

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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“For today I must abide at thy house”

Luke 19:5

In my recent attempts to speak from the aforementioned text regarding the chief Publican, Zacchaeus, it is very interesting how our Lord Jesus Christ invited himself to abide at Zacchaeus’s house. In this day in which we live, this would be considered as possibly rude or disrespectful to tell one “I must abide at your house today” without a personal invitation from the inhabitant(s) of the house.

This was reiterated over and over in the calling of the disciples of our Lord Jesus. NOWHERE do you find where Jesus was invited into a person’s life, he was called upon for healing(s), yet not for a depraved heart transplant. Look at the other Publican tax collector, Matthew: He was told by Christ to “follow me.” Look at the apostle Paul on the road to Damascus. How about the disciple Peter as he was mending his nets, was he looking for Jesus? NO; he was summoned by our Lord as it is with every ordained and elect child of God...and they ALL come when they are called!

If you notice in the text, Zacchaeus immediately called our Master “Lord!” So it was with the apostle Paul when struck by the visitation of our Saviour on the Damascus road when, Paul said, “Who art thou, LORD?” For it appears that Christ had come to abide in Zacchaeus’s mortal clay tabernacle house, as well as his house dwelling, physically.

Was this your experience when the effectual call of our Lord came to you? Did you not say “LORD,” acknowledging the fact that he alone is the Lord God omnipotent? Was he not supernaturally revealed to you as your ONLY hope and help of your poor and needy soul? Jesus said, “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is LOST” (Luke 19:10).

In my forty-one years of studying the scriptures, it occurred to me numerous years ago that If, in fact, (as commonly taught in most neo-evangelical assemblies) that the whole world is lost and that we must labor to get them under the sound of the gospel of Christ

that they may be saved, I ask myself, "If the whole world of mankind is lost and Jesus came to seek and to save them which are lost, then the whole world would be saved or Christ is a complete failure? HELLO!

I have been revealed (I believe by divine unction, lest I be deceived) that ONLY the elect, chosen, ordained, appointed, called and predestined heirs of divine free and sovereign grace were those who are LOST; for when you observe the scriptural examples such as, the widow with the lost coin; the shepherd with the lost sheep; were not those items of which they pursued to find those things which BELONGED to them? YES!! In order for an item to be lost it must belong to someone!!! I ask you, to whom do the determined Goats belong to? How about the Tares? To whom do they belong? Are they not chosen to a Devil's hell? For they are not lost, they are merely passed over by free and sovereign grace as has been decreed by the unlimited Almighty God of the scriptures, for Christ had given his life as a ransom for MANY, not all of mankind (Rom. 5:15)!

I am convinced that ONLY the chosen ones in Christ determined of the Father before the foundation of the world are the Lords lost sheep, and they alone are the ONLY ones whom Christ has been determined to seek and to save! Has Christ come to seek and to save ALL of MANKIND? NO - only those chosen of the Father and given to the Son as his elect bride church which he is gathering together out of every tongue, kindred and nation for the glory of his praise.

I conclude by saying, NOWHERE can one find where a goat was ever turned into a Sheep, nor a Tare into Wheat; therefore, if the goats and tares have been afore-determined and predestined to such end, NOTHING shall change their dread depraved condition. Yea, even this election to damnation is according to the divine purpose of HIM which worketh ALL things after the will of his good pleasure, glory and praise. For in that great Day when the just and the unjust shall stand before our God, even the non-elect shall "Bow the knee and confess with their mouth that Jesus is Lord to the glory and honor of the Father" for they ALL shall know he that is the JUDGE of ALL mankind (Phil. 2:10-11). Yea, even JESUS with whom we have to do.

Respectfully submitted,
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