

UNTO THE END

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“BUT HE THAT SHALL ENDURE UNTO THE END, THE SAME SHALL BE
SAVED” (MTH. 24:13)

No Sign of Signs

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I am simply amazed at how many different denominations there are in the world today. There are Lutherans, Methodists, Nazarenes, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, etc. Then within most denominations there are sub-denominations; the Baptists have the Southern Baptists, Free Will Baptists, Missionary Baptists, etc. There is the denomination of “non-denominational churches”. Sadly the list goes on and on. With so many different denominations come differences on doctrines and division. Let’s just call a spade a spade; denominations are divided. They are divided on every doctrine under the sun. For example there is division on baptism. These denominations simply can’t agree on who should be baptized, how to administer baptism, what to say when baptizing someone and what baptism really means. There is division as to whether one could lose his or her salvation. There is even division as to how one becomes born again. No wonder the world looks at the “church” and laughs it to scorn. What’s the problem? The problem isn’t Jesus Christ. He’s not divided. The Bible says that Christ isn’t divided, (1Cor. 1:13). If Christ isn’t divided and the denominations are divided then can they be of Christ? Any logical person would say no. It is of a truth, the denominations are not of Jesus Christ. God didn’t tell anybody to go start the Methodist Church. The Bible doesn’t say anything about Lutherans or the Church of the Nazarene. No, these

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organized churches are the work of men, not God. “How can you say this?!?” you ask in amazement. The answer is simple; denominations are divided and Jesus Christ is not. Salt water cannot flow from a fresh water spring (Ja. 3:12). Amen. In fact if you take some time and do some simple research you will find that all denominations can be traced back to one common ancestor; their mother. Amen. But let’s stay within the scope of this particular topic. Despite the many divisions among organized churches there is one thing that most, but not all do have in common; lack of gifts. We are going to examine this in a moment in light of the Holy Scriptures. But first, let’s talk about the body. Many of you reading this article, being part of an organized church have no clue about the body or how it is supposed to function. I know, because I came out of organized church (following the command of Jesus Christ in Revelation 18:4). Amen. In your “church”, you have a Pastor who preaches/teaches and sits as head of the board, CEO if you will. Then you have everyone else who does nothing more than come each week to listen to a sermon, sing some songs and then bolt home to watch the NFL or lay out at the beach, etc. In some *really* “good” churches the congregations are actually enlisted by the pastor as a super sales force whose job it is to go out and bring in the lost souls (\$\$\$)! But for the most part, you have two

positions; pastor and the flock. “You’re wrong! We have a Youth Pastor and Choir Director” you yell in defense. Yelling in defense you did; a weak defense it is. Can any one of you pull out the Bible and show me where it says that Youth Pastor or Choir Director is a calling of God? How about Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor? Sound like a business organization doesn’t it? Actually, it is. Organized church is a business, plain and simple. It is NOT the body of Christ. In a true body you have prophets, pastors, teachers, etc. Not convinced? Let’s look at the Word of God:

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:” Eph. 4:11-13.

And again,

“And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.” 1Cor. 12:28.

In a true body there are prophets, teachers, pastors, helps, etc. Each member that comes together to worship in a local body must have a function within that body for the edifying and perfecting of the saints (Eph. 4:12) as we have already seen. There is no calling of God called “spectator”. A true body has those with gifts of healings, and tongues, etc. “We don’t believe in tongues or healings” you say. It’s true, in most organized churches the doctrine is that the gifts of the spirit went out with the Apostles. Oddly enough, those same denominations have pastors. Looking at the passages above is not Pastor listed right along with miracles, healings, and tongues? The Bible sums this sad situation up when Jesus said,

“This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.” Mth. 15:8-9.

And NONE of you in organized church have any clue about brotherhood. We could talk about brotherhood for the next several hundred pages. But let’s stick to the topic at hand. There are no signs of signs in the organized church. You are all modeled after your mother, the Roman Catholic Church which has priest (shepherd) and congregation (flock). And “lay” people better not DARE try to do anything because they haven’t been properly educated in the seminaries. By the way, can any of you use the Bible and show me

where Peter and company went to seminary? How about a command telling you that that's what God wants you do? It's not there; these are the ideas of men.

**“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”
Mk. 16:17-18.**

Did you read that? Jesus Christ just told us the signs that will follow those that BELIEVE. Those that believe will speak in tongues, lay hands on the sick, and cast out devils. Do these things occur where you go to church? Of course not, because you are in organized, dead to the neck up religion that came out of the mother of all harlots! Jesus mentions these things in Mark and then we see these things take place among THOSE THAT BELIEVE in Acts and throughout the New Testament from Peter, to Paul, to James. Most organized churches say that these things went out in “Bible Times”. What in the world is “Bible Times”??? What year did “Bible Times” start and what year did it end. Following this logic through to conclusion you would have had a group of believers back in that day that were speaking in tongues, laying hands on the sick and working miracles one day and when they got up the next day all these things were suddenly gone. The brother who spoke in tongues one day could not do it the next. One sister who prophesied one day could not do it the next. The next time they all got together to worship, one of them would have stood up and said something to this effect, “Well brethren, it was fun while it lasted but apparently “Bible Times” is over so there'll be no more gifts the rest of our days.” Do you really think this happened? I hope not. It just doesn't make sense. Things sound nice in the flesh, but when you actually take them to a logical conclusion, you find they just don't hold water. Let's now look at the ONE verse people use to say that the gifts are no longer valid:

“Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; wether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.” 1Cor. 13:8-10.

The “learned” teachers of organized church explain this passage by saying the gifts will end when that which is perfect comes. They say this passage is speaking of the Bible. When the Bible comes, then there will be no more need for gifts. I'm not kidding you, this is the explanation provided. As flawed and pitiful as that is on its own, let's keep reading the rest of the verses and put a final blow to this false doctrine:

“When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when

I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." 1Cor. 13:11-12.

What futuristic time is Paul referring to here? Is it really when the Bible is made? He says that now he knows in part but THEN, a reference to this futuristic event, he will know even as he is known. How could he be talking about being around when the Bible will be "made" when in reality he was long dead and gone from the earth when this happened? Notice he's making a reference to this futuristic event as though he will be there. Of course he could only be speaking about one thing: the futuristic event of resurrecting and living with the Lord in New Jerusalem. And then the rest of it now makes sense also: nobody will be prophesying or speaking on tongues when we are in the presence of the Lord. There will be no more need for these things then. But NOW, the gifts are given for the perfecting and edification of the saints UNTIL we all come together in the unity of the faith (same event Paul was talking about in 1 Corinthians is also mentioned in Ephesians 4). Unbelievably enough, the seminarians teach that "that which is perfect" is the Bible and they don't even BELIEVE God has preserved His Word for today!!! Amazing!!

Dear brother or sister in the Lord please- consider what you have read here today. Jesus Christ clearly told us the things that follow believers. If your "church" says they don't believe in these things anymore, then they are teaching for commandments the doctrines of men. If you are in a "church" and there are no prophets, teachers, miracles, healings, tongues, then how can you be in the true body of Christ? You cannot. Jesus Christ can't lie. Will you stay in your dead religion or come out of her, as commanded by The Lord Jesus Christ and worship Him in spirit and in truth in the beauty of holiness? To all those in organized church, Jesus Christ is saying, "**...Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.**" (Rev. 18:4). Thus saith the Lord. Amen.

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