

The Gospel Herald

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

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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Divinely Stirred

“And there is NONE that calleth upon thy name,
that STIRRETH up himself to take hold of thee”
(Isa. 64:7).

According to Gods divine providence and predestined purpose I was blessed to be in fellowship with Bro. McInnis this past weekend. Brother Michael and I traveled to Empire Church on Saturday in Lanier County Georgia for their monthly Saturday before meeting, enjoying the fellowship as we journeyed along and the greeting of the saints which met at Empire.

I stayed the night with Brother McInnis and met with him and the body of believers who meet at Grace Chapel of O’Brien, Florida where Brother McInnis serves as Elder/Pastor. In my invitation to their pulpit I was led to the writing of Isaiah as I had looked at the blessed book the evening before. The afore-referenced verse was one that prompted my mind to thought regarding the inability of the human heart to STIR itself into seeking deliverance from its depraved condition.

“For it is written, there is NONE righteous, No, not one: There is NONE that understandeth, there is NONE that seeketh after God” (Rom. 3:10-11).

The advocates of the FREEWILL of the creature say that man can by his FREEWILL call upon God upon the hearing of the gospel. According to the scriptures man by nature CANNOT STIR himself up to even seek after God let alone believe that God is who He says He is; Isaiah’s prophecy some 700 BC was referenced in Paul’s writing to the Church at Rome.

Man by nature CANNOT STIR himself up to take hold of God because he does not contain within himself the faculties to accomplish such stirring. Man does not want to desire to be stirred up spiritually, he has NO interest in such endeavor, he is satisfied with his condition as a natural born worldling. I ask what part of man is capable of stirring oneself up to seek after God? It most certainly is not by his will, for it is ONLY

subject to serve self and the lust thereof, as it is under the dominion of sin and can not discern the things of the Spirit neither can he know them (I Corin.2:14).

My beloved brethren, if God had not QUICKENED we which were dead in trespasses and sin and CAUSED us to BE STIRRED UP to behold God as the ONLY means by which we can be delivered from sins curse, we would yet be in our sins and destined for hells fire and the torments thereof. ONLY by the means of grace alone shall one be caused to be STIRRED UP to seek after God and be blessed to believe upon the God/Man Jesus Christ as one's ONLY Saviour and Mediator. The preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ is ANOTHER LANGUAGE to them which have "not" been STIRRED UP to receive it and believe it. It is mere words batting the air to the ears of the dead alien sinner which sits under its declaration.

Oh! dear brethren, may our pure minds BE STIRRED UP to remember where we have come from and where we have been brought by free and sovereign grace. This grand and wonderous work of grace alone can cause the dead sinners deaf ears and blind eyes to be OPENED to discern the sweet and glorious sound of the gospel. "blessed is the people that know the joyful sound" (Psa. 89:15). OH! The STIRRING of God Almighty within the heart, mind and soul of the creature can only manifest true salvation and CAUSE a new creature to be seen as a witness of so great salvation. Thanks be unto our God for the sovereign STIRRING of the soul of man to CAUSE us to seek the Lord and believe the GOOD NEWS that "JESUS SAVES SINNERS." Jesus said, "For I have come to seek and to SAVE (not try too) sinners" and we have that blessed promise that he shall not lose ONE of which He has come to seek and to save. Yea, HIS name is hallowed and HIS WILL is being done in earth as it is in heaven fulfilling his divine decreed predestined purpose for the glory of His praise.

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