

The Mis-Education Of The Christian

Acts 17:23 – "For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, To The Unknown God. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you."

We are mis-educated when:

We Allow Our Thinking To Be Controlled By Someone Other Than God (Romans 6:16)

"When you control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his actions. You do not have to tell him not to stand here or go yonder. He will find his 'proper place' & will stay in it. You do not need to send him to the back door. He will go without being told. In fact, if there is no back door, he will cut one for his special benefit. His education makes it necessary." – Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Can we not see this among some of the Lord's church today?

God should be the one to control our thinking because:

- His understanding is infinite (**Psalms 147:5**)
- It is commanded we do such (**Proverbs 3:5**)

When God controls our thinking by ordering our steps in His word (**Psalms 119:133**), we will:

- Hate Every False Way (**Psalms 119:104**)
- Keep His Commandments (**Psalms 111:10**)
- Know His Testimonies (**Psalms 119:125**)

However, Satan, throughout the years, has taught many so-called "brethren" to seek God's position in order to possess the same divine rule God's exercises. Remember the Garden of Eden (**Genesis 3:1-7**). According to **1 Timothy 1:7-8**, this was a problem in the first century & it is still a problem today. Therefore, through mis-education, many Christians are having their thinking controlled by these men, thinking God is controlling it.

QUESTION: How does God view the child of His who has allowed His thinking to be controlled by men?

- He views them as nothing more than a horse or a mule (**Psalms 32:9**)
- He views them as being void of understanding (**Proverbs 12:11**)
- He views them as foolish, ignorant of Him, & sottish (**Jeremiah 4:22**)
- Wise to do evil, but when it comes to what is good, they have no knowledge because they call evil good & good evil. Woe to this person! (**Isaiah 5:20**)

Our Sufficiency Is From Others & Not From God (2 Corinthians 3:4-6)

"History shows that it does not matter who is in power... those who have not learned to do for themselves have to depend solely on others never obtain any more rights or privileges in the end than they did in the beginning." – Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Can we not see this among some of the Lord's church today?

Mis-education directs the focus of the Christian to seek after power, rule, & authority rather than service, edification, & submission. As a result of this, many Christians never learn to do things for themselves, but rather, depend on the mis-educator to do things for them when they haven't even learned to do for themselves. With this type of plague existing in the Lord's church, it appears sinners who claim to be saints simply moved from one plantation to another. They are still spiritual slaves to Satan, only moving from an alienated state to a man-made, systematic, traditional, legalistic realm of bondage. Therefore, they have no more freedom in claiming to be in Christ than they had when they were externally & clearly outside of Christ.

Only truth can make us really free, & not mis-education (**John 8:32**). The Spirit of the Lord cannot tabernacle in the midst of mis-education. Mis-education quenches the Spirit (**1 Thessalonians 5:19**). Therefore, mis-education has to be eradicated in order for the Spirit to have full reign & residency in the Lord's church. Then & only then can we be free, for where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (**2 Corinthians 3:17**).

QUESTION: What must we learn to do for ourselves to break the bonds of mis-education?

- We must learn to study for ourselves (**2 Timothy 2:15**)
- We must learn to search the scriptures for ourselves (**Acts 17:11**)
- We must learn to work out our own salvation (**Philippians 2:12**)



We Imitate Publicans In Our Dealings Calling It Righteousness (Matthew 5:46-48)

"Each one loves his fellow man if he thinks as he does; but if his fellow man does not, he hates & shuns him." – Dr.

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Mis-education teaches hate & shunning are justifiable emotions & actions. Mis-education teaches the Christian they have

the right & the prerogative to hate & shun anyone who does not think the way they do. The actions of the mis-educated

Christian suggest to outsiders looking in that it is better to reign in Hell than to serve in Heaven. Therefore, their spiritual

knowledge of the Divine is limited because they only keep company with individuals who are