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Your thoughts.....

Re: 1 Corinthians 14:26 Whenever you come together... - posted by Know-Him, on: 2009/6/22 14:09

Lots of good thoughts. Thank you.
I think one of the issues is that we have moved away from the priesthood of all believers. Instead of being dependent on the Holy Spirit people depend on their favourite "Guru / Holy Man" 1 John 2:27
But then if we all could do ministry why would we pay a specially trained expert to do it, or is it easier to part with some money than trust God to empower us all to do it? -:(
Do people want to be spectators or participants???
Keep on asking questions Mattie.

Re: - posted by Mattie, on: 2009/6/22 14:45

Some might see such 'gatherings' as optional, or only something that was meant to take place in the 1st century. But this is God's ordained purpose for the body of Jesus Christ. The church is the fullness of Jesus Christ, the very expression of His Person. He is revealed through a many-membered body, not just a mouth.

God is faithful to move and work in every setting, including the pulpit/pew setting. However, there is no question that it hinders the every member functioning church from blossoming.
Re: 1 Corinthians 14:26 Whenever you come together... - posted by linda7 (), on: 2009/6/22 17:34

Hi Mattie,

This is a great question and the fulfillment of this has been on my heart for a very long time. The majority of churches have one man leading (unbiblical) but if this one man leading would just encourage the participation of the believers, it would be great. I believe the minister may be afraid of what might happen, and he might lose control. I have been a member of a church in your country, in North Vancouver, where the pastor encouraged this, especially after prayer which was held every night of the week if you wanted to come! This man was very open to the Spirit working amongst the believers and encouraged it. He was truly interested in the spiritual condition of the believers he pastored. I long for this type of gathering and this type of leader.

Re: 1 Corinthians 14:26 Whenever you come together... - posted by reformer, on: 2009/6/22 20:39

I believe it is intended as when you are able to assemble, I believe this meaning of "not forsaking the assembly" is more promoted by ignorance than biblical. "Not forsaking" is meaning to assemble if you are able, not to fully abandon the concept of gathering. I hear this statement regularly; "Did you find a church" or "did you go to church this sunday?" You so no to either question. Whats the next comment out of there mouth..."don't forsake the assembly with others." Please! This is tradition and a sacrament for many believers.

Let's say we do gather at "church" on Sunday morning... what is generally the process.
1. Singing
2. Shake hands with your neighbor.
4. Tithing time.
5. Announcements.
5a. maybe a drama or skit. but not always
6. Pastors sermon.
7. Invitation time.
8. Closing prayer
9. Sunday School
10. another sermon
11. Lunch

Now does that sound like Hebrews 10:24-25?

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Re: - posted by White_Stone (), on: 2009/6/22 22:44

Dear Mattie,

Thank you for your post. It is so encouraging.

Kind regards,
white stone

Re: Being assembled together - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2009/6/22 22:44

"Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is..." (Heb. 10.25).

I wonder, who are the "some" who forsake the assembling of themselves together?

A brother once gave the illustration of what being truly assembled is. He said when he was a boy he built model cars and planes. The box would show a completed picture of the intended model, underneath which would be the instructions, "assembly required."

So just because you are sitting in a pew week after week doesn't mean you are assembled.

Our Lord would gather us in such a way that, His Spirit ruling in our midst so that each part functions vitally as He intend...
ed, we become effectively joined together and built up together... till we are "assembled," put together, and come to resemble "the picture (of Himself) on the box."

AD

Re: 1 Corinthians 14:26 Whenever you come together..., on: 2009/6/22 23:53

Dear Mattie:

The example that we should be focused on is the Protestant Church of the Reformation, not the believing Church at the very beginning, before the canon was closed.

