

Can You Believe It

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You know I find it very interesting that there is all kind of Churches in the world today. There is the Baptist, the Methodist, Pentecostal, Lutheran, and Catholic Church, etc. And each one teaches something different, yet each one claims to be the truth and nothing but the truth. The Apostle Paul said in I Cor. 1:10-17 "Now I beseech you (that means, I beg of you, or to ask earnestly) by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you speak the same thing, and that there be no division among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the **same mind** and in the **same judgment**.

Paul went to many cities, and preached in many churches. Churches that were in the homes, or in the synagogues, but whether the apostles were in a church in Philippi, Galatians, Ephesus, or Rome, I ask you, **did Paul or any of the apostles bring in a different truth, or a different gospel to each of these churches? No he did not.** So if Paul did not, and Peter did not, and the rest of the apostles did not bring in another gospel, but they all preached the same thing. **Why** do not preachers, preach the same truth that they preached? Why do we have so many different beliefs, if everyone is preaching the truth, as they claim?

Gal. 1:6-9 Paul said, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from **him that called you into the grace of Christ** unto another gospel which is not another, but there are some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But that we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accused.

Are there some of us that do not have the unperturbed gospel of Christ? Or do we all believe that we all have the one true gospel of Christ? **Let us reason together:** Did Paul and Peter preach **One Lord, one faith and one baptism at one church, and then preach the trinity at another? Did they preach and teach baptism in Jesus' name at one church, and the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost at another? No, they did not.** They did not intend to bring confusion and division to the house of God, but there is confusion and division in the churches today. I Cor. 1:12-13 "Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul, or I of Appollos, or I of Christ. **Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I think not.**

II Peter 3:16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the scriptures. Also verse 17-18 they both (Peter and Paul) received the **Holy Ghost the very same way. Both spoke in tongues. Paul said, "I speak in tongues more than ye all."** Do you actually believe that they did not preach this at every church that they went to? Neither can I believe Peter preaching one gospel at one place, and Paul preaching something different at another. What kind of mess would that be? But we have the very same thing today. Is it not the **same Spirit** or is it? Paul said in Gal 1:8-9 "But though we, or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Paul wanted us to understand this so he repeated it, "As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach **any other gospel** unto you than that ye have

received, let him be accursed. Verse 10 "For do I now seek the favor of men or of God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet please men I should not be the servant of Christ.

A preacher cannot please both man and Jesus Christ, like he cannot serve two Gods, the Lord Jesus Christ and Satan. We do not need men pleasers. Every denomination has the truth, or so they say, yet they each teach different doctrine, how can that be. They claim to have the truth, but I ask of you, how many truths are there?

Some people believe, just go to any church on Sunday. **Why** should I go to just any church, when even the basic things of the bible are not taught. One preacher baptizes in the name of Jesus, the next one baptizes in the trinity. They have never figured out after all these years **who the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are**. But the one who teaches Jesus knows who they are. There is only one that gave his life on the cross of Calvary. Only one that is coming back for **His Church**. "There is no other name under heaven, given among men whereby we must be saved, but the name of Jesus Christ. Not Mary, not Paul, not Peter, but Jesus.

One church believes in speaking in other tongues as evidence of having the Holy Ghost, others believe that as soon as you say the sinner's prayer, "We are born again." That is not so, let me ask you, How did Peter and Paul know that they had been born again of the water and of the Spirit? Acts 19 chapter tells us how they knew that John the Baptist' disciples had been born again and Cornelius household, Acts 10 chapter (the Gentiles)

Every church believes that they have the only access to the truth. Every soul in those churches, believe that they are saved, and other churches are not. Tell me, how can they all have the whole truth? Some of them have a part of the truth, and others don't have any. Are the preachers only teaching as much as they know, but don't know enough to be preaching? Were they called by God or did they think that preaching would be a good vocation? We don't need more preachers. We need more preachers preaching the truth. Are they preaching just what they are told that they can preach, like " Don't step on my toes, by coming down to hard." Just preach "God is Love," that is a safe subject.

Time is running down, we don't need showmanship in the pulpit, we need leadership. Souls are ignored in the shuffle. I was sitting in church one day and I heard a sister whisper just enough for me to understand her, when the preacher was reading I Thess. 5:14 "comfort the fainthearted, support the weak, be patient with all men." She whispered softly, "What about me?" How many more sitting in churches today fell the same way? They are concerned about their soul, and they need help, but they are not getting it. We need preachers that are not ashamed to shed a few tears for the unsaved of this world, instead of taking an ego trip and trying to act so holy. If a preacher is not called by God to preach his word, then that preacher has no business being in the pulpit. But I am sorry to say, there are many preaching, that don't know what they are saying.

The Holy Ghost is needed to preach **His word**. A sermon, which anyone can acquire from the internet or through the mail that someone else has prepared for them, but a message is from God. He has

messages, you know. If you have, "Eyes that can see, ears that can hear, and a heart that can feel" A heart of flesh, not of stone.

Churches may be getting bigger, but not better, for they are just teaching half-truths. Churches are getting so big they can't hear that little whisper, "What about me."

Many preach the Rapture, but do they believe that it is soon to come. Jesus is coming back. "**Can you believe it?**" Sure, sermons sound good, and everyone can go home feeling good, but messages are from God. Some toes may get stepped on to be able to save some soul.

If the Holy Ghost is leading some preacher, then you can be assured he is preaching the Apostoline, the same teaching that Peter and Paul preached. It's time preachers got serious about the ministry. In the days we are living in, is no time for a clown in the pulpit, cracking jokes. Jesus, is coming back. No, we don't know the exact day, but he said it in his word, and I believe it. Can you believe it? It is time to get our soul saved. Do you believe it?