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**Slice of Life**

1 Timothy 4:1-3 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; (2) Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; (3) Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. (KJV)

Anytime that you add an‘s’ to the word doctrine, you put yourself on the devils turf. Just like with the word faith, anything outside the realm of one is done and not considered coming from above. We are in those latter times today, right now Church; and many begin with our Lord and have good intentions for a season; however, many are falling for a cheap knockoff carnal version of the truth.

Mark 7:5-7 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? (6) He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. (7) Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. (KJV)

I have found in my own walk with the Lord that many who profess to know God deny Him with works; that being the works of the old law, which really are dead works. Many today still hold to outward things, while the doctrine of Christ is pointing us to the inward realm, because all the outward religious old laws have been fulfilled already and done away with the true doctrine of Christ.

Colossians 2:20-22 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (21) (Touch not; taste not; handle not; (22) Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? (KJV)

You will find for yourself that those that haven’t truly been enlightened to the doctrine of Christ are still holding onto dead outdated rituals which our Lord came to set us free from. You will also find that the doctrines of man change and fluctuate with the times; which is another reason why we shouldn’t get caught up in them.

Hebrews 13:8-9 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. (9) Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein. (KJV)

The doctrine of Christ points us to the realm of the Spirit and away from the silly carnal rituals of man. People today think that certain foods or drinks, you know like the carnal communion services that many still get duped into, will bring them closer to the Lord. It’s still the gospel of Christ that shows us truly that salvation is based on grace through faith, and not on any silly works that many have held to in traditions and doctrines of man.

Galatians 1:6-9 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: (7) Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. (8) 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. (9) 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. (KJV)

I don’t care who you heard a teaching through, or how well looked up to they are in the community, if it is not the gospel of Christ then it is a perversion, and those that teach such things are spiritual perverts, period.