1 Cor 14:31 tells us:
31. For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

However, at the end of the Bible, at the last chapter, in the last four verses of the last chapter, in the Book of Revelation, Jesus Christ Himself warns us:

Revelation 22:18-21
18. For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. 20. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. 21. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

This book
The word Â“bookÂ” here is the Greek biblion (in 22:19 it is biblos). This, of course, is where the Â“BibleÂ” got itÂ’s name. Here John warns, first of all, against adding to the prophecies given in the Book of Revelation. In a broader sense, however, he would warn against adding to the Bible itself, for he was the last of the apostles, and Jesus had in effect told His apostles that He would send the Holy Spirit to bring all things to their remembrance, to guide them into all truth, and to reveal to them things to come (John 14:26; 15:26). Also, the Apostle Paul had written that the church would be Â“built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,Â” and that the truths of the New Testament would be Â“revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the SpiritÂ” (Ephesians 2:20; 3:5).

That Â“foundationÂ” of divine revelation has been laid in the apostolic era and thus need not be laid again. Furthermore, Paul had said that the gift of prophecy would cease once Â“that which is perfect is comeÂ” (1 Cor 13:8, 10). There can be little doubt, therefore, that JohnÂ’s warning in this vitally important verse at the end of the Bible applies to any new revelation. Both Christ and the apostles repeatedly warned against false prophets, and here is the criteria by which to recognize them.

2 Peter 1:20-21
20. Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
21. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2nd Timothy gives us more guidance in regards to what believers are to be focused on. It has nothing to do with prophecy, as we have heard the last of it from Jesus Christ in the Book of Revelation. Over the years I have attended many Churches where open prophecy is allowed. I have never seen the Church discipline those Â“prophetsÂ” who provided false prophecy.

What is the discipline? Deuteronomy 13:1-5 lets us know how God feels about false prophets.

1. If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and 2. And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; 3. Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that drea
mer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4. Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and ye shall obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. 5. And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the Lord thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

The problem with prophecy at this time in History is that God's canon is closed, and Jesus Christ is the one that closed it. Also, another problem is that the Christian believer has the Holy Spirit WITH measure, while Jesus Christ had the Holy Spirit WITHOUT measure. So, to clarify, the Christian today has the Holy Spirit within his heart. It is the down payment that is given to all believers. However, since we have the Spirit with measure, our flesh, as well as Satan still has access to our thoughts and our hearts. We can never be sure if we are receiving a "sure word" from any self proclaimed "prophet". Also, it is not necessary. We have all that we need- The Bible that gives us His Story (History), as well as the end of the Story, Prophecy found in Revelation and throughout the Bible.

Our cry today, at the end of the end times, as the great Tribulation is on the horizon, should be "Sola Scriptura"

Sincerely,

Walter

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I concur with Mattie on this. It's in the canon of scripture that the verse Mattie quoted (1 Cor. 14.26) is written. It's also in the canon that "ye may all prophesy" (1 Cor. 14.31).

And it's in the canon of scripture that Christ, after he ascended, (note that, AFTER he ascended) ...gave gifts unto men: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints... (Eph. 4.11,12). And he goes on to say these will be with us "TILL we all come... unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4.13).

We need these gifts functioning in our midst, and that corporately, with each member contributing that vital portion God has put in them... if we are going to see the fruit He is looking for from the churches.

...The canon is closed, but all things written in the canon are certainly not yet fulfilled. The Spirit of the Lord, which He sent forth into the earth after He ascended, has not yet finished the work He gave Him to do (in perfecting the church).

...And it's in the canon of Scripture that we are given the beautiful expression of how the early church gathered. We know we can't reproduce that just by imitating it, but we can seek the same Lord the Spirit to make real in our midst what He made real in their midst.

AD

Re: , on: 2009/6/23 10:56

Hello, Mattie:

I am not opposed to the other "gifts" of the Spirit, only to the no longer needed gift of prophecy.

If you look at my post again, you will see I only addressed prophecy.

Today, many in the body of Christ are looking for signs and wonders. We have the "Toronto Blessing", that was actually the "Toronto curse".

