ADVANCED TRAINING

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IN ONE ACCORD?

We are the body of Christ. Some are called to government and help make up the head of Christ and some are called to body members and make up the body of Christ. Like any sound body it should have one heart and one soul. It must be in one accord with itself to accomplish anything. Satan is aware that a house divided will fall. It is a spiritual law. So he introduces as much confusion as he possibly can. The biggest way he is successful is through the mixed message of the body of Christ today. It doesn't speak the same thing.

A new convert would have no real idea of how to be saved. Some parts of the body say "just ask the Lord into your heart and you are forever His." Others teach "you must repent first, acknowledge your need to be saved, then ask Jesus to come into your life and be baptized." Some say at this point "you are forever saved" while others tell you that "you have to let the Holy Spirit mold and shape you by putting you in the fire and refining you to be restored to His image once again." In other words it is a continuous process, and not a one time thing.

Who is right and who is wrong? And then, even if we do make it to baptism, how should we be baptized? In the name of Jesus? In the name of Jehovah, Yeshua, and Pneuma maybe? Or maybe in no name - just Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In other words, who He is in relationship to us. When we finally got past baptism and looked back on the event, had anyone ever explained to us that Adam's race was a fallen race, this is why we had to be born over again? We could not just fix fallen man or straighten out Adam's race, we really needed to be born into something different, a new creature that would follow the Lamb rather than the goat.

Were we told it is legalism to follow the commandments of Christ and walk on the highway of holiness? Maybe it was not said quite like that, but it was implied that we can continue to sin and the blood of Jesus will cover it and the Spirit of grace will go on and on forgiving our carnality. Much more emphasis was put on these scriptures than for us to be holy as He is Holy, or that narrow is the way to eternal life and broad is the road to destruction. Here is another example (speaking in tongues). Which way is it? Should we speak in tongues? Is this evidence of being filled with the Spirit or are we filled with the Spirit when we ask Jesus into our hearts? Who do we believe?

Some sectors of the church leave all ministry to the leadership. The body just blesses God with their presence and money and they sit in a pew every service. And speaking of services, even the day we meet together is confused. Is Sunday correct? Or is Sabbath proper? Maybe the day does not even matter to God.

Another bit of confusion: Are apostles and prophets for today? Can women be used in this area or in any area of leadership for this matter? When we are counseled on home life, are we told men rule the home, or spiritually cover the home? Are women helpmates or door mats?

The point I am trying to make here is that the church does not speak with one voice. Its language is confused and is so much babble to the ears of the world. Examples: Should we try to fix the governments of this world or let them fall, knowing God's kingdom is coming forth. We pray "Thy kingdom come", and fix Satan's. We say we do not compromise, but we do not want to stir up contention by speaking truth. We say we are not old wineskins, but we like to do things the same way our parents did.

The old song "if it is good enough for daddy then it is good enough for me" is

part of the church's theme song, but the other half is telling us we have to change as God opens the seals of revelation giving us direction to walk through this end time. Or maybe this really is not even the end times? Some say we are anointed, others teach He is anointed through us. Some say we are gifted, others teach He is the gift within and all we do is yield and die to ourselves so He can work through us. Some teach that once we are saved, Satan cannot enter us so there is no real need for deliverance while others point to the scripture where Jesus tells Peter "get behind me Satan" and how that Satan entered Judas Iscariot and so demand that we go through deliverance before we can have any place in ministry. On and on, confusion, confusion!

Who do we listen to? Some say God loves everyone, while others point out He said "Jacob I love (the spiritual man) and Esau I hate (the carnal man)". Who are the Jacobs and Esaus today if God is the same? Did not David sing a song of warning in Psalm 5 against the liars and the boastful workers of iniquity? He said God hates these ones. Was David right? Does God hate some types of people? And who are those He says shall not enter the kingdom, even though they call Him Lord and prophesied in His name and cast out devils and did many wonders? Who are the ones to whom He will say "I never knew you: depart from me you who practice lawlessness"? He called some hypocrite, others vipers and

white washed graves. Where are these today? Who are they? Confusion and babble!

Did you know that in the beginning the whole world spoke one language? Over time, however, the sin that Satan introduced to mankind became so prevalent that they became totally united in their evil purposes and God had to stop them. The method He used to hinder their efforts was to confuse their language and break the power of their united message. It stopped them because they could not agree on how to accomplish anything and they became scattered.

Gen. 11:1-9

- 1 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech.
- 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there.
- 3 Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.
- 4 And they said, "Come, let us <u>build us a city</u>, and <u>a tower</u> whose top is <u>in the</u> <u>heavens</u>; let us make <u>a name for ourselves</u>, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.
- 5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men

had built.

