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Make Disciples or Converts ?

Christian Disciple: *follower of Jesus. adherent, believer, admirer, devotee, pupil, student, learner; upholder, supporter, advocate,*

Jesus said:

Mark 16:15* And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Matthew 10:24* The disciple (*follower*) is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.

Matthew 10:25* It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, (*Jesus*) and the servant as his lord.

The key word or theme here is to **TEACH** - Teach what?,

Matthew 28:20* Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I (*Jesus*) have commanded you: (*The whole bible*)

You teach by demonstration:

John 14:12* Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

The church has changed the emphasis, From to observe ALL things to keeping out of Hell. The bible does teach that if your not born again, you will spend eternity in Hell. But it teaches much much more. Jesus redeemed us so that man once again has exactly the same fellowship with the father and authority over creation as Adam had before he sinned. In all reality and truthfulness, we have the restored power and authority (*through Jesus and the cross*) that Satan stole from Adam. We have authority over hell, sickness the grave, poverty and anything that would cause us to walk less than victorious in Christ Jesus.

Before mankind started to run the affairs of the church and changed the emphasis from making disciples to **just** teaching conversion at salvation (*baptized into Christ*).

The Holy Spirit had prepared the full ministry for the church growth.

1Corinthians 12:28* And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Now I have been spoiled, as I have experienced and partook of exactly this type of ministry and if I may, I will Share it with you.

I have (*in a churchy sense*) loved the Lord all my life but didn't serve him all the time but was always God conscience.

In 1970 an Apostle/Evangelist named Max Solbrekken. Bought an older dance hall and turned it into The Edmonton Revival Centre, on Nov. 11th, a wed. night we went to our first meeting there. I had heard of miracles and these tongues talkers but had never experienced it. Anyway the presence of God was so strong that we answered the alter call and I fell on my knees and couldn't stop weeping. I remember Bro. Max coming down off the platform and laying his hands on me and praying. I don't Remember what he said, but I do remember the overwhelming love that saturated me and the strong desire to read and study his word. For three and a half years I couldn't stop reading every spare moment I could create. Not only Was the Holy Spirit teaching me, but he would confirm it through the multitudes if various ministries that went through the revival Centre. He had services five nights a week and three on Sunday, we never missed one. Bro. Max did a lot of traveling ministry so he had a vast amount of prominent preachers across North America as well as local ministering. Talk about converts, miracles signs and wonders and they were ALL tongues talkers (*baptized in the Holy Ghost*)

The main service was usually around two hours plus and then the praise and worship would last one to one and a half hours. This was old fashioned singing and worship, no rock-n-roll or screaming demons.

Talk about 1Corinthians 12:28 being fulfilled, we had no excuse but to grow. In my time with them there were many deciples of Jesus that were sent out by Bro. Max, including myself and are still going today. This what God intended for his church. Does the average assembly measure up.

The church was called the body of Christ or Deciples until

after Paul had been in Antioch a while. And then man came up with Christians, which is supposed to mean Christ in or followers of Christ.

Acts 11:26* And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Convert: means change one's religious faith : proselyte

Matthew 23:15* Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

I don't know when man decided to change the emphasis of making deciples to get out of Hell Free. Now there is nothing wrong about sharing the alternative to going to hell, it's biblical. But the problem is the the churches are filled with born again believers that know they are saved and going to Heaven but thats it, they suffer affliction upon affliction, strife and no peace of mind. WHY: Because the church is teaching the ultimate goal is to make converts instead of deciples. Mind you, you can't teach something you don't believe in.

In 1974 I had the opportunity to go to Haiti with Bro. Max and on the first night there were around 15,000 in this soccer field and the power went out so they took Bro. Max to the radio station so he could preach to the people. He was only gone about 15 minutes when the power was restored and all the big wigs on the platform said you have to preach. The Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, they have heard the message of salvation so many times and most had excepted him but were still under bondage. They gave me an interpreter, so I stood up and said, "your tired of hearing about repent or burn", so tonight I am going to share with what comes after salvation and how to live victorious in Christ Jesus. The interpreter was ecstatic with joy and the church leaders were upset because I didn't preach on salvation

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