

7-Religion or The Kingdom?

(Part 2)

What Keeps the Church in Religion?

There were two trees in the Garden of Eden:

- Tree of Life
- Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil

Believers 'feed' from either one of these trees

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil:

- This produces a focus on right and wrong.
- It works out of the mind with reason and logic.
- It's interested in facts and proofs. It brings spiritual 'DEATH'
- Science, atheism, religion & legalism get their 'food' from this tree

The Tree of Life:

- This produces a focus on the things of Heaven. (I don't meant where we go when we die)
- It works out of the spirit with *agapē* and submission to God.
- It's interested in living life abundantly.
- It brings spiritual LIFE
- Things of the Spirit and the Kingdom 'feed' off this tree

We may come into the Kingdom through the vehicle of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil - like Paul reasoning with the religious and legalists. (Acts 19:8-9) BUT, once in the Kingdom, we are to live off the Tree of Life which produces Father's life in us

JESUS: "It's the Spirit who gives life; the flesh accomplishes nothing. The [*rhema*] that I've spoken to you are spirit and life." John 6:63 (ISV)

BOOK: Get the full understanding of the concept of the Two Trees from the book: "There Were Two Trees in the Garden" by Rick Joyner

Religion continues, because no one remembers what the 1st church was like. We just keep doing religion because we don't know any different.

VIDEO: "The Monkey/Stepladder experiment"
(www.youtube.com/watch?v=WkT0BtfOB-M)

What's Our King Done About Religion?

Great grace has abounded:

- For 2,000 years God has been gracious to his people and allowed them to operate in religion which he did not initiate.
- He has not destroyed the church for not aligning with his plans, but with grace he has gently changed it when his people were receptive.

There have been some major changes over time.

Through numerous movements over the past 400 years God has gradually been restoring what was lost when the church became a religion in the 2nd century.

There have always been pockets of unpolluted believers, but the mainstream churches rejected or persecuted them.

What's been restored so far?

Justification by faith	Worship
Bible study	Creativity
Intercession	Prophecy/prophets
Holiness	Apostles
Outreach	The Bridal paradigm
Baptism of the Spirit	The Kingdom
Miracles	Sonship

What's being restored today?

- The expiry of religion
- Freedom of the Spirit
- The mysteries of Heaven

VIDEO: "Myle's journey out of religion" [9:36] (Personal clip)

What's Our King Saying Today?

Read: "Stand Strong" (I Hear His Whisper...) 29-5-2017
(mailchi.mp/broadstreetpublishing/i-hear-his-thunderyour-maybe-becomes-a-miracle-614917)

Read: "J's Prophetic Revelation" (May 2017)
(canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/J's-Prophetic-Revelation-9-5-2017.pdf)

Also, our King has been calling his people to come into alignment with him.

He's warning us like he warned believers in Jerusalem before it fell in 70AD. His message is becoming more urgent.

Read: "Come Back, Church" (CCOP)
(canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/MESSAGE-Come-Back-Church-8-5-2017.pdf)

Our King has been calling his people out of the church system since the 1980's.

Currently, a small cohort of believers are being formed who are totally sold-out to him. They are termed 'remnant'. They are prepared to give everything up for him and to follow him wherever he takes them on special assignment.

He is training them by a process of transformation through trials and testing to become the "New Jerusalem". Their job is to rescue others and help them through their identical journey.

For more information on this current process, read the book "The Path" by Rick Joyner

READ: "The Separated Company"
(canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/The-Separated-Company-26-11-2016.pdf)

READ: "Kingdom End-Time Shock Troops"
(canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Kingdom-End-Time-Shock-Troops.pdf)

Kingdom Manifestations Outside of Religion

Religious activity such as the requirement for a healing meeting or a time of worship singing to 'make' God do what we want is not needed for sons to impact people with the Kingdom's power.

We carry it with us and simply release it wherever we are.

(1) My wife and I went for financial assistance and the agent said “No charge” for his consultation. I paid him indirectly for his service by prophesying over him. He appreciated it.

(2) Our mate 'J' was prompted by the Spirit to ring a friend in India. He discovered his friend's hips were very bad. After declaring healing for him over the phone the friend got up and went about his business as he normally would.

(3) This is a photo of a miracle baby born to friends of our son. They spent years trying to have a baby using IVF. After someone laid hands on both of them in the backyard and brought the Kingdom to bear on their conception problem, they conceived almost immediately. The baby was carried to full term in a normal pregnancy.

VIDEO: “Miracle Healing” (Tom Loud) [22:42]
(www.youtube.com/watch?v=mIxKl9KYwNU)

Concluding Points

There's a veil over believer's minds so that they can't see that religion is not what God set up. It stops them seeing the reality of the Kingdom, just as the Jews were veiled.

See 2 Corinthians 3:13-16; 4:4; 1 John 2:11; Romans 11:7; John 12:40; Matthew 23:16-17

Every time a believer justifies what they do religiously they remain firmly entrenched in religion and not freed to the liberty that is ours. There's only so much time that can be spent trying to release believers from religion. It's their choice to remain there and ultimately they're entirely responsible for themselves. If they don't respond, there are others who need their chains removed by the King of the Kingdom.

See Romans 14:10

Finally:

- People don't want religion they've made that patently clear. They are looking for real, abundant life that their whole being tells them is out there somewhere.
- There's got to be more! That's life in the Kingdom of God here on Earth.

This too:

- Father loves you so deeply he's prepared to keep that LOVE towards you STRONG, no matter what mess you've made of your life. He's continually drawing you to himself, even if you don't feel his love or want it. When you finally surrender to him, he will then lovingly divest you of all that is not of him. All your hurt & baggage he will remove, one by one, until you are totally FREE.
- One of those baggages that you carry is RELIGION

And also:

- Don't equate God's mercy, his love for you, and his grace in allowing you to use your free will, with his approval of where you are spiritually at the moment
- That includes any religion or legalism that you're currently involved in

Resources

Essential Reading:

- “Pagan Christianity” by Frank Viola

These are eye opening:

- “It's Not What You Think” by Jefferson Bethke
- “The Divine Secret” by Joe Kovacs

Dare to read this:

- “Babylon Mystery Religion” by Ralph Woodrow
- FREE copy here: www.ubm1.org/babylon-woodrow.pdf
- FREE summary here: [www.johnrothacker.org/downloads/Babylon %20Mystery%20Religion%20Summary.pdf](http://www.johnrothacker.org/downloads/Babylon%20Mystery%20Religion%20Summary.pdf)

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