

## F&S Remembers 29

### SECTION 3: GOD'S TESTIMONY TO HIS SON

#### WHICH GOD AND JESUS?

- Men honor one another for showing respect to “God”—any God.
- The Jesus that repulses liberal and conservative Christians alike is the Jesus that manifests himself through the power of the Spirit of God, and the truth it reveals.
- Without exception, every soul who follows the real Jesus suffers for it, as Paul told young Timothy, “All who are willing to live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”
- Whoever hates the real Jesus also hates the real God, for the Son is “the reflection of His glory and the exact representation of His being.”
- For millennia, Satan worshipped God in heaven, thinking that he was good in God's sight, and men on earth who are like him have always done the same.
- Satan and his sons approve of believing in and worshipping God, and frown upon those who do not. They do not hate “God”, as they think He is, or Jesus, as they think he is.

#### GETTING RID OF THE SON

- Nobody can get rid of God's Son because no creature can get rid of the Creator.
- Ungodly men first tried to get rid of Jesus' influence by killing him physically, and they succeeded, except for the resurrection.
- Not long after the resurrection, believers who had not grown in grace but were still carnally minded began to diminish the influence of the real Jesus by adding ceremonies to the gospel.
- False teachers prevailed throughout the Assemblies of God, which resulted in generations of lukewarm believers whose faith was divided between fleshly and spiritual things.
- The influence of the true Son of God over the body of Christ dwindled until, in the early fourth century, apostate believers had gained sufficient worldly status to form an alliance with Rome.
- The synthesis of Roman culture with belief in Jesus produced a powerful Institution which would propagate and enforce a twisted gospel.
- Man's first attempt to get rid of the Son was made using a Roman cross; man's second attempt was made using a Roman Institution: Christianity.
- The warfare against the Son is waged by all branches of that Institution, from the most liberal wing to the most conservative.
- Liberal and conservative Christians may oppose and sometimes despise each other; nevertheless, they all agree that there is not a Father *and* a Son.
- John used the term “anti-Christ”, not “anti-God”. Satan and his sons have never been anti-God, at least in their own minds.
- John exhorted the saints to hold fast to the original gospel, which was the revelation of the Father and the Son.
- Nowhere within the Institution of Christianity is the truth about the Father creating His Son allowed.
- Christianity was founded upon a doctrine which denies that the Father created the Son.
- Christian ministers cannot teach the truth because the truth about the Son's creation would put an end to the Institution.
- To deny that the Father created the Son is to deny that the Son, as a real person, exists, and to deny *that* Son is to deny the true God who created the Son in His image.

#### GETTING RID OF THE SONS

- Nobody can get rid of God's sons any more than one can get rid of God's Son, and for the same reason: nobody can get rid of the Creator. We are as secure in God's love as the Son is.
- When the Father shared His life with Jesus' followers on the day of Pentecost, that "incorruptible seed" of God created *many* sons of God on Earth.
- The sons of Satan put Jesus to death, and since that time, other sons of Satan have done the same to other sons of God, male and female.
- Death cannot hold anyone who is filled with the life of God. Jesus was the first to prove that, and the rest of God's sons will prove it when their turn comes to rise from the dead.
- Through the centuries, it has been a challenge for men of the Institution to maintain a convincing appearance of righteousness while cruelly abusing and killing innocent souls.
- Over time, the savagery of torture, public degradation and execution went out of style, but the craftier method of killing God's sons continued: slander.
- The easiest and most effective way of killing the sons of God while maintaining an appearance of righteousness is by killing their influence instead of their bodies.
- Slander is murder by another name; the same spirit inspires slander that once inspired public executions.
- Those who are slandered might as well be dead, as far as their ability to interact with and influence others is concerned.\
- The New Testament books show that the process of degeneration from the pure Faith of Jesus to the abomination of Christianity began very early.
- The slander of Christian ministers against the sons of God succeeded, principally because they were able to persuade believers of the continued value of ceremonial form.
- Christians are taught that only the wicked do not join the Church, but the truth is that to join the Church is itself wickedness, for in this New Covenant, Church religion is not of God.

#### GETTING RID OF THE WITNESS

- The principal means employed by men of the Institution to kill the influence of both the Son and all of God's sons is by diminishing the influence of the Spirit of God.
- The Son *is* the Spirit, and God's sons are the ones who are led by it.
- Christian ministers have accomplished this by teaching that the Father's witness to His Son, the holy Spirit, is no longer received the way Jesus said it would be received.
- Jesus' followers all began to speak in tongues when they received the Spirit, but many ministers of the Institution teach that such is no longer the case.
- The foundation of Christianity is one man telling another man that he has received the Spirit. The Institution depends upon that error more than any other for its existence.
- If the body of Christ is made up of those who receive God's Spirit, and if the Spirit speaks through every person when it enters, then Christianity cannot be the body of Christ and is exposed as a fraud.
- No one can *know* that the Son is risen from the dead and is sitting at God's right hand unless they receive the Father's witness of it: the Spirit.

