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Subject: Re: Gleanings from the "Gospels"  
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james wrote on Thu, 24 September 2015 07:49Gary wrote on Thu, 24 September 2015 04:43Anyway just wanted to make a note again that while Paul's letters are inspired of God it has become a situation where men have read into the text and added what they think it says. Whether it is an official church doctrine or an unspoken rule held by any congregation of people.

While in the Gospels, we see Jesus laboring to bring the good news and was helping mankind through the message and the power of God.

Gary

Not to disagree, but also take into consideration that what Jesus said is left up to personal opinions by most. Look at the teachings by Jesus in Matthew 5-7, it seems no two 'groups'/denominations agree with what they think He meant; was it literally or figuratively? Was it for the Jews and not the Gentiles, or for both? Was it for that 'dispensation', or for all believers until His return? Was it to be only applied to 'their'(Jewish) kingdom, or was it unto the church (Body of Christ)?

I do see more and more well meaning people(followers of Christ) who have placed Paul above Jesus as to the writings of the NT... at least it looks that way in how they come across. Yes we know the revelation of the mystery of the Body of Christ was revealed to Paul and through him given unto The Body....but sometimes I wonder if kinda like the catholics putting Mary on a pedestal if some haven't elevated Paul above Jesus in so far as adherence to their teachings,(as if we'd forgotten that It's ALL God's inspired words.)

I think Paul was dealing with all the problems, sorting out OT doctrines that applied to the New Testament Church, along with everything they ran into as the church world was starting to form.

I see what you mean though its like sorting through a stack of information to find our "what does God want for our lives".

One good thing we can all rest in is the fact that the sheep will hear His voice and another they will not follow. What is it they will hear; he says here: the acknowledgement of the truth which accords with godliness.

Quote:

Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, 3 but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

one meaning of the word "accord " is;

verb (used without object)

1.

to be in agreement or harmony; agree.

I guess if we take a good look, its the whole Bible that most can't agree on. In fact everyone does not even agree on which version to use. LOL

But on the other hand the Bible says this would happen. In the final analysis election comes to mind and it is who God choses.

Quote:

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Forsaking the world and its lusts is something I would hope all could agree on.

Quote:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Making our election and calling sure. That's something we can only do as individuals.

Gary