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Anything we cannot give or surrender to Christ is an idol to us. There is a difference between unknown sins within and what we know to be God will but we are not just willing to stand for it because it will cross us one way or the other. This is idolatry. The thing that intensifies idolatry within our hearts is the worship of our human capability or natural strength. When we refuse to look in to the power and strength of God in a certain situation or challenges, that situation or challenges becomes an idol to us because the sovereignty of God is not recognized. The situation now controls us, dictates us and limits us making us servants of unrighteousness and not servants of Christ.

There is no innocence in idolatry, because here, we know it but we cannot see how God can make a way out when we submit to HIS will and do it. This is how every idol came into existence including those literal ones the heathen worship. How many others do we still see in Christendom today? A fellowship in the name of man, a denomination with head doctrinal belief under the influence of a man, our own preoccupy carnal laws and boundaries of the ways of God etc. Idolatry works in diverse ways. For example when we are worshipers of our image or personality we will be willing to almost do anything as long as our image or personality is not marred. We easily submit to carnal laws or opinion of men. We stand with the majority even when the majority are wrong just to keep our image or personality. Our personality becomes our God. The sad thing is this childish behavior is so rampant in Christendom but the infallible words of the Holy Ghost is still alarming the words of Judgment against a man pleasing Christendom with the Holy counsel:

"For do I now persuade men or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet please men, I should not be the servant of Christ" (Galatians 1v10).

If you are dictated by man or men's opinion and not Christ even in Christian fellowship you are not a servant of Christ but man. What will be your end at the end for denying Christ? Search the scripture and it will prove you, your end will be eternal damnation in hell. It might sound stupid to you today but the future will prove this truth.

When our focus is diverted from the strength of God into that challenges, trial, men's opinion etc then the only thing that will result is a submission to be controlled by the challenges, trials, men's opinion etc not the will of God. This is a denial of the Gospel of Peace, the worship of the one God in spirit and Truth.

Obedying The Gospel of Peace

"And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,

Nor scrip for journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. And when ye come into an house, salute it.

And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city." (Matthew 10v7-15).

The purpose of the Gospel of peace is to have Peace with God not man. Outside Christ even when we knew the Gospel of peace before, if we cling back on our own ways and not HIS way, or try to fulfill something outside HIS way for our own peace we are denying the Gospel of Christ; the Gospel of Christ is to have Peace with God, and nothing else. If the Gospel of Peace is fulfilling its work in us it will bring a Conscience void of offense towards God and man.

It will plant in the Love and mercy of God in us towards the widow, poor, orphans and also the sinners and backsliders around us desiring their deliverance from the power of the wicked one. It produces the fruits of intercession in us for the wayward and the backsliders, as it reveals in us the weakness and fragility of the natural man.

We cannot seek our own peace and still seek the Gospel of peace to manifest in us, for in many ways it will go against our desires, emotions, plans etc for it plants the ways of God which are not our ways.

We need to thoroughly allow the spirit of holiness to search us and produce the fruits of the Gospel of peace in us.

When we seek our own peace the Gospel of peace cannot manifest in us. The disciple when sent by the LORD in HIS earthly days were told the gospel of peace will not be manifested in those that deny its peace as quoted above. Such we are warned will face a greater judgment than Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of Judgment.

1. We must repent for seeking our plans and methods and not what we hear from the message that comes from the daily Gospel of Peace, the way of God.

2. We must repent of our denial of the Gospel of peace to please men.

3. We must repent of our endless seeking about outward facts of the Gospel of peace while denying the work of those facts in us.

4. We must repent of our worship of natural strength and ability while denying the power that Comes from the gospel of peace.

5. Christ is our peace, we must repent of seeking our peace outside Christ.

6. We must repent of calling common the trials and the challenges the LORD permits us to pass through to manifest the Gospel of peace in us, by refusing to eat or accept them as a gift for our security IN HIM (Acts 11:7-9) .

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition ; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, the law of commandments in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;" (Ephesians 2:13-19). Amen.