

The Gospel Herald

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

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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The Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man

The above-referenced quote is one of the greatest deceptive lies that Satan has placed before mankind. The majority of (so-called) Christendom has swallowed the concept that ALL mankind are brothers and the God of the Bible is the father of ALL mankind.

Although God, The Almighty had made man from the dust of the earth, as the creator of Adam, and since Adam (and Eve) disobeyed the ONE LAW that God had given them in the midst of the garden, they, by transgression plunged the human race into a state of total depravity.” By one man sin entered into the world” (Rom. 5:12).

Satan is the father of lies, and mankind is subject to his/her father, the devil, who rules in the hearts of the unregenerate depraved sinner. Jesus said, “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lust of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: For he is a liar and the father of it” (John 44).

Jesus said, “If God were your Father, ye would LOVE ME” (John 8:42).

“He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent Him” (John 5:23).

This concept by the majority of the religious world that God is the loving father of all mankind is the mindset of humanistic religion and is endorsed by most all major religions of the world. Islam, of course does not embrace such doctrine, for they believe that Allah and his prophet Mohammad are of the true god. Yet, when Jesus was asked

by one of the religious of his day, “Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without desiring to speak with thee. But Jesus answered and said unto him, “Who is my mother? And who are my brethren? For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother” (John 12:47-50).

Jesus, our beloved Saviour, made it quite clear as to who are his brethren and sisters, did he not? They who know and do the will of His Father; these are to whom he refers as those who be of God and heareth God’s word.

Are all of mankind the brethren and sisters of Christ? **Absolutely not!** Only those who are the chosen, called, ordained, appointed, elect and called heirs of divine free and sovereign grace are our Lord’s brethren and sisters. Those are the sheep of God, those which are determined as God’s wheat alone are the children of the God of the Holy Writ.

Oh! the sweet and special bond that Gods children have among themselves in time. The fellowship one of another about the kingdom of our God and His beloved Son Jesus. For the majority of mankind is dead in sins dread curse, walking spiritual dead folks marching through life fulfilling the lust of the eye, the lust the flesh and the pride of life! Oh! if God does not arrest and cause the alien sinner to “look unto Jesus” there is no hope of redemption nor life everlasting. But, “Blessed is the man whom thou (God) chooseth and causeth to approach unto thee” (Psa. 65:4); if God doesn’t **choose** and **cause** the lost sinner to **approach** unto HIM, they’re not coming!

They can’t, they have no ears to hear the voice of the good Shepherd, for they by nature are spiritually deaf and spiritually blind.....One must be awakened, quickened and raised from their dead condition by He which is alone The Resurrection and the Life.....Born again, made alive by the operation of the Holy Spirit of God Almighty....made New Creatures in Christ whereas old things are passed away and behold all things become new.

Then and only then will one become a penitent sinner seeking pardon from their loving Father of whom they are caused to know and cry for that sweet deliverance of sins forgiven and the gift of heaven.

**With melting heart and weeping eyes, my guilty soul for mercy cries;
What shall I do or whither flee, to escape the vengeance due to me?**

**Till now I saw no danger nigh, I lived at ease, nor feared to die;
Wrapt up in self – conceit and pride, “I shall at last have peace I cried.”**

**But when, great God, thy light divine had shone on this dark soul of mine,
Then I beheld with trembling awe, the terrors of thy Holy law.**

***How dreadful now my guilt appears, in childhood, youth and growing
years,
Before thy pure discerning eye, Lord what a guilty wretch am I!***

***Should vengeance still my soul pursue, death and destruction are my due;
Yet mercy can my guilt forgive, and bid a dying sinner live.***

***Does not thy sacred word proclaim, salvation free in Jesus name?
To Him I look and humbly cry, "O save a wretch condemned to die."***

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Humbly submitted,

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