

"The Trials of Primitive Christianity #5"

- 1-This is the second lesson dealing with the persecutions of the ascended Christ..As the supreme head over, and the animating spiritual influence of His body, THE CHURCH, (Eph. 1:22-23)

(22)-God hath put all things under his feet, and given him to be head over all things to the church, (23)-Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

2-THE FIRST LESSON POINTED OUT:

1-The church in conflict with Judiasm.....

2-The church was born with this enemy...

3-Pharisaic Judiasm hounded Jesus to the death of the cross because:

1-Jesus denounced its; 1-Ostentation

2-Hypocrisy.

2-On the day of Pentecost Jewish leaders were again aroused when Christianity appeared as THE TRUE SYSTEM OF RELIGION.

3-Thousands of Jews began to turn from Judiasm to Christ.

1-Three thousand on the day of Pentecost.

2-ACTS 4:4-Many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of them was about five thousand.

3-Acts 5:14-And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.

4-Acts 6:7-And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priest were obedient to the faith..

5-The church claimed, and did, set aside Jewish law altogether:

1-Romans 3:20-Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight.

2-Romans 10:4: For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

3-It narrowed the matter of salvation down to one name - Acts 4:12

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- 3-Today, the primitive gospel is in conflict with the denominational world.

1-The preaching of Christianity, not merely as a way, or one of the many ways; BUT AS THE WAY, incurs the displeasure of those who maintain that there are many ways.

2-Acts 16:16-17; John 14:6; Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

3-The refusal to wear any name but the name of Christ incurs the displeasure of those who persist in wearing human names. Acts 4:11-12 This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. ~~stone~~. (12)-Neither is there salvation in any other: For there is none other name under heaven given among men, wherein we must be saved.

4-The refusal to accept any rule of faith and practice but the Bible incurs the displeasures of those who are governed by creeds and disciplines.

(2-Tim.3:16-17; All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: (17)-That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

5-The Bible teaching on UNITY is offensive to those who are determined to maintain PARTYSIM. Eph. 4:4-5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism

1-John 17:20-21; Neither Pray I for these alone, but for all them also which shall believe on me through their word; (21)- That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou has sent me. 1-Cor. 1:10-13

The modern denominational clergy constitutes an exact reproduction of the early leaders of Judiasm.

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