

Bible knowledge, and truth.

Academia, and the Truth of God; to those with learning disabilities.

“A vast, vast, difference exists between learning the “things of God” in natural understanding:

as opposed to having the “mind of Christ” and understanding all things spiritually!

One type of learning is limited, whereas the other type is not.”

1 Corinthians 2:14 - But the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

An explanation of: 2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. .

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- **2 Timothy 3:5 - Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**
- By Faith Magazine; which we receive monthly, has all sorts of wonderful stories and Bible doctrines, concerning faith in Jesus Christ.

- I'm using this magazine as an example of systematic theologies, not to pick on them; (in that which I consider, to be one of the best theological institutions today) but rather to make a point that we can only put our faith in Jesus Christ alone on a personal level, and not by doing “corporate” sermons, studies, works, worship, nor writings.
- Institutions can only serve today to leave the "disciple" high and dry, only to be cut off and burnt; *as they have supplanted Jesus Christ spiritually*, "with another god" with the rest of the "broad roaders" who have rejected Christ as “their head”, and will (eventually) completely dry up, in their personal relationship with Him; by not being conformed to the cross.
- **Matthew 7:21-23** “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.”²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’
- Yet those who are “given the chance” to become sons and daughters of God: but are of the “*poor ground*”{*Luke 8*} and have decided not to pay attention,{**2 Timothy 2:15*} and have felt the calling of the Holy Spirit to "Come out of her, my people" as found in: {*Revelations 18* }- "the Babylonian Church systems" the mother of Whores, and her daughter; these “broad road brethren”, must as quickly as possible return to the cross alone, within their spiritual lives; or risk being cut off from God, for all eternity!
- As I have emphatically stated before, that just knowing one's scripture, and having even a "superior Bible knowledge"; will not create a disciple, in walking with Jesus Christ. As this is a spiritual condition, of having a right heart towards the Lord (*good ground*), in those who have "known him", and being "given the chance" to become sons and daughters of God.

- It is only by HIS divine revelation to them personally, (in whom he has four chosen; before the foundations of the earth) and by sanctification into Christ's likeness; which is given to those who will follow Him! Yet the problem is that men, would rather try and "take command and control of God", independent of actually following him! This is what institutions do; and a child of God, can have no part in it!
- That is quite a statement, yet it is the truth which has been shown to me, by the Holy Spirit: as I have chosen to move in obedience to his voice (path) set before me!

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- Philippians 3:14-21 (ASV)

- ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.¹⁵ Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye are otherwise minded, this also shall God reveal unto you:¹⁶ only, whereunto we have attained, by that same rule let us walk.¹⁷ Brethren, be ye imitators together of me, and mark them that so walk even as ye have us for an ensample.¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the **enemies of the cross of Christ:**¹⁹ whose end is perdition, whose god is the belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind **earthly things.**²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven; whence also we wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ:²¹ who shall fashion anew **the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,** according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself.
- Church systems are opposed to such humble people, as they are actually "enemies of the cross", as Brother Paul called them. They are more concerned with earthly things, or loving the world or

people of the world, than they are in following Christ, and being made comfortable to his image! This "Spirit" is a false (religious) spirit, which is of power and deviation, and manipulation, (*witchcraft*) and is moving away from the cross in human independence (*rebellion*).

- Rather than the Holy Spirit, who is found only by actually abiding in Christ, and being transformed into his image; by way of the cross alone. This is done at a personal level, "for us who have started with him", and we must follow Him in "Spirit and in Truth" who is the true vine, or risk being a castaway for all eternity.
 - Yet by doing so, a disciple will be hated of the world, (because of the Holy Spirit – or Christ within them) and in particularly by the world's church systems!!!
 - And that is why we, who walk in Christ, must avoid them, at all costs (to our spiritual life) as in: "2 Timothy 3:5 again".
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 - **Genesis 3:1-6** Satan has always used his intellectual tactics since the fall of mankind, in tricking people into "moving independent of God", by using the natural thought process! This independent processing of the scripture, by our natural understanding, works extremely well indeed; and is used in manipulating the mind onto doctrines; "independent of God the Father", which is extreme and powerful *witchcraft*, which moves people away from Christ, rather than towards him as a sheep, or little child, who simply abides in the Good Shepherd by faith.
 - One good example, of misquoting scripture, is found in **2 Timothy 2:15 (King James Version) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

