

**Devotional Thoughts :: Excuse a weak church?****Excuse a weak church? - posted by buttermilk80 (), on: 2010/6/7 11:54**

As long as it is called "Today", I will salt my words with warnings and encouragements for all who call upon the Lord with me. I would hope my brothers and sisters would do the same to me.

I attended a service this weekend which was completely unintelligible. From the singers who were over powered by instruments, to the preacher who spoke too close to the mike. In the end I walked out before the communion was offered. How can I partake in a holy ceremony without knowledge?

Should we expect that Jesus is glorified with their service? I can't tell you for sure what Jesus thinks of that place. Did I find the food I sought? I can tell you a truth: NO. I find no excuse for what they called worship. And I will offer no excuse for them. Should not the church judge itself? And shouldn't the Lord be glorified with all possible understanding?

Many hold religion as talking about God. God's people will listen to Him speak through His servants. And His servants will speak as God directs them. He will be heard. How else does God remain justified in saying that man will be without excuse. It is the soul which is blinded in those perishing. Their ears work just fine (for the most part).

I encourage us all to be clear and put away entertainment. And if technology gets in the way, go around it. It's the Lord of Heaven who will be worshiped.

By His Grace.

**Re: Excuse a weak church? - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2010/6/7 12:57**

The call of the gospel is still compelling.  
His grace is irresistible; His love is undeniable; His promises timeless and true.  
If the Church has lost its relevance for today, it is because it has forgotten its place and purpose: it serves as the Body of Christ!!

**Re: - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2010/6/7 16:53**

The chief danger of the Church today is that it is trying to get on the same side as the world; instead of turning the world upside down. Our Master would have us be mindful of our mission. Our Master expects results, even if they bring conflict and opposition. Anything is better than compromise, indifference, and paralysis. GOD give us an intense fervor for the old-time power of the gospel and the filling of the Holy Spirit!!

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