

The Gospel Herald

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

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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Mathematics and Christ

“Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvelous things without **NUMBER.**”
Job 5:9

I have a neighbor who has been a college mathematics professor in his past secular profession. Now retired, and enjoying the “golden years” (whatever that is? I haven’t found it yet) he and I have had some good spiritual conversations. Just last week he stopped by and visited a little while, and I had a captive audience in my home as we sat and talked. He commented that he enjoys MATHEMATICS so much because you can arrive at a correct conclusion with numbers that are irrefutable; whereas, with Biblical theology it is a THEORY subject to interpretation of the student and that is proven by the different denominations and theoretical positions in Christianity alone.

Well, I informed the dear gentleman, that there is no question as to the various interpretations of the Bible, and that is quite obvious. I further stated that when the human logic and the natural mind enters into the supernatural revelation of the spiritual word of God, that is where the problem begins. The Bible is a book authored by the SPIRIT and penned by the human hand of man as God has divinely inspired. Therefore, to be able to rightly understand the word of God, one MUST have the ability to discern the spiritual meaning of the inspired writings.

In Mathematics it is a FACT that $2+2=4$ and $5 \times 5=25$, etc., etc. We have been taught that from elementary education, and it is a LOGICAL and FACTUALLY, irrefutable method of determining numerical matters with a correct and logical answer. Yet, the Bible is a spiritual composition not discernable by the natural mind, human intellect nor logic.

I informed the neighbor that unless God by His divine grace causes one to be born of the Spirit by a supernatural spiritual experience, man cannot “SEE” nor “ENTER” into the Kingdom of God (the spiritual realm of the God of the Bible). As the Apostle Paul writes, “The natural man discerneth NOT the things of the Spirit, neither can he know them”. Therefore, a supernatural

experience of God-CAUSED conception and new birth MUST take place before one can accept the Bible as the word of God and believe its content. That is why Jesus said, "Ye MUST be born again." Natural ONCE-born folks are not fit for eternal heaven, and shall die in their sins. Twice BORN folks are made New Creatures in Christ and blessed with FAITH (the gift of God) to believe in Christ and that HE alone has provided ALL that is necessary for erasing our sin debt and making us ACCEPTABLE before our Holy Father in heaven.

When faith comes, it DEFIES logic and human reasoning. "It is the SUBSTANCE of things hoped for and the EVIDENCE of things not seen".

Spiritual SUBSTANCE and EVIDENCE are that which manifest the second birth and causes spiritual discernment of the word of God. It also causes the Child of God to have a NEW found hunger for the WORD of GOD. Their spiritual mind has now been quickened and their priority is to LEARN more about God, his Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ the ONLY means by which any shall be redeemed and saved from the curse and condemnation of sin.

Faith and Hope cannot be separated, for genuine Spirit hope is the evidence of the gift of Faith, and Faith causes Hope to become evident in the heart, mind and soul of the believer. One of the unique aspect of Faith and Hope is, neither shall be evident in eternal heaven.....For when our mortal bodies are translated into immortal, and we see our beloved Saviour and the brightness of His glory, IT WILL BE WITH SPIRITUAL SIGHT!! As he was seen by over five hundred brethren occasionally 40 days after his resurrection..... God has so designed FAITH'S work to accomplish revealing to lost, depraved sinners salvations marvelous work as God is pleased to reveal it those foreknown, elect, called, appointed, ordained and predestined to experience Christ's redeeming love and royal blood sacrificial atonement, cleansing us from ALL unrighteousness.

I concluded by saying to my neighbor, "putting aside many controversial scriptures men could debate, what does this mean to YOU? "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall never perish, but have everlasting life?" I said, "that is like your mathematics to a Child of God; blessed to believe it."

God said that HE gave His only begotten Son (Jesus) and WHOSOEVER believeth IN Him = SHALL NEVER PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

NOTE: To BELIEVE is ALL that is needed, and that is not of the creature, but the work of God. How much doctrine do you need to know to have a HOPE in salvation and eternal Heaven? Not much, but just enough, and that in CHRIST ALONE.

That is spiritual mathematics that CANNOT be refuted, but must be EXPERIENCED, and once it has, the answer will ALWAYS be the same.

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