

Leaving the Amish

If you at all viewed the BBC documentary "Trouble in Amish Paradise" then you know that the "simple, pastoral lifestyle" of the Amish masks an egregious doctrine and the active suppression of the truth of the Scripture to maintain the doctrine the Amish hold. The BBC also produced a follow-up documentary that traces the journey of the families who were cast out of the Amish community and church for daring to read the Bible in English and witness to those around them of the grace that is in Christ.

The follow-up documentary also highlights the dangers of learning that you are involved in a system that teaches and promotes a lie, and upon leaving that system, having no one to actually teach you the whole counsel of God and explain the Scripture to you. It is frequently the case that individuals who leave such systems, end up being snared by other belief systems that are also wrong, just in a different way. Though there is a church in that community which ministers to those leaving the Amish doctrine, it also has errors which lead astray those involved in it.

If the Devil can't get you one way, he will surely have another way to prevent you from having the truth.

There is something of note here: Believing in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior is not, as the commentator states that born-again Christian's teach, a way to avoid going to Hell nor should any true child of God teach that. ((It is unfortunate that most all "evangelical" Christians believe and teach this as it is egregious error.)) Rather, if that is the reason why you have believed in Christ for your "salvation," then I will submit to you that you have believed out of an improper motivation. Salvation IS NOT "fire insurance." Neither should it be viewed as such.

If you have not come to know the Lord Jesus Christ personally to the point that you have learned of Him enough to TOTALLY trust Him with your life, then you have not reached salvation. Contrary to popular belief, salvation is not "letting Christ into your heart." Rather, it is placing your life, your destiny into Christ's hands without reservation. One does not do this out of a base desire to avoid suffering in Hell, but does so because they have come to know the LORD and have found that He is "altogether lovely" as the Scripture states. Hence, belief and trust in Christ for salvation comes from a overwhelming desire to spend the rest of your existence with Him. To reach this point, repentance (and it must be the repentance the LORD God grants) is utterly necessary.

There is simply no way to address every error presented here. However, things like tearing a house down because the Old Testament law states that is what must be done for a "fretting leprosy" indicates a lack of understanding about the reason for the Old Testament law given to ancient Israel. This problem is not limited to Charity Church or any particular denomination, but is found throughout every group that claims to be "Bible-believing." I have had Independent Baptist brethren try to tell me the Ten Commandments are still in effect as commandments we, as Christians, must abide by today, when the reality is that the Ten Commandments were the covenant the LORD God made with ancient Israel. ((The following are the passages from the Old Testament that state plainly that the Ten Commandments are the Covenant the Lord had with Israel. This does not change the fact that the Ten Commandments are a reflection of the nature and character of God, and thus are always in effect. Nonetheless, they are not part of anyone's covenant today, but are fully encompassed by the first two commandments of the law.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with

thee and with Israel. And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. (Exodus 34:27-28)

And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice. And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone. (Deuteronomy 4:13)

Also in Horeb ye provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you to have destroyed you. When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water: And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, that the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant. And the LORD said unto me, Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted themselves; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image. Furthermore the LORD spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they. So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands. (Deuteronomy 9:8-15)))

To What Country...?

One of the greatest battles any child of the LORD fights is the battle for their allegiance. The pull to allow allegiance to the nation one was born in to take precedence over the kingdom of God is quite strong. After all, it is natural to hold an allegiance to the land of one's nativity. However, we are called to further the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ and place our service to Christ above ALL else.

This lesson examines that. May it be profitable for you.

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In Christ,

Paul W. Davis

The Necessity of Faith

The Scripture is express that faith is essential if one is to have any hope of pleasing God. However, it seems that the "faith" defined by many Christians is not really faith at all. Rather, it is either intellectualism or emotionalism dressed

up as faith.

This is not acceptable. Moreover, it is a ticket to destruction. It seems to be lost on an increasing number of individuals that there is no substitute for faith. However, I suppose this also has never changed – that it has always been this way. Which is why we have the example of Israel as an utter failure in the Old Testament. Israel failed due to a total lack of faith on the part of a majority of it's citizens – they could not perceive who the LORD is, and what He was doing.

Individually, that can happen to anyone today – even those who claim Christ. Hence, it is incumbent upon each of us to insure that the faith we believe we have, is actually the faith defined in Hebrews, chapter 11.

I pray the message is profitable for you.

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If You're Saved...

The greatest danger faced by those who claim to be born again is not from any threatened persecution. Rather, this danger comes from within – from their very own heart. It is the fact

of the following verse that presents the greatest danger of all:

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? (Jeremiah 17:9)

If it is so that one is saved, there will be ample confirmation in the life of the believer. However, there is an evidence of salvation that is often ignored or overlooked precisely because it raises a very uncomfortable question:

If you're saved, where is your power over sin?

That is the subject of the following message. I pray it is profitable for you.

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[If You're Saved...](#)

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Yield To Grace

This addresses the fact that the grace bestowed at salvation is much more than just unmerited favor. Rather, it is also the means by which the believer accomplishes the work the LORD God has called them to. This message is about understanding that, and about letting the grace that is in the believer accomplish the purpose the LORD has set for it.

I pray it is profitable for you.

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Sin Unto Death

This lesson addresses an issue that is of interest to many. It is about the meaning of the statement “There is a sin unto death:” in I John 5:16. May it be profitable for you.

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[Sin Unto Death](#)

Setting A Society Up For Failure – Pts 1 & 2

This lesson is probably misnamed somewhat. But perhaps not, as it addresses the issue of reproof and our attitude about it. Nonetheless, any society, any nation is made up of its people. Hence, its character is defined by its people. If its people will not bear reproof, will not bear correction, then there is little that can be done for that society, that nation.

This lesson is in two parts.

Part One:

Part Two:

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[Setting A Society Up For Failure – Part 1](#)

[Setting A Society Up For Failure – Part 2](#)

Doers vs Hearers of the Word

This addresses being internally a doer of the word, and not just a hearer of the word. Far too many individuals who claim Christ are doers of the word only outwardly – the word never penetrating their heart where it must go to do any good at all.

I pray it is profitable for you.

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[Doers vs Hearers of the Word](#)

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Unacknowledged Sins

The following audio is about those sins that we all harbor, and consistently fail to acknowledge as sins. Rather, we tend to justify these and excuse them as being the fault of those who offended us.

May you profit by the message.

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[Our Unacknowledged Sins](#)

England Returns to Her History. . .

of persecution of Christians, that is...

[Christian preacher arrested for saying homosexuality is a sin](#)

It seems that those so openly espousing “tolerance” are totally INTOLERANT of any message that convicts them and states plainly they are wrong. They are especially intolerant of the Bible and those who preach the Bible:

Dale McAlpine was charged with causing “harassment, alarm or distress” after a homosexual police community support officer (PCSO) overheard him reciting a number of “sins” referred to in the Bible, including blasphemy, drunkenness and same sex relationships.

If the police officer half understood anything, he would understand that Mr. McAlpine is actually trying to save his

life. It does make one wonder how the police officer would be able to see the truth of the Scriptures, when he cannot even see that ALL nature condemns his "lifestyle?"