#### *Jesus and the Apostles: Pointing to a Sound*

- The sound of the Spirit is not only God declaring someone to be His child, but it is also that person's response to God, springing up like a fountain from that cleansed conscience.
- Only one baptism was made possible by the resurrection of Jesus: the baptism of the Spirit. Water baptism had been practiced for years before then.
- John told his readers that they could always tell when someone has received Christ because the real Spirit of God confesses Christ when it enters a heart.

- The real Spirit of God speaks; it bears witness to Christ when it enters a person. Jesus cast out dumb spirits; he doesn't give one.
- Christian ministers devoted to the Institution teach that the sound the Spirit is no longer heard, leaving people with nothing but the word of those men to assure them that they have received the Spirit.
- No human is ordained by God to tell another human that he has received the Spirit. That is God's prerogative, not man's, and He does His work by the Spirit

*The Old Testament: Pointing to a Sound*

- It is essential to the well-being of the body of Christ that they know who is born again and who is not.
- Making God Out To Be a Liar*
- Everyone who truly believes the gospel receives the Spirit.
  - Whoever does not believe in the witness God has given of His Son, the baptism of the holy Spirit, is calling God a liar, in his heart.
  - Anyone who refuses the Spirit of God is treating God's testimony to His Son as false.
  - Those who receive God's testimony, the baptism of the Spirit, have received the only proof that they believe God is true.
  - When the Spirit enters a person and speaks through him, the Spirit is not only bearing witness to the Son, but it is also bearing witness to that person, that he is cleansed from sin and now belongs to God.
  - It is the witness of God, not the witness of man, that settles the matter of who has been born of God and who has not.
  - Every one of us should ask ourselves this question: Who told me that I received God's Spirit? Was it a man of the Institution, or did the Spirit bear witness through me that Christ had entered my heart?

*Speechless Gods*

- In every place where ministers of the Institution have persuaded people not to believe in the sound of the Spirit, they have persuaded them to reject the real Spirit of God.
- When given a choice, fallen man will almost always reject the true Spirit of God and opt for the speechless one that the Institution's ministers offer instead.
- God freely gives His Spirit to every soul who obeys Him, but fallen man would much rather not obey God and receive another spirit, and just call it God's.
- By providing the sign of a sound when someone receives His Spirit, God offers us relief from the enormous burden of trying to determine for ourselves who is born again and who is not.
- It is a blessing to understand that God knows the heart, for with that understanding, we will wait on God to testify with the sound of His Spirit before declaring someone to be born again.
- Saving faith is faith that rests in God's judgment, and wise saints are like Jesus in that they trust God's testimony, not man's.

*Something More Certain*

- Those who receive the Spirit have something more certain than hearing God's voice coming out of heaven.
- What could possibly be more certain than hearing God's voice coming out of heaven except to hear God's voice coming out of our own mouths, as the Spirit moves us to speak?

*Denying the Lord Who Bought Them*

- It is only to be expected that ministers without the Spirit should claim to have it and to teach others without the Spirit that they have it, too.
- In order to fit into the Institution, many Spirit-baptized ministers deny that Jesus' baptism of the Spirit comes with the sound which they themselves have experienced.

- In denying that God's Spirit comes with a sound, men are denying the real Spirit of God, and in denying the real Spirit, they are denying Christ, for "the Lord is the Spirit."
- When Peter prophesied that false teachers would "deny the Lord who bought them", he was not saying that they would stop saying good things about God and Jesus.
- The doctrine of those men, that the sound of the Spirit is not always heard when the Spirit is received, has emboldened multitudes to claim to be born again without that sound.
- God warned Israel through Moses not to follow a multitude in an evil way, but to follow the multitudes in promoting a speechless spirit as being God's is to do just that.
- Even if the whole world were to agree that a lie is the truth, it would still be a lie, and even if the whole world were to agree that the truth is a lie, it would still be the truth.
- God is not confused by man's delusions, and there is no escaping His righteous judgment.