(http://www.youtube.com/watch?vwLVhey9me6s&feature=related) Charismatic Deception in the Last Days

(http://www.luciferlink.org/wtoro.htm) The Toronto Curse
Like I previously posted- we are at the end of time---time is running out. We surely do not need signs and wonders to worship and adore our Creator God. We need to humble ourselves before the eyes of the Lord. We need to study His Word, and show ourselves approved unto the God we serve and worship.

I have been involved with signs and wonders in the past, and found nothing but the flesh and error, nothing but pride and arrogance.

I speak in tongues, but I use it for my own prayer language to my Lord in prayer and adoration. I use it when I awake in the middle of the night, with the urgency to pray for someone, but God has not told me who, so I pray in tongues to Him for that person or situation that I know not of.

We will spend eternity with Him. Now is the time to do His will while we are on this earth- to witness to the lost. That is the mission of the Church. "Signs and Wonders" are the focus of those that will be following the false prophet into the great tribulation, led by the Antichrist.

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Hi Waltern. There are many who hold your position these days. But prophecy is valid for this hour, and is deeply needed (true, Spirit-birthed prophecy, that is.)

I would encourage you to not sell yourself short of what God has for you (and for the churches) just because you've had
a few bad experiences.

"Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (1 Thes. 5.21). (A verse from the canon.)

Absolutely, the "false prophet" is out there these days.

But so is the True.

"The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy" (Rev. 19.10).

...Perhaps enough said along this line, which takes this thread in a different direction? :-)

AD

Re: - posted by Mattie, on: 2009/6/23 11:48
One of the characteristics of the age we are in now is seen in Joel's prophecy before the coming Day of the Lord...

"...sons and daughters will prophesy..." (Joel 2:28-29)

We often times think of prophesy through the lenses of the Old Covenant - enforcing the Law of Moses, the blessing and curses on the nation of israel, as well as foreseeing the coming of a Messiah.

The prophet in the New Testament exists to promote the New - the indwelling Christ and the Headship of Jesus among His people.

In the new covenant, all are welcome to speak under the leading of the Lord. The body of Christ (as ADisciple pointed out) are to 'test all things' and 'not despise prophecy' (1 Thess 5)

Re: - posted by enid, on: 2009/6/23 11:59
Can I just point out in 1 Cor 14v40 it says, 'Let all things be done decently and in order.

But do continue in your discussion.

Re: - posted by reformer, on: 2009/6/23 13:05
I wonder how the gifts are to function today...if the anti-christ will show himself in signs and wonders, like so many claim to operate within, many will be deceived because they look for signs and wonders. I wonder if the whole charismatic movement is just the precursor to how the anti christ will operate? So if one prophecy's and speaks in tongues, then possibly the anti-christ will too? and if so, then many will fall away because they do not look to the whole counsel of the WORD.

Sorry about steering off subject...but it seemed that we started to move in another direction..apologies.

:-)

Re: - posted by Aussiedler, on: 2009/6/23 14:53
it is easy to discern. one main characteristic is the "image" or "likeness" of christ. If the person is humble, that is a very important sign.

Many have gifts (even the true gifts of the spirit) and are operating in the gifts of the spirit, but their hearts are full of pride. If the vessel is dirty, than everything flowing through that dirty vessel will also be dirty.
Paul in 1 Corinthians 12-14 makes the emphasis that there is a more excellent way - love. The gifts need to come out of a love for your neighbor, rather than a desire to display "your gift", which sadly takes place in many places today.

The gifts are expressions of the Lord through a vessel to build up and strengthen others to serve Him and exalt Him. They are not an end in themselves.

