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## *Faith Cometh by Hearing*

There are multitudes of Christian converts in this world that are disciples of their denomination, but not disciples of Jesus. When they die, they will go to heaven because the word says:

**Mark 16:16\* He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

In other words most denominations teach a Get Out Of Jail Free theology, you know, If your born again you have it made. Your on your way to heaven so now you go out and make other converts. But there are the blessings and benefits. You teach tithing to God, but through our denomination and you use gimmicks, guilt trips, begging or any other means to get the dollar so you can firstly fill your pockets then have enough to go on TV and show starving children and tell of how if you don't give to YOUR cause, they will die.

After all, the bible says you are to ask, and they quote

**Matthew 7:7\* Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:**

BUT if you read verse 11, it plainly is talking about Father God that you ASK and HE does the giving

**Matthew 7:11\* If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?**

**James 1:6\* But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.**

Man or should I say religion uses the mentality saying that God uses man to bring about his answers, TRUE to a point, but if you ask man and use your gimmicks. You will get money but no reward in heaven, YET if you ask God he might use the same man to give to you, but it will have it's rewards in heaven. The difference is in where or who do you put your trust, this goes for healing, deliverance or whatever you want.

**Matthew 6:33\* But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

What never ceases to amaze me is these ministries that once they have you on their mailing list they hound you to death, it doesn't matter if you gave them a one time gift or if you faithfully give a substantial amount **EACH MONTH**. You would at least think that they would at least spare their begging to their faithful givers. "" **THIS IS NOT OF GOD** "". There is no reward for this !!

The Lord will speak to you and show you where to give and how much, if your listening??

1Kings 19:12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

But unfortunetly we have been so prograded by religion, that the tithe has to go to the denomination and your offerings, if you have, may go elsewhere, but, they'll say, **WE** have a mission outreach you know.

We are to be charitable and give of our substance to help those in need and not the greedy. Your finances should go to outreaches that truly help those in need and share the Gospel and not to build more ungodly denominational outreaches BUT rather make disciples for Christ.

1Corinthians 13:3\* And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, (Love) it profiteth me nothing.

The bible teaches us discipleship of Jesus.

Matthew 28:20\* Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you **always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

In other words this instruction is to the end of the world and not just for a while, instead of like so many of Jesus teachings.

Man in his self reliant wisdom has proclaimed that many of the bible teachings are not for today. **How utterly ignorant !**

James 1:5\* If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that

giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

John 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Psalms 37:25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. (money)

The scripture in no ways teach you to beg God, but rather ask God and we are to come boldly before the throne of grace.

Hebrews 4:16\* Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Denominational discipleship teaches MANS way and doctrine. The BIBLE teaches JESUS way – Discipleship and HIS doctrine.

Acts 20:28\* Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

In order to feed the flock you Must first believe the whole bible, second, offer the full ministry of 1 Cor. 12:28

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.

This involves more than just one person and I don't mean 15 paid assistants. In your assembly there will be laymen that can teach, preach, do miracles and so on. BUT religion won't allow it as they haven't been to the denominational cemetery. I'm sorry, I guess you call it Seminary. Or the Pastor is afraid of loosing his job. This is a bit sarcastic, to bring home a point, the church is to function as a body and not just the Pastor to fill all the ministries because HE CAN'T.

1Corinthians 14:26\* How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things

be done unto edifying.

Romans 10:17\* So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Is it any wonder that multitudes of converts aren't mature in their walk with the Lord ?

They are not taught the full word of God, how many teach,

James 4:2-3 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

You see: its all about ME,- what do I get? I can receive a crown, God will be pleased with ME. **DON'T YOU KNOW** that there isn't **ANYTHING** you can do, to make God love you anymore OR any less.

John 13:35\* By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

2Corinthians 8:14\* But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: **that there may be equality:**

NOT 2 or 3 hundred outreaches competing for your money or competing for converts so their denomination can receive credit.

1Corinthians 12:25\* That there should be no schism

(devison) in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

1John 4:7\* Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

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