- To the "Churchman" this verse is used to pound a child of God, into slavery to systematic theologies (***Romans 8:14**). It is a completely different spirit (of an Antichrist) used in academia (natural understanding) to bully or manipulate the child of God, into submission to and onto "effectively" another Gospel.
- **I did a little word study of this scriptural text yesterday, as follows: 2 Tim 2:15 - in this passage when used in context signifies to hasten to, endeavor to give diligence, do one thing, "be diligent" or pay attention.** Normally, the translations of a text into English make little difference to the one who has actually matured in Christ; (who is good ground) and this text is not a stumbling block. Yet to most it is often misunderstood, and thought to be showing a diligence in academia; rather than how it was intended to read. 2 Timothy 2:15 in the American Standard Version, for example, reads like this...¹⁵ Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth.
- *For me personally, this doctrinal (teaching) position, only served to crush the Holy Spirit within me, and was used to try to enslave me, to systematic theologies, an example of this is found in –*
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- Romans 8:14-17 (ESV) ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with

Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

- Despite being born with a severe "learning disability" (DYSLEXIA) in my life, the Lord's arm, has not been shortened as allowing me, to be able to "teach others" the scriptures, while applying my life's experiences. This is what a "teaching Elder" actually is, and should be capable of doing, once the LORD has "worked that gifting", within Him. *This has nothing to do, with ones natural abilities, provided it has been given of God. Romans 11:29 - For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. Romans 11:33 - O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!
- Yet, "this" different type of "learning the Bible", has been at great cost, to me in personal suffering, and rejection, by "institutional Christianity" and institutionalized schools.
- Yet, the Lord enabled me to be taught by the Holy Spirit, while in using various people, who had a great deal of "Accredited" Bible schooling. Yet the (Babylonian) "Church System" has no place for a child of God, (who is limited within their natural abilities) in "teaching Bible" to others; as simply through wrought memorizing, and academic prowess. Fortunately for me, years later, I finally received my ordination as an accredited minister, from the Baptist. Yet my PCA leadership role was short lived, despite surpassing the course requirements for Deacons and Elders.
- As after returning from my Army duties, in support of OEF, as an acting platoon sergeant; the Lord allowed a massive heart attack, when returning to my old unit. In my anger, (although not in sin) I never stopped short of pointing out what I saw as Biblical hypocrisy, at the highest levels of leadership. yet did so privately, as I had learned a great deal about good discipline, and how to applying it properly to others.

- Yet this “Church System” is a *“killer”* to the otherwise spiritually gifted individuals; as they are unable to share openly with others, their experiences in the Lord. Nor are leaders permitted to teach publically (without proper approval first).
- Despite scoring high in the “church” ministry gifting exam; I felt marginalized and as a misfit, and to only be used as a servant (slave), by those who “Claimed His Name” as Lord and Savior. This is the same “spirit of error”, which ***Romans Chapter 8 speaks about above***; and only serves to produce a slave of the actual disciple: to those who do not realize what spirit they are of; namely false brethren, and Antichrists!

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- **Luke 9:55-60**

- **55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, “You do not know what manner of spirit you are of”.**

- 56 For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them.” And they went to another village. 57 Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, “Lord, I will follow you wherever you go.”
58 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” 59 Then He said to another, “Follow Me.”

But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." {59*His Father's inheritance }

- This is the mark of a true disciple, as they do not fit, and are foreigners and pilgrims to a world which has no use for the except as slaves, and to a system, that is to be ultimately destroyed.
- One cannot serve two masters, as they will hate one and love the other. We actual brethren, (Ecclesia) have a choice to make in who we will serve, will it be the world, people of the world, be acceptable to men; or will it be Christ alone? The Apostle Paul said it best in - Galatians 1:10 (ASV) -10 For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? or am I striving to please men? if I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ.
- This is the same old storey for a millennium, for those of us who know, and follow Christ (by His Spirit) today; and not just pertinent to men like the great Apostle Paul.
- Will we also enter in with Christ - or will be diverted, from having a love for the truth, "that we might be saved" in the

end? This all is about one's heart towards the Lord first, and not the GPS position of our hind parts, on a Sunday morning... Besides, most are false brethren today, which the Bible tells us to avoid like the plague!

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