

THE WAY WHICH THEY CALL HERESY

... after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets (Acts24:14)

All around there is religion, much of it professing to be christianity, that regards the message we aim to proclaim as being heretical. In the same way the Pharisees at the time of Jesus's ministry said that his message was of demonic origin (John10:20). As Paul testified, *his* preaching was regarded as heretical by the Jews that sought to kill him; why did they think that? Why do churches reject our preaching? It is because we strive to be true to the gospel message given in the Bible, God's Word. That message is clearly one of God's absolute sovereignty in electing grace. God did not choose to offer salvation to everyone without exception, but to accomplish salvation for the multitude he chose in Christ before time began. That offends the thinking of man who likes to think that he is sovereign over his own affairs. Peter wrote of religion which '*perverted the scriptures to their own destruction*' (2Pet3:16).

Not all reacted with ignorant hostility to the message of Paul. In Acts17:11 we read of the people of Berea (in northern Greece) who listened to Paul and then '*searched the scriptures daily*' to check that what Paul had preached was in accord with God's Word. How we would love to see some in our day copy their example.

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WHAT IT MEANS TO PREACH CHRIST

1Cor2:2: For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

To preach the cross is to preach Christ's person and Christ's work. It is to preach who Christ is: the eternal Son of God and the Son of David, the God-Man; the One chosen and sent of God; the Prophet, Priest and King of his people; the Bread from heaven; the Way, the Truth, the Life. To preach Christ is to preach why Christ came: God sent Christ to manifest the

righteousness of God in how God is just and the Justifier of all who believe on Christ; he came to fulfil the law for his people, to put away the sin of those the Father gave to him in eternity, to redeem, reconcile and make his people one with God. Preaching Christ is preaching what Christ accomplished: he finished those works God sent him to do; Christ glorified the Father, brought in everlasting righteousness for his people; Christ entered in once into the holy place having obtained eternal redemption for his people. To preach Christ is to preach where Christ is now: *when he had by himself purged our sins he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high*; his people are risen in him, seated together with him. Preaching Christ is preaching what Christ is doing now: as the glorified God-Man he is reigning and ruling with all power over all in heaven and in earth, sending his gospel, calling out his people through the Holy Spirit, filling all in all and he will not lose one! To preach Christ is to preach what Christ shall do: he shall come again; *he must reign till he has put all his enemies under his feet, the last being death; then he shall deliver up the kingdom to God presenting his people holy and righteous and unreprouvable in God's sight.* Clay Curtis

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When the children of Israel landed safely on the other side of the Red Sea, brought there by the Pillar of Cloud and Fire (which was Christ), and saw all their enemies dead on the seashore exactly as God had promised them, their hearts over-flowed with joy and they all sang together the song of Moses, the song of redemption. It is that song that the redeemed shall sing in glory (Rev15:3). Yes, we praise God for his glorious attributes, his creating, sustaining, power, his righteousness and justice, but above all we praise him for redeeming grace that purchased his people by blood and recovered them from their enemy (Hosea13:14).

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Revelation 15:1-4

3 to 868

R Burnham

1 God is my everlasting King;
God is my Strength, and I will sing;
His power upholds my feeble frame,
And I'm victorious through his name.

2 Devils retreat when he appears;
Then I arise above my fears,
And every fiery dart repel,
And vanquish all the force of hell.

3 Through the Redeemer's precious blood,
I feel the mighty power of God;
Through the rich aid divinely given,
I rise from earth, and soar to heaven.

5 Now, Lord, thy wondrous power exert,
And every ransomed soul support;
Give us fresh strength to wing our way
To regions of eternal day.

6 There may we praise the great I AM,
And shout the victories of the Lamb;
Raise every chorus to his blood,
And triumph in the power of God.

Prayer

Exodus 15:1-22

Prayer

424 to 136

I Watts

1 Hosanna to our conquering King!
The prince of darkness flies;
His troops rush headlong down to hell,
Like lightning from the skies.

2 There, bound in chains, the lions roar,
And fright the rescued sheep;
But heavy bars confine their power
And malice to the deep.

3 Hosanna to our conquering King!
All hail, incarnate Love!
Ten thousand songs and glories wait
To crown thy head above.

4 Thy victories and thy deathless fame
Through the wide world shall run,
And everlasting ages sing
The triumphs thou hast won.

Sermon

475 to 144

I Watts

1 Father, I long, I faint to see
The place of thy abode;
I'd leave thy earthly courts and flee
Up to thy seat, my God!

2 Here I behold thy distant face,
And 'tis a pleasing sight;
But to abide in thy embrace
Is infinite delight.

3 I'd part with all the joys of sense
To gaze upon thy throne;
Pleasure springs fresh for ever thence,
Unspeakable, unknown.

4 There all the heavenly host are seen;
In shining ranks they move,
And drink immortal vigour in,
With wonder and with love.

7 The more thy glories strike my eyes
The humbler I shall lie;
Thus, while I sink, my joys shall rise
Unmeasurably high.