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Paul knows that Jesus makes HIMSELF REAL TO US , through prophesy , that is why he says to them , PRAY THAT YOU MAY Prophecy , in other words pray that you may make people know that Jesus is real and knows all about thier condition and comes to save them from every enemy they have . We have to really really care for someone to shut up and not say anything we would say outside of this unction ,and testimony of Jesus . ALL the gifts and Graces that are only in Him , WE ONLY GET THEM WHEN WE ASK FOR THEM !! this is what is meant by Jesus when He said , " you have not because you ask not ! so ask God to show you how to walk in all HIMSELF and ALL HIS SPIRIT , seek wisdom and understanding , with all of your getting get these and you will BE A WALKING < PROPHESYING > testimony of Jesus . those who do not get this will be failing to really reveal , testify , of Jesus . It is sad to see people giving all the human effort and thier own thoughts ABOUT < JESUS' word { bible } and they so miserably fail to give any life , actually God Himself is in none of it so much of the time . This happens because we do not really believe GODS' SPIRIT of what HIS WORD says and means , and we twist it all up . I personally want to be stupid enough not like the quee n of sheba on the way to solomn ,who had a lot of doubts and questions , then AFTER SHE SAT UNDER SOLOMNS WISDOM ,her spirit she had , left her then after hearing solomons wisdom she basically prophesied of WISDOM , she te stified of wisdom , it is a beautiful passage .found in 1 Kings 10:1-9 . Most would not think of ourselves being towards th e SPIRIT OF GOD < JESUS and GOD ,as the queen of beth-sheba was towards solomn and the things she HEARD of him , but sadly most Christians are unbelieving of the workings of WISDOM in us , with us , and through us , as the bible GOD actually says it is when we believe properly and follow properly , and pray properly and WHORSHIP PROPERLY . as revelations 19:10 says WHORSHIP GOD !! so we should make this a priority all the time to be . there are only 2 " masts " spoken of in the bible , we must be born again and we , must worship BOW DOWN TO GOD IN SPIRIT and TRUT H . Those who do this can all prophesy , so that if one comes in the church who does not know these things of God , he will be told of himself, things only God could know, personally, by Jesus , through the SPIRIT of PROPHESY in ,and thro ugh the believer that prophesys to him or her when they get in our midst . I know that people need JESUS and people ar e only Going to know him when HE personally REVEAL Himself to them , and this always HAPPENS BY PROPHESY an d this means, is to happen through JESUS CHRIST'S BODY and every member can do this very pore of the body of C HRIST IS TO BE FILLED WITH ALL OF HIMSELF and HE IS GOD , and WE ARE HIS HABITATION !! GLORY TO GO D !! if this don,t move you to seek for it all and stay there in GOD what will , God sought me out to be HIS HABITATION ! not to be some high minded, unbelieving , idiot, that thinks he knows better ,than what god says we are to be , as HIS H
Hello, Clintstone:

My friend, you can prophesy any time you are led to do so. However, if you ever prophesy one time, and that “prophesy” is not fulfilled, you are a false prophet.

God is very serious about this issue. IF He is the one putting the words in your mouth, then it will come to pass, 100% of the time, ALWAYS. However, if your flesh, or satan, or your pride is the one putting the words into your mouth, then you are a false prophet. The proof is in the pudding. The proof is in the prophecy 100% of the time. You cannot be wrong on ce, EVER. If you are, then you are indeed a false prophet.

Deuteronomy 18:20-22
20. But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or th at shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. 21. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we kn ow the word which the Lord hath not spoken? 22. When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing fo llow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it pre sumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

Just as sure as the fact that God will send His true prophet with the actual words of God;

There will arise false prophets speaking presumptuously on their own with their own motivation.

These false prophets will bring a message that is not from God.

Or they will speak in the name of other gods.

The penalty for the false prophet is death.

The test of a prophet who speaks in the name of God is--does it come to pass or not.

If the thing he predicted does not come to pass, it is evidence that he has spoken presumptuously. Do not be af raid of him.

The test of a prophet that comes in the name of another god is self evident by the identity of the god in whose n ame he speaks.

The Prophets of God have dealt with false prophets from of old.

