The Fellowship Room

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All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

7-20-2015 - Are Jews Abraham's "Seed"?

Why do people listen to what God says at first, but not last?

Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? (James 2:21-22).

God told Abraham: "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice" (Genesis 22:18).

That "seed" was NOT the Jews, but Jesus Christ.

Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, 'And to seeds,' as of many, but as of one, 'And to your Seed,' who is Christ (Galatians 3:16).

Everyone who teaches the Jews were Abraham's promised "seed" are denying God's inspired Word in the New Testament!

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7-21-2015 - Is the Kingdom To Come?

Why do people listen to what God says at first, but not last? Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar dreamed a statue which God's Prophet, Daniel, interpreted. Nebuchadnezzar was its head, history shows us Persians were next, then Greece, then Rome, which had many "kings."

And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever (Daniel 2:44).

Jesus came in Roman days, and is now "King of kings" (Revelation 17:14), Who:

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love (Colossians 1:13).

There is no kingdom yet to come!

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7-22-2015 - The Holy Spirit Or the Written Word?

Why do people listen to what God says first but not last? Jesus promised the Apostles the Holy Spirit when He said:

"The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you" (John 14:26).

When this happened on Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4, 14-22):

And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen (Mark 16:20).

Those miracles cease when the word "was confirmed to us" (**Hebrews 2:3**). Scripture says:

If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord (1 Corinthians 14:37).

The written Word is God's Message today.

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7-23-2015 - Tongue-Tied

Why do people listen to what God says at first, but not last? Holy Spirit-inspired "tongues" came on the Apostles this way:

There appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:3-4).

The Apostles were Galileans, the multitude marveled:

"How is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?" (Acts 2:8).

Miraculously-given "tongues" (or native-languages) were a means of preaching the Gospel until the New Testament was completed. There are no miraculously-delivered "tongues" today, but we should "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3).

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7-24-2015 - Use the Right Instrument

Why do people listen to what God says at first, but not last?

Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing (Psalm 100:2).

We may approach God through the voice music of "singing." But David added to this:

Then David and all Israel played music before God with all their might, with singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on cymbals, and with trumpets (1 Chronicles 13:8).

God said "Woe" to those:

"Who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments, And invent for yourselves musical instruments like David" (Amos 6:5).

Today, Christians should be:

Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord (**Ephesians 5:19**).

The churches of Christ don't use David's instruments, but our God-given hearts for singing.

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