



THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST BIBLE OUTREACH

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TOPIC: ARE YOU A LOVER OR A PROSTITUTE?

Text: Deuteronomy 6:5

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

Pray and tell God, O God let this Question that Change My Life for the best.

A number of years ago, a man had the privilege of teaching at a seminary.

His students were hungry for God, and the man was constantly searching for ways to challenge them to fall more in love with Jesus and to become voices for revival in the Church.

One day the man came across a quote attributed to Rev. Sam Pascoe.

It is a short version of the history of Christianity, and it goes like this:

"Christianity started in Palestine as a fellowship; it moved to Greece and became a philosophy; it moved to Italy and became an institution; it moved to Europe and became a culture; it came to America and became an enterprise."

Some of the students were between 18 and 19 years old.

The man wanted the students to understand and appreciate the importance of the last line, so he clarified it by adding: "An enterprise. That is a business."

The lecturer thought he given a well explanation.

After a few moments, the youngest student in the class, raised her hand.

She asked such a simple question:

"A business? But sir, isn't it supposed to be a body?"

The lecturer did not know where the line of question was going, and the only response he could think of was "Yes."

The student continued:

"But when a body becomes a business, isn't that a prostitute?"

The room went dead silent.

For several seconds no one moved or spoke.

They were stunned, afraid to make a sound because of how the Holy Spirit spoke through the lady.

The lecturer said, "the lady's question changed my life. For six months, I thought about her question at least once every day."

"When a body becomes a business, isn't that a prostitute?"

Brethren there is only one answer to the lady's question.

The answer is "Yes."

The American Church, tragically, is heavily populated by people who do not love God.

How can we love somebody we do not know?

Most Christians do not know God, how can they love Him.

The root of this condition originates in how we came to God.

Most people come to God because of what we were told He would do for us.

We were promised that He would bless us in life and take us to heaven after death. We come to Him for what we can get from Him.

Most ministers have made the Kingdom of God into a business, merchandising His anointing.

This should not be.

We are commanded to love God and are called to be the Bride of Christ.

We are supposed to be His lovers. How can we love someone we don't even know?

We must find Him see Him and know Him first then desire to love Him.

Romans 8:28

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Are we lovers or prostitutes?

What's the difference between a lover and a prostitute?

Both lover and prostitute do many of the same things, but a lover does what she does because she loves.

A prostitute pretends to love, but only does what she does for money. What happens if she is not paid?

"What would happen if God stopped paying me?"

Brethren let us allow God to search us to uncover our motives for loving and serving Him.

Are we really a true lover of God?

Psalm 116:1 "I love the Lord, because he hath heard My voice and my supplications."

What would happen if He stopped blessing us?

What if He never did another thing for you?

Would you still love Him?

Please understand, I believe in the promises and blessings of God.

The issue here is not whether God blesses His children; the issue is the condition of our heart.

Why do I serve Him?

Are His blessings in my life the gifts of a loving Father, or are they a wage that I have earned or a bribe/payment to love Him?

Do I love God without any conditions?

Hebrews 6:10 "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

It can take several months to work through these questions.

Does your desire to love God is always matched by your attitude and behavior.

Don't you feel disappointed with God and angry that He has not met some of your needs in life.

1 John 4:20 "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that love not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?"

1 John 5:3 "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."

Jude 1:21 "keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

Conclusion

We are thankful for God's love for us! Without it, we could not have salvation to go to Heaven. We wouldn't have all the benefits of salvation.

Let's strive to love God according to the Scriptures. He is worthy!