

GOD INTENDED THAT WHO MEN OBSERVE
THE CHRISTIAN, THEY SHOULD BE DRAWN TO JESUS

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Scripture

Jeremiah 2:13

Introduction

The greatest danger which confronts the church today is that of replacing the direction of the Holy Spirit with carnal methods.

Jesus said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."

John 7:37b-38

There is no substitute for direction of the Holy Spirit.

I. Substituting Ritual for Relationship

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

2 Timothy 3:5

A. Christianity is a relationship

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Romans 8:14

1. To have the relationship is to be a son of God
 2. To have only a ritual is to be no son of God
- B. To know God one must walk in the Spirit
God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

C. People do not desire ritual

1. Ralph--Helena, Arkansas
 - a. Baptized repeatedly
 - b. Did no good
 - c. Did the same things again

- II. Producing an organization instead of an organism
...Upon this rock I will build my church;
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against
it.

Matthew 16:28

- A. The church is the body of Christ

For by one Spirit are we all baptized
into one body, whether we be Jews or Gen-
tiles, whether we be bond or free; and
and have all been made to drink into one
Spirit.

For the body is not one member, but many.

1 Corinthians 12:13-14

1. This body is an organism
 2. It has organization
 3. Unlike organizations, it has life
- B. God is building the Church
1. It is a classless society
 2. Gods "Gosa Nostra"
- C. If we build an organization, it will perish
- Every man's work shall be made manifest:
for the day shall declare it, because it
shall be revealed by fire; and the fire
shall try every man's work of what sort
it is.
- If any man's work abide which he hath
built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.
- 1 Corinth. 3:13-14
- D. All our efforts must be concentrated on
building the Body.

- III. Utilizing promotions instead of Power

But ye shall receive power, after that the
Holy Ghost is come upon you....

Acts 1:8

III. Utilizing promotions instead of power

A. Holy Spirit is the life of the body

For the letter killeth, but the spirit
giveth life.

2 Corinth. 3:6

B. Holy Spirit draws people by "Signs Following"

1. Day of Pentecost—3,000 saved

2. Healing of man at Gate Beautiful—5000 saved

C. Without that power, the church is nothing
but putrifying flesh