

DIVISION BECAUSE OF HIM - JOHN 7:43

It was true then, and it is true today: the Lord Jesus Christ is the cause of great division among men. (Read Matthew 10:34-36 and Luke 12:51-53). Spurgeon said, "Between the poorest saint and the brightest moralist, there is a great gulf. We may not be able to perceive it in the outward character, but there is as deep a gulf as there is between the feeblest form of life and death, - a gulf which only omnipotent grace can cause any man to pass over. **The radical difference between the true believer and the unbeliever lies in their relation to Christ. That is the point of divergence.** It is foolish for us to refuse to recognize this division. The seed of the serpent hates the seed of the woman. The child of bondage and the free born son cannot live together in the same house. **There is no compatibility between believers and unbelievers.**"

To the unbeliever Christ is nothing; but to the believer Christ is everything. The unbeliever trusts himself, his works, his priest, or his church for acceptance before God; but the believer trusts Christ alone for his whole salvation. To the unbeliever Christ is a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence; but to the believer Christ is exceedingly precious. The unbeliever is motivated by pride, seeks his own gain, lives by the principle of covetousness, and has his heart attached to this world. But the believer is not the same sort of man. He is motivated by the glory of Christ, seeks the will of Christ, lives in this world by the principles of love and faith, and has his heart fixed upon eternity.

The point is this - If you trust Christ, love Christ, serve Christ, and seek the glory of Christ, you will be wise not to seek the companionship of men and women who care nothing for Christ. Such

companionship can only bring you pain and misery.

Don Fortner

THE GOSPEL I PREACH

The gospel I preach is the "gospel of God" (Romans 1: 1). I fear Him and the glory of His name more than I do those to whom I speak. I had rather ruffle YOUR feathers than dishonor His character. I persuade men with a view to His name and glory, knowing He alone can convince, convict, and regenerate dead sinners. I want men and women to believe but I want more the integrity of His name to be maintained.

In II Corinthians 5: 18-20, it says God has given to us the ministry of reconciliation and that we are therefore ...*"ambassadors for Christ as though GOD did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."* It is not my purpose to intentionally offend anyone but if someone must be offended, I had rather it be those who hear me than the God who sent me.

Darvin Pruitt

OUR LORD CAME ON PURPOSE

Our Lord came on purpose, to save a particular people, and He accomplished what He came to do! If you are one of those particular people, and if He accomplished salvation for you, then He will notify you of it through the preaching of His Word. In His notification, He will convince you of the fact that you are a sinner; the worst sinner you've ever known! That is the very reason why He had to die. It was to save you from your sins. His death was God the Father's free gift to you. And in His free gift, you are completely redeemed! It was all appointed by the Father, and obtained by the Son. To Him be glory forever!

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10:45 am (GMT+1) Service

John 7

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Reading 1 Timothy 3:16

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S Medley

1 Now, dearest Lord, to praise thy name,
Let all our powers agree;
Worthy art thou of endless fame;
Our springs are all in thee.

2 Here in thy love will we rejoice,
All sovereign, rich, and free;
Singing, we hope with heart and voice,
Our springs are all in thee.

3 To whom, dear Jesus, O to whom
Shall needy sinners flee
But to thyself, who bidst us come?
Our springs are all in thee.

6 When we arrive at Zion's hill,
And all thy glory see,
Our joyful songs shall echo still,
Our springs are all in thee.

Prayer

Reading John 7:32-53

Prayer

902 tune 715

Anon

1 Let him who thirsts for heavenly joys,
Come unto me, the Saviour cries,
And drink at my spring-head;
Leave all your boasting self behind,
For from the Saviour you shall find
A glorious life indeed.

2 I come, O Lord, and thirst for thee;
Some living water give to me,
Or I shall faint and die;
All other means my heart has tried,
All other streams are vain beside
What flows from Calvary.

3 I long to taste the purple flood,
And feel the virtue of thy blood,
And gaze and tarry here;
So shall I sweetly sing and pray,
And serve thee kindly every day,
Without a guilty fear.

Sermon

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J Newton

1 Not to Sinai's dreadful blaze,
But to Zion's throne of grace,
By a way marked out with blood,
Sinners now approach to God.

2 Not to hear the fiery law,
But with humble joy to draw
Water, by that well supplied,
Jesus opened when he died.

3 Lord, there are no streams but thine
Can assuage a thirst like mine!
'Tis a thirst thyself didst give;
Let me, therefore, drink and live!