

FOR OR AGAINST

Jesus said,

“He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters. Luke 11.23

In Matt 6 He said,

No one can serve two masters. He will either love the one and hate the other, or serve the one and despise the other.

He made it completely clear that you are either for me or against me.

When Jesus speaks of being for Him, I don't believe He was talking about standing at a distance, hanging on to our old natural identity, retaining our own personal agendas and professing that He's Lord of everything.

Jesus said in John 17.22 that He has given us the glory that the Father gave Him that we would be absolutely one, just as He and the Father are one.

In modern christianity, many people tend to think, I may not be really 100% committed to Jesus and I sure don't want to be under the control of Satan.

But

I did pray the sinner's prayer, I've had my sins forgiven and I'm totally involved in my local church. I'm doing my very best.

When the Apostle Paul was a Pharisee persecuting Christians, they said about him that he was blameless according to the law. But when he had an up close and personal meeting with the Risen King of Kings and Lord of Lords, he later said, I am the chiefest of sinners.

We try to justify ourselves by being totally involved in a third category, even though Jesus says there's only two, for Me or against Me.

Romans 6 explains that,

When you were slaves of sin you were free in regard to righteousness. But now having been freed from sin you became slaves of righteousness.

They seem to be mutually exclusive.

It's either for Me or against Me, there is no 3rd category

The lordship of the Holy Spirit in our lives is not designed to restrict, dominate, or oppress us.

It sets us free from one authority by placing us under another's authority.

It's designed to free us from the control of Satan's authority over us as citizens of this world, by bringing us safely under God's Kingdom Authority as His children. Colossians 1.13

It's inevitable, we are going to submit our hearts to someone or something.

The reality is, if we don't completely submit to the Holy Spirit, with our spirit, our soul and our body we will remain under Satan's lordship by default. Regardless of our religious activity.

Most evangelism today consists of delivering scriptural information to encourage unbelievers to have their sins forgiven so they can go to heaven when they die.

It's not based on the Gospel of the Kingdom. Jesus preached, repent, because the Kingdom of God is here now.

He told Nicodemus in John chapter 3, unless you're born again you cannot see the Kingdom of God, and unless you're born of the Spirit you cannot enter it.

The Gospel of the Kingdom is all about repenting of the life that we inherited from Adam and Eve and with a simple child-like faith receive God's Eternal life as our new reality as His children and citizens of His Kingdom.

It takes no faith to learn new religious teachings. It takes faith to receive God's word and do what He says. Religion can make this process very complicated with it's particular doctrines, specific techniques, and observances.

But it's as simple as loving our Heavenly Father with all our heart, all our soul and all our mind and falling hopelessly in love with Him.

The Pharisees asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment.

He told them that you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and all your mind. This is the greatest commandment.

And the second one is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these hang all of the law and the prophets.

The beautiful thing about this is that there's absolutely no religion required.

By trusting in Jesus's perfect sacrifice for us, and responding to these two commands, we come into agreement with the Father's Heart for us and for this entire world.

Our walking in these will cause us to experience the oneness that the Father has made available to us.

It will make every other thing in our lives to fade into insignificance.

And it will allow us to accurately represent our Father to this world as His children.

There is no third category and there are absolutely no substitutes. Let's allow him to make us walking testimonies of His greatness in this world.

God bless you.

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