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Bible Text: John 8:41

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I welcome you to tonight's study, this evening, our study will dwell more on the kind of mentality many people who believe the gospel have concerning Christ and how it affects individuals.

There were some certain Jews who believed in Jesus Christ, I want you to know that there are some certain manifestations that would be evident in you as a child of God that even your enemies will not be able to deny, that your arch enemy that does not want any good for you will not have any choice than to sit before you with humility. All these things do not just happen on their own, they happen through intentional efforts of constant fellowship and romance with the word of God, obviously, it is what you give the larger percentage of your time to that will become mostly evident in your life.

But there are some certain things we have to do away with if truly we want to really have part in Christ body. It is a pity that there are alot of people today who claim to be Christians whereas Christ does not even know them. Some people refer to them as church goers. Let's see what the Lord wants us to learn tonight as the Holy Spirit teaches us Himself. Topic: "**Legitimate Children**"

John 8:41 KJV

"Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God."

Please, read that verse over again, in the above verse, it was the Lord Jesus Christ that mentioned that first sentence, and he was referring to a set of people, who were they? They were the Jews who believed him. John 8:31 **Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him,...** Please take note, these Jews believed in Christ, but something was still missing in their lives, they were still illegitimate children of God. Are you surprised? If you are, then please follow me carefully. Do you know that it is possible to believe in Christ and not be His child?? It is a thing to believe in Christ it is another thing to confess Him. Romans 10:10 KJV **For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."**

Listen to me, you can never be a legitimate child of God if your confessions are not right. These Jews believed in Christ, they believed because the works and miracles they saw Him doing were so evident that they could not deny it. So they had no choice than to believe, that is the same reason you have people who go to the church almost everyday, yet they are not known by God. Do you know that it's not that they did not believe, of course they believed that is why they are in the church, you cannot tell me that you do not believe that sicknesses can be cured in the hospital and still go there everytime you are sick, if it's that they did not believe that indeed Jesus Christ exists, they wouldn't have gone to church in the first place.

That was the same case with the Jews, they lacked the confession aspect, many people these days believe in Christ but have never for once confessed Christ has their personal Lord and Saviour, these two must be complete to be a legitimate child of God, you can not say that you believe in Christ and confess that He is NOT the Son of God. Just the same way you cannot say that you believe that you can get cured of your sickness in the hospital but deny the doctors there saying they are not qualified to treat you... And at the same time expecting to be free from your sickness.

For us not to deviate

Because of this possessed character by the Jews in this verse, Jesus Christ had to tell them that they do the deeds of their father (the devil). how do we know this, everyone who denies Christ is not of God. 1 Corinthians 12:3 **"Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed:..."** But because they did not understand what Christ was trying to tell them, their understanding was shallow, so they thought Christ was referring to Abraham. So they told Him that they were legitimate children since they have Abraham as their father not knowing that the One speaking with them is greater than Abraham.

The funny thing is that they kept on defending their errors and egos, there is something about the Jews, they so much place value upon their citizenship, I mean, being Abraham's heir is like the highest achievement a man can ever get, that is why no matter what you tell them, they will never hear, though they believed Him because of what they could see Him perform yet they deny the power to set one free from sin which Christ came to offer. Listen to me! If you as a Christian by mouth (church goer) has been

attending churches but have never in your life accepted the free offer of salvation which is freedom from sin, I tell you now that you are not a legitimate child.

It is a terrible thing to deny the power behind the freedom that Christ can offer. These people held firmly to the believe that, "since we are of Abraham's heir, nothing can shake us, nothing can stop us, we are now automatically the children of God, so heaven is our home." Just exactly how someone reading this is thinking in his/her heart that, since I attend church, I am worker and a minister, a pastor infact I speak in tongues, this has automatically made me a candidate of heaven and in fact a bona-fide Child of the kingdom of God. My brother and sister I tell you now that you lie! Don't let all these works overshadow the way you are supposed to see things, see things in the right way. just the way the identity of where the Jews came from overshadowed their believe and reasoning faculty.

They refused to upgrade their level of reasoning to believe that the power to set free is in Christ despite that several prophecies had been made about Him in the Old Testament of which I'm sure that they must have read, yet they chose ignorance. After claiming that they are legitimate children, yet the true nature of God cannot be found in their lives, what a pity. John 8:42 **"Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me."** If truly God had been their Father, they would have recognized that Christ was from God. Wait, can you see your blood brother or sister and not recognize him or her?

I don't know if someone is still with me

They said that they were not born of fornication, smiles... In other words they were proving to Jesus Christ that "see come on Mr man, you cannot come here to tell us that you can set us free because we are not in any bondage, and besides we have Abraham as our father, therefore we are not bastards who were not born as illegitimate children, we are from Abraham's lineage, and we also have one Father who is God." And Jesus looked at them in pity, Kai! And said that, "you claim God is your Father but what I can see that is written all over you is that you do the work of your father the devil."

It is clearly seen that their spiritual eyes and ears were closed, they could not understand, just because they were just too dull of understanding. And they claimed to be God's children, yet they do not even recognize God's voice, because if truly they do, they would have sensed it in their spirit the moment Christ started speaking with them. Is it possible to have a father whom you claim that you know very well and not recognize his voice?

Kai!

That is exactly how it is to many of us, we claim that we know God, in fact we boast that He is our Father, yet we deny Christ at every given opportunity. A lot of people think that until they renounce/denounce Christ publicly before they have denied Him, but this is so

untrue, because looking into the lives of the Jews one could see that they believed but they still denied Christ as the One who has the power and ability to set all free from sin.

The moment you accept the offer of thinking that a particular problem is bigger than what Christ can solve already means that you are denying the power to solve problems which is in Christ Jesus. Going to the harbalist, Marine world, Witches and Wizards to seek help shows how much you have denied Him. What about you that Sister, because you have been seeking for a job for many years and you now received a letter to come for interview, and you have heard that they do not employ "SU" in the company, so you thought within you that you'd have to disguise so as to look like the people of the world for you to be employed. And because of this, you went to borrow a trouser from one of your former ungodly friends who has been thinking of how to repent soon. She gave the trousers to you and you put them on, with all kinds of painting, saying that after you have been given the job that you'd convert them all in the company. Do you realise that you've just denied Christ just to get that job?

What about you who is still keeping those old ungodly friends, just because you do not want them to call you over spiritual, you decide to be playing along, so they invited you for clubbing, and you accepted, avoiding anything that can make them call you spiritual like plagues, so you say in your heart that you'd follow them but will just drink soft drinks, ahhh... This is deceptive, stop denying this wonderful saviour. Don't forget what Luke 12:8-9 says that **"Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: [9] But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God."**

Let everybody know your stand for Christ anyday, anytime and anywhere.

God's legitimate children pleases God and also face persecutions, problems, just for His name's sake, they believe so much in Him and will never uplift anything above Him in their lives. I want you to reflect on this tonight. Have you ever confessed Christ before, or you think that because you were born into a Chrisian home you are automatically. That's not true. There are many people who have been in the church even as workers who think that they are saved and not. In what way have you been denying Christ? don't be like those set of Jews who do not want to change but stick to their heretical way of reasoning, Jesus Christ told them clearly that they are of the devil. May we not be of the devil in Jesus Christ name. Amen

This is where we'd stop for tonight.

Thanks for the privilege.

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