one group over another, and say: "You can enter the Kingdom, but all of you others, you are out-of-here!"?

What does God require of us?

Love God, and Love one another,
Keep My Commandments,
A broken and contrite heart,
One who is not a respecter of persons,
One who is growing in graciousness and knowledge,
Preparing our minds and hearts for the coming Kingdom of God.

What He requires of us should be uppermost in everything we do. Unfortunately, as I look around, this is not what I sense. Not a sense of fellowship, or even love, but a sense of self righteousness, of defending our "pet beliefs", about what is wrong about other's beliefs, and what is right about our beliefs. We make such an issue over doctrines! Most previous generations of believers never had our library of books. Is it that the more we learn, the more we fight about? Are we believers because of our heads or our hearts? Aren't we instructed to use both?

"Oh My", if even I sigh and cry over this mess we have made, how much more is The Father and Jesus Christ sighing and crying over what they see. We do look around and fault everyone that does not believe exactly as we do, and then we refuse to fellowship with them. How sad is that! Are we not **all** striving for the Kingdom?

Face it you Pharisees and Hypocrites, there are things that will not be revealed until the Kingdom. Some things God has kept purposefully hidden, for reasons of His own. Do we really think that we know the mind of God? How presumptuous. We fight over doctrinal issues, and neglect the more important matters of the Law: Love, Justice, Mercy, and Faithfulness.

So, I suggest we examine ourselves. Just what is required by God of His people, in order for us to be in His Kingdom? Let's focus on that!

Let's all, all churches of God, get together, and be a tool that God can use at this momentous time in history.

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