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**Slice of Life**

John 7:14-18 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. (15) And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? (16) Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. (17) If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. (18) He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. (KJV)

The Bible tells us that we need to be ready to give an answer to any one that would ask of us the hope within. The only answer that God approves of is one that comes from Him personally through His Son, while anything else would put you in the realm of confusion. So do you really know that the doctrine you bring is truly ordained of God, or have you settled for what others are trying to pawn off as truth? Just because they have a big worldwide following doesn’t automatically mean that it came from above.

Colossians 1:25-28 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; (26) Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: (27) To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (28) Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: (KJV)

Jesus of Nazareth was not much of a mystery at all, as many knew of His family lineage according to the outward man. The mystery that Paul was sent to reveal was the Son of God, Christ, within this man who would take us from what we used to think into a place where we could now know who we are in Christ. The only way for a new born Christian to grow and mature in the realm of the Spirit is to see beyond the veil of the flesh and know Christ for themselves. I will also share this little tidbit; those that truly know Christ and the mystery of the gospel are not as well known to mankind because they won’t have a big following. The flip side is that those who think that they have salvation and are not bringing the doctrine of Christ to the table are more of a people pleasing bunch; you know those ones with the big followings, and all the song and dance gimmicks that they promote?

Colossians 3:15-17 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. (16) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. (17) And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. (KJV)

As we see again, the word of Christ is what will bring us into the realm where we can partake of all wisdom; which is not just limited to this carnal realm but reveals the wisdom from above. Without this wisdom one will never grow and mature in Christ, and will be dogged by doubts and fears rather than faith and boldness.

2 Corinthians 5:16-18 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. (17) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (18) And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; (KJV)

Do you desire to solve a spiritual mystery? Well then, you will only find your answer in a Spiritual being, that being Christ in you the only hope of glory. So forget all that old outdated junk that you learned in the past from carnal people, and go to the source Himself, and you will know and not just think that you have an answer.