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"Maintaining Sound Doctrines"
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Thank you Melvin!

There are a countless number of people, who have the mistaken notion, that they are saved, having been baptized a long time ago in their respective churches. They find it hard to believe, when they are told years later, that in fact, they are not saved, since they were baptized in the titles, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, instead of in the name of Jesus.

Whether you are young or old, television viewers, I pray that my sermon, entitled, **"MAINTAINING SOUND DOCTRINES"** will help you to realize the importance of the name, "JESUS," in your personal salvation and give you the opportunity to correct your predicament, if you were baptized in any other term, except the name of "JESUS." After all, God maintain, "If you deny Jesus, you deny the Father, but if you have Jesus, then you have the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

As the Church eagerly awaits the return of the Lord Jesus Christ in clouds of glory, the battle to maintain doctrinal soundness within His church will intensify.

Satan will be persistent in his attempt to infiltrate and corrupt His true Church with lies and gainsayers, whose sole purpose will be to instigate division amongst the members of the church.

The scripture tells how the devil walks among the Body of Christ like a roaring lion, with the sole intent of devouring those, who are most susceptible to his deceitful tactics, as he also causes them to fall from grace.

The Lord expects the "saved" to be steadfast for truth and righteousness. We should be concerned that His church does not fall into compromise, whereby we presumptuously pollute the congregation through erroneous interpretation of the scriptures, or abuse the influence of the pulpit.

One should be aware how the "mysteries of Godliness" are being revealed in greater portions to His people in the last days. On that same note, the "mystery of iniquity" has also managed to make its presence known as well.

Today many churches have compromised themselves in order to stay afloat financially. They have resorted to secular means of attracting souls to Christ, rather than to preach and encourage them with the Word of God.

In order to maintain the "numbers" in their congregation they have bent the rules in order to avoid offending anyone. It is evident in their preaching because they avoid topics that

are offending and sensitive in nature to the congregation.

In essence these Pastors and churches are being held hostage by their own congregation. Under those circumstances, one can conclude that the congregation is not being fed the pure Word of God, lacks the fear of God, and prefers sin above righteousness. According to the Word of God, they will suffer the consequences of their own decisions.

Let us read in Titus 1:9-11 & 15-16, "Holding fast the faithful Word, as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers' specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled, and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny Him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate."

Faithfulness to Jesus Christ and to "The Gospel" requires the highest level of courage. If we are faithful we will stand firm on the "Solid Rock", Christ Jesus and not be influenced by the wiles of the devil. We ought to be concerned about two things regarding the church.

First, that the church will not grow careless as to the truth of the Deity and Sovereign power of Jesus Christ. Secondly, the church should not be remiss, regarding the order of God's House.

When we accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and Lord, we took a conscious step of faith forward towards Godliness. We willingly stepped out of a sinful lifestyle and into a new life in Jesus that soon would be disclosed to us.

We believed whole heartedly, that our past sins were washed away through His name in water baptism. After having received the forgiveness and removal of our sins, the commandments encouraged us to press forward, abstaining from sin.

However, in this new life in Christ, we were exposed to new things, which most often strongly contradicted with our former lifestyle and opinions. We were astonished of what was required of an individual in order to be saved, and to inherit eternal life and the Kingdom of God.

The new life we chose to live became a test of our faith, and appeared to be most difficult, especially if there existed a yearning for the past. Paul addressed the point very clearly.

Let us read in Romans 7:9-10 & 13, "For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.

Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good: that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful."

We can appreciate, how through the Spirit the mysteries of Godliness and of Iniquity have been disclosed. We must rejoice over the revelations we have been blessed with.

By the Word of God, the cloak that covered sin, has been removed. The severe consequences of sin, once obscured through unbelief, have now been brought to light. In other words, there is life and death, good and evil, and blessing and cursing; I pray that you will choose life, that you might live!

The Body of Christ is comprised of a mixed multitude. As it was with Israel, not all were true believers when they journeyed to the land of promise. The House of God should be made up of vessels of gold, but in reality, we see vessels of gold, silver, wood and stubble.

As demonstrated in the family of Abraham, he was the father who characterizes two types of people, those born in bondage, that speaks of Ishmael, and those that were born free, that speaks of Isaac.

Here in the Apostolic Faith Church, we are not selling Jesus, likened to a salesman selling his goods. Here we accept the responsibility of spreading "The Gospel" of the Kingdom of God.