Jesus Christ and the apostles indicated that in the last days there will be many false prophets who come on the scene, speaking in the name of Yehowah or in the name of Jesus, and they will deceive many. (Matthew 7:15, 24 :11, 24, Mark 13:22, Acts 13:6, 2 Peter 2:1, 3:3, 1 John 4:1)

The last False Prophet who comes in partnership with the Antichrist finds his destiny to be the eternal Lake of F ire along side of the Antichrist.

Be careful, my friend when you use the terms ”Thus Saith the Lord”- that is exactly what you are doing when yo u are supposedly prophesying.

God will not be mocked. Those who use His name in vain will be judged harsher than others.
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Re: - posted by clintstone (), on: 2009/6/25 19:12

I agree, that a true prophet will, be 100% right in what He says, when He is truely in the SPIRIT of Prophesy, that is spoken of in rev.19:10. there is a Spirit of Prophesy, that is the TESTIMONY of Jesus. There is also a Spirit of a sound mind and love. paul said somewhere that we all should be in such unity in the Spirit, when we gather together, that if one comes in unaware of this unity, that it will be told to them what they know. This that is told to the unlearned should be nothing more than what, Jesus who knows every hair on our head, knows. Also, Jesus could speak to us things to come that only He knows, and of His plans for them. i know this by expeiriencing this Spirit of Prophesy myself. i know things about peoples heart cry and private prayers to God, by this Spirit and when i go tell them of my hearing from God, i have never been wrong. i do thank God for this in my life but, i also see where all of can and should cry out to our heavenly father to know This Spirit of Prophesy. At times that i have prophesied the future, or fortold events to happen or revealed peoples heart cries, and given answers too. Have always been direct answers to my specific prayers, and the cry of my heart too God, to use me me and let me SEE the salvation of my Lord Jesus. Jesus still has words of Life and the Spirit of Prophesy, spoken of in rev. 19:10 is a fundemental Key to Jesus revealing Himself through any member of His body, i believe this is why the man speaking to John told Him to Whorship God. This, Spirit of Prophesy, that is always 100% correct, is the way in which Jesus' Testimony comes to any of us. I know that we have scripture, and it is all Prophesy. There is the reality for, those who will see, and hear, and believe, that they can and will be such a person that knows the Unction from the Holy one. Himself, Jesus, and except this Spirit of Prophesy, and truely have the Testimony of Jesus. This Testimony of Jesus, which comes by this Spirit of Prophesy spoken of in rev.19:10, is what is so desperatly lacking within the church and society, WE CHRISTIANS SHOULD ALL PROPHESY, we should get to know this unction that only is in this Spirit of Prophesy, beg for day and night, this is all that gives life beautiful words, wonderful words of life. This gift of Prophesy has companions, they are compassion and mercy, whoever walks in the Spirit of Prophesy is always waiting on the Lord to show them something they could say, and something they could do. Just like Jesus Himself did while He was here, He sought that which was Lost, through compassion and mercy, and He saw and heard from God, and that is all He ever said, and all He ever did. We as Christians can ONLY say and do what we see, and hear, our Heavenly Father say and do, and have any Life in any of our sayings and doings. This is why i am so thankful for the Spirit of Prophesy, and all of its ways of operations within Gods people throughout all History, that has been revealed to me. Because by this Spirit i have the Testimony of Jesus. I really want to let everyone know this for themselves too. Prophesy is much better than knowledge attained only by our own human effort, and unfortunatly most fulltime preachers know nothing of this Spirit of prophesy that reveals Jesus in our midst, and in us personally in our daily lives, where the lost all all around us needing LIVING WORDS OF LIFE. I do not want to appear to anyone here to be arrogant or highminded, or better than any one else. I just want to arouse, a nd awaken, the seeking heart after God to the fact that we are able to Be as Gods mouth, and speak Life, which is Jes us and His testimony, to others who need Him and His testimony, and this by the Spirit of Prophesy, which comes only from God, just like a Spirit of Love and power and a sound mind does. thanks for your response walters God bless you and may HIS GRACE Abound too you, Clint