- 6 And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. (spiritual law)
- 7 "Come, let Us go down and there **confuse their language**, that they **may not** understand one another's speech."
- 8 So the <u>LORD scattered them abroad from there</u> over the face of all the earth, and <u>they ceased building the city</u>.
- 9 Therefore <u>its name is called Babel</u>, because there <u>the LORD confused the</u>

 <u>language of all the earth</u> and from there <u>the LORD scattered them</u> abroad over the face of all the earth.

HERE IS THE REAL PROBLEM

Satan counterfeits all he sees God doing. He recognizes a "spiritual law" when he sees it. He learned from the above experience that if the same message is not spoken by everyone (no matter how much people want to accomplish something), they will fail if they do not speak the same thing. A house divided will fall. It is a spiritual law.

Once more Satan will unite those that are lawless and full of rebellion through his message of lies and false doctrine. These become one evil voice again against God, His people and truth. These strongly united ones are then released into the church and their evil message misleads and overpowers the new converts. They speak confusion and lies into the hearts of these people, causing the once pure message to become so much polluted babble and a new Babylon is birthed.

Confusion worked for God in Genesis and it is working for Satan today. Now a people with many different messages are trying to establish God's city (New Jerusalem) and His tower (the mountain of Zion). As Satan's people were scattered so long ago, we now see God's people disbanded and scattered in their efforts. But at Zephaniah 3:9 we see good news.

Zeph. 3:9

9 "For then <u>I will restore to the peoples a pure language</u>, that they all may call on the name of the LORD, to serve Him with one accord.

God says He will restore a pure language so we can call on His name and serve Him in one accord.

WHAT LANGUAGE IS THIS?

It is the language of the Holy Spirit. It may be spoken in different dialects and from many parts of the world, but the message will be pure and the same. No false doctrine in this gospel and no lies of Satan to shape and mold people into his image. People who are truly in one accord will speak what the Holy Spirit tells them to say. This will be a united message. One of truth and restoration. This message will flow forth as living waters to create a new heaven and a new earth and a new kingdom for God's people. Will it be a confused message anymore? Absolutely not! The Spirit knows and tells only truth. How do we recognize truth?

Your spirit man knows the voice of the Holy Spirit no matter who the Holy Spirit is speaking through. When your spirit witnesses with the Holy Spirit that a thing is so, you will have a peace in the matter as you are obedient to that voice. Here lies a problem, however. God's ways are not ours and many times when the Spirit gives direction we do not like what we hear. It probably does not make sense to us anyway, and besides we like controlling our own destiny. We may have soul ties to the past or mind sets as to what we will believe and blind spots, making it hard to see truth.

Besides, to listen to the Spirit will also many times mean we need to change our message and even our lifestyle. One thing I do know from scripture however, is that if our message is that of the Holy Spirit, it will not be one of compromise or confusion anymore. No more babble. Pleasing the Father will take precedence over tickling the ears of man. And if we continue in the pure message of the Spirit we will begin to develop in the very nature and image of truth itself.

We are the temple of the Holy Spirit, or the Spirit of Truth. If we allow Him to speak through us, He will draw us back together (in one accord) as was the early church, with one heart, one soul and one message. He is not a God of confusion so we will not be divided any longer as His house. We will be a house united with the same message and purpose and we will conquer! It's a spiritual law!

In closing I put this plea out to the church. Please listen for the voice of the Spirit of Truth. Let us allow God to weed the false doctrine and man's tradition out of the garden of our hearts and out of our message. The noise of confusion, compromise and lies is the voice of the enemy that screams over the top of the soft, quiet voice of the Spirit. As a prophet that I admire once told me: God nudges, Satan pushes. Learn to recognize the nudges and the soft still voice of the Holy Spirit. Do not listen to the voice of today's Pharisees and Sadducees as

they fight to maintain their positions. Speak the pure language that God is restoring to the church: the voice long ago prophesied about in Zephaniah that will be restored at the time of God's wrath! Here is the fate of those that will not listen.

Zeph. 3:1-4

- 1 Woe to her who is rebellious and polluted, to the oppressing city! (Babylon)
- 2 She has <u>not obeyed His voice</u>, she has <u>not received correction</u> she has not <u>trusted in the LORD</u>, she has <u>not drawn near to her God</u>. (She is religious, not Godly)
- 3 <u>Her princes</u> in her midst are <u>roaring lions</u>; <u>her judges</u> are <u>evening wolves</u> that leave not a bone till morning.
- 4 <u>Her prophets</u> are <u>insolent</u>, <u>treacherous people</u>; <u>her priests</u> have <u>polluted the sanctuary</u>, they have done <u>violence to the law</u>,

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