

“In the Revelation is the Provision”

Revelation: to disclose, to appear, to lighten, to manifest, to take off the cover!

Works speaks “Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!” faith speaks “believe in the One that I have sent.” The law speaks “thou shall not” grace speaks “receive the word.” That sums up the second teaching in this three part series.

The dividing line between the law and works, faith and grace is this: The former is written outside the heart. The latter is written in the heart. In other words that which is written outside the human heart -- the law and works -- brings no provision, no testimony: it hides; it darkens; it covers up (veils), it brings no revelation. While that which is written in the heart -- faith and grace -- carries with it all that is needed for life and godliness: it discloses; it illuminates; it uncovers (unveils) truth through revelation by the Spirit. And the resulting testimony of faith and grace is that the words and deeds of that heart are manifested as having been wrought in God.

Paul speaks the following “...being manifested (*a testimony*) that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.” A man through the flesh can only write on stone. But a man yielded to Jesus speaks into the heart.

This is the wonderful result of our right order, our submission to those God sends. It is those that proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that they may present every man complete in Christ. It is for this purpose they labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within them. And we know it is in our corporate completeness that we have the ability to recognize, grasp, and stay held to the Head. And this brings full provision to the body of Christ through our mutual submission to one another. Yielded to the Head and serving the bread (*word*) to one another ***our provision is fully received.***

Two examples of these thoughts are Col 2: 21-22 and 1 Co. 2: 1-10

A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven. So words spoken from the flesh carry no provision, they can never be received or taken hold of by the heart. They are as words written on paper. Col 2: 21-22 speaks “Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!” These are matters that have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.

Words spoken by the Spirit carry within them the full provision for their creative work. They are received, and taken hold of by the heart, because they are being received from heaven.

1 Cor. 2: 1-10 speaks “When I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom

(flesh), but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God. Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory; the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM." For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God."

And what is the result of all this? It is God working in us for His purpose. It is not by our trying to do something to please Him but it is by revelation of truth, through the Spirit that we are enabled by grace to walk. So our salvation is worked out from within, with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in us, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

So sit back and relax. Enter into His rest as ye cease from your own work. God's will shall be done in this earth as it is in heaven. For ye are called by Him into sanctification. We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. This is the result of His graceful work in us, our wonderful inheritance.

Praise God

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