It is the same commission that was given the disciples in Matthew 28:19, and in Acts 1:8, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,"...."Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, in Judaea, in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Your spiritual life, television viewers, should be your priority, as you are listening to this sermon. Are you anticipating and preparing for the coming of the Lord? If not, why not?

Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Out of concern for the saving of our soul, the Lord has taken the time to make us aware that the saving of the soul takes priority over the cares of this life, and even over the healing of the body.

The motions of sin have increased making it very difficult for the lost souls to find peace and comfort. Financial gain and possessing the comforts of this life is the goal for many families.

Some have become millionaires over night through investments in technology. The number of entrepreneurs have increased significantly, each of them being driven by the challenge, the lust for money, and recognition.

However, whether one is rich or poor, bond or free, male or female, Jew or Gentile, a member of the "have's" or a member of the "have not's," in the eyes of God, all have sinned and have come short of the glory of God.

In the call for salvation, race or color of skin or status in life is not a qualifying element, God is looking at the heart. With a penitent heart, the Lord is able to bring about salvation. Yes, viewers, salvation begins with hearing the Word of God, and acting upon your faith. Let us read the inspiring words given through Paul.

Let us turn to Romans 10:8-9,13-15, "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart: that is the word of faith, which we preach. That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved..

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Yes, "The Gospel" that we preach is simplified in this manner. "The Gospel is "The Good News that Jesus Saves, Jesus Heals, Jesus Baptizes with the Holy Ghost, and Jesus is Coming Soon.

Thus, the selfsame "Gospel" Jesus preached, and which was taught to the disciples, is what is being preached to you our viewers, today. Nothing has changed regarding salvation and the righteousness of God. Jesus is the door to the Kingdom of God, and His name, Jesus, is the key that opens that door.

Let us turn to Mark 1:14-15, "Now after that John was put into prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."

It is common knowledge that Jesus came into this world to seek and to save that, which was lost. Salvation first came to the Jews, however, because of their unwillingness to believe, and rejecting Jesus as being the Son of God, salvation was extended to the Gentile nations.

This unwillingness by the Jews to accept the message of salvation that originated in "Glory" is also found within the Christian realm. Paul described the Jews as having a zeal for righteousness, but falling short of the glory God in knowledge.

Being ignorant of God's righteousness, they proceeded to establish their own righteousness, thus refusing to submit themselves to the righteousness of God. You may ask, viewers, "How can this be?"

The answer is found in I John 5:20, "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."

We can not rely upon our own understanding to gain access to the things that belong to God. It is through His Spirit that the things that pertain to godliness and eternal life are revealed.

Thus, the Words of Jesus will take precedence over and discount every theory profound Theologians, Professors, Scholars, or Religious Experts may have to offer.

In fact, "The Gospel" is so simple, that to some, it is unbelievable! The account given by Mark highlighted a milestone in the ministry that was about to begin with Jesus at the helm.

Verse 14 apprises us of the end of John's, and the beginning of Jesus ministry. Being imprisoned, and eventually beheaded for righteousness' sake, concludes that John's prophetic message was fulfilled with the appearance of Jesus Christ.

During the course of John's preaching, he admitted how Jesus would increase, and he on the other hand would decrease, meaning the message that Jesus brought would be superior to John's and take precedence. Thusly, John addressed the nature of both ministries. He was of the earth, whereas, Jesus was from above.

Let us turn to and read John 3:31, "He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all."

Jesus did not come into the world to condemn the world, but that the world, through Him, might be saved. John the Baptist was commanded to "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."

John the Baptist fulfilled his calling, and did so with every strength that could be found in his body. Though putting all his efforts into the ministry, he discounted himself as being the Christ, when questioned by the public.

What we see here, is that there is no other savior, except Jesus Christ, through whom we can be saved. The doctrine of John the Baptist cannot save us.

Verse 15 confirms every prophecy that was given to Israel, regarding the Messiah. What was a "shadow of things to come," was now standing before them. The lessons in the Old Testament through the rites of worship and a multitude of feasts to encourage discipline and obedience, was now being applied to the saving of the soul, through faith and obedience in Christ.

Those faithful souls who labored in the Lord's vineyard before us, died in the flesh having great faith, but were not aware of the promise of eternal life and that of the Kingdom of God.

However, through faith, they hoped for deliverance, and lived as "seeing him who is invisible."

Yes, the time was right for the Son of God to be revealed, and the Kingdom of God to the "would be" believers. It is of great significance, how the ministry of Jesus Christ begins with repentance, and believing in "The Gospel". The closing words of the Gospel of Mark are, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Let us now turn to John 3:5. It reads, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

Yes, TV viewers, John's baptism emphasized the baptism of repentance, meaning, by conceding to the preaching of John, you acknowledge and believe upon Him.

John's words were as follows, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

In Jesus, everything is complete! There are no loose ends, which question the integrity and purpose of "The Gospel". Having all things fulfilled, the Words of Jesus takes precedence over everything that was preached or practiced before the start of His ministry.

Jesus brought to the world a "new and living way." In Him, all things become new. The old man is washed away, and a new creature in Christ is born. In Jesus, our sins are removed as far as the east is from the west, and He remembers them no more. How is this accomplished?

None other than through the waters of baptism, performed in the name of Jesus, and through the infilling of the Holy Ghost. This is what Jesus meant by being born of water and of the Spirit.

When Nicodemus inquired of Jesus of the righteousness of God, Jesus compassionately handed him "The Gospel". In other words, in order to be saved, and be acknowledged by the Lord Jesus Christ, on the day He calls His people home, one must be water washed, blood washed, Spirit filled and living a life above sin.

Let us turn to Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

The necessity of water baptism and the speaking in an unknown tongue, retains its importance, as on the Day of Pentecost, when it was first revealed to the populace of Jerusalem. After hearing the wonderful works of God in their native tongues, they asked, "What must I do to be saved?"

Being empowered with the Holy Ghost, Peter answered the question with great power and authority. No longer being afraid of being persecuted, he boldly cried out the instructions of salvation.

In reality, Peter's words ring out the same message for every generation, present or future. In my experience, television viewers, I have yet to hear Tel-Evangelists and profound Preachers and Scholars address and speak of the scriptures you have heard this morning.

I have heard some read, John 3:5, and Acts 2:38, but they offer no explanation and neither emphasize the urgency in keeping God's commandments. Jesus said in John 14:15, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Jesus freely offered the world this full and free salvation. So, then why isn't your Pastor offering it to you?

Let us read from Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

Paul tells us in his epistle to the church in Galatia, that there is no other Gospel, than that of the "Gospel of Jesus Christ". He continues to say that those who preach another Gospel or those who dare to pervert the Gospel are worthy of being accursed and worthy of damnation.

The salvation of the soul will always remain paramount in our telecast ministry. Our efforts are directed to the saving of the soul and the preaching of "The Gospel of the Kingdom of God", until Jesus comes again in clouds of glory.

Salvation will always remain an individual matter, in other words, TV viewers you can't be baptized for someone else, neither can some one else be baptized on your behalf.

Paul tells us that after death, only judgment remains. Remember, by being baptized, you are not joining a church, but becoming a member of the Body of Christ in which Jesus Christ is the head.

Why not take the first step and believe "The Gospel". Doing so, you will be on the road leading to the Kingdom of God. The days are being shortened for the very elect's sake, thus hastening the coming of the Lord. Today is the day of salvation, if you will hear His voice.

When Moses died at the age of 120 years of age, Joshua whom Moses had laid his hand upon, ascended to the helm. By the time Joshua died at the of 110 years, Israel had already entered into the land of Canaan, and the land was distributed to the various tribes.

Those elders that outlived Joshua and who were eye witnesses to the glory and power of God remained steadfast in the faith. However, subsequent generations of Israel failed to follow the commandments. Instead of continuing in righteousness and heeding the warning, given by both Moses and Joshua, they chose to sin.

Let us read in Judges 2: 6-11, "And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land. And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord, that he did for Israel.

And Joshua, the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being an hundred and ten years old. And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Tim-nath-he-res, in the mount of E-phra-im, in the North side of the hill Ga-ash.

And also, all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel. And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim."

In this "Old Time Religion," there is a song that says, "Let's talk about Jesus!" That is what we should be doing all the time! In order to perpetuate that, which is right in the eyes of God, one must be cherishing the righteousness of God daily.

One might ask, "What is the righteousness of God?" The answer is simple. The righteousness of God is Jesus Christ. When we talk about Jesus, we perpetuate His righteousness for the generations that will follow you. If one prefers to gainsay and yearn for the conveniences of the world, then one has chosen to perpetuate sin.

Let us read in Titus 2: 11-14, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world.

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Yes, I cannot but fully agree that sound doctrine that is derived from the Word of God is purposed to present His people unto Himself as a "living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God."

If you would like to learn more about God's Word and the Church, and view these telecast presentations in their entirety, please visit our website at <http://Jesuscomingsoon.org>.

Until our next telecast, this is your host, Head Pastor William Han, Jr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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