#### CONCLUSION

##### THE SON'S CREDENTIALS

- Paul taught that no one can say (with sure knowledge that he is telling the truth) that Jesus is Lord without receiving God's witness to His Son.
- The Bible is evidence that Jesus' sacrifice was accepted, but it does not prove it; an empty tomb is evidence, but it does not prove it. Only an experience from God, the baptism of the Spirit, proves it.
- John the Baptizer proclaimed that the baptism of the Spirit would be the unique credentials of Israel's Messiah. His baptism in water was but the symbolic precursor of it.
- Whoever baptizes with the holy Spirit and fire is the Christ, the promised Messiah whom God sent to Israel! Nobody does that, or can do that, but Jesus.

##### THE SON IS THE FOUNDATION: "SEVEN PILLARS"

- David prophesied that the New Testament house of God would be built upon "seven pillars", and Paul was the one anointed to reveal what those seven pillars are.
- Paul, "as a wise master-builder", laid out that foundation for the saints. Jesus did not lay the foundation; he *is* the foundation. Paul was the one sent by God to lay it all out for His children.
- Putting these seven pillars into practice would purge the body of Christ from every "spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing."
- Putting these seven pillars into practice would bring God's people out of the Institution that falsely claims to be the body of Christ.
- John described the Institution of Christianity as "a dwelling place of demons, and a prison for every unclean spirit, and a prison for every unclean and loathsome bird."
- It is as wrong to believe in a baptism other than the ONE BAPTISM of Christ as it is to worship a god other than the ONE TRUE GOD.
- There is only ONE HOLY SPIRIT because only God is holy, and there is but ONE BODY of Christ because the body of Christ is made up only of those whom Christ has baptized into it.
- The ONE HOPE of believers is the return of the ONE LORD Jesus to give us the crown of eternal life. All other hopes are earthly and vain.
- The ONE FAITH is the sum of the other six pillars, and to teach any other faith is sin.

##### WHERE THE FATHER AND THE SON ARE: "OUTSIDE THE CAMP"

- Because the Institution weakens, divides, and confuses God's children, God is pleading with them to come out of it.
- God's children must come out of Christianity because everyone who joins that "Great Whore" participates in her sins against Christ.

- God does not want His children to share in the Institution’s guilt, for whoever shares her guilt will also share her judgment and “receive of her plagues.”
- Christianity claims much, but it has never given anyone God’s kind of life, never cleansed a soul, and never created within anyone the knowledge of God.
- From its inception, Christianity has only produced strife and confusion, and until God destroys it, that is all it will do. God is not in it, and never has been.
- Christianity cannot be healed, for it is the disease itself; however, God’s children can be healed of its influence if they will only believe and obey the truth.
- If we ever want to truly know our heavenly Father, we must abandon Christianity and go to where Jesus is.
- The Father is not calling us to “go out of her” but “come out of her” because He is calling to us from where He is—outside of her.
- The Father and the Son are outside the Christian camp. They dwell in life, not form, and they are calling us to come dwell in life with them.
- Those who choose ceremonial form over life may think it strange that we would leave the apparent safety of the Christian camp, but we left because we wanted real safety, not the appearance of it.

#### WHERE THE FATHER AND THE SON ARE NOT: “CHURCH”

- The Spirit within God’s children who are still in the Institution is grieved for the confusion and division to which they have joined themselves.
- The Greek word for “church” is found nowhere in New Testament scriptures. It was added by churchmen in order to make it appear that Church religion is of God.
- The reason the word for “church” is found nowhere in the New Testament books is that the Institution of Christianity did not exist when the New Testament books were written.
- Men of the Institution have consistently mistranslated the Greek word *ekklesia* as “church” only in order to legitimize their Institution.
- William Tyndall (c. 1494–1536) refused to mistranslate *ekklesia* as “church”, and for his efforts to produce a faithful English translation, Churchmen hunted him down and had him killed.
- To secure the political support of such powerful Churchmen, King James commanded his translators to mistranslate *ekklesia*, forbidding the correct translation of “assembly” or “congregation”.
- The Church is an evil Institution, and Satan has used it to deceive the whole world. It has never been of God, and God wants His people out of it.
- Over the centuries, God’s children have needed a *who* from Christ to show them the way out of the *what* of man, the Church. Christ has supplied those ministers, but they suffered for the truth they told.

#### WE NEED NOTHING MORE

- The Father is a person, and the Son is a person. The holy Spirit is the Father’s life, the kind of life the Father gave the Son when He created him, long before Jesus’ mother Mary existed.
- In the predetermined time, the Father sent the Son to earth to pay the price for us to receive the same holy life they shared, and we need nothing more than that.
- To live forever, we need nothing but what the Son has provided for us by the Spirit, namely, access to our heavenly Father; with that, we are able to stand “blameless in holiness before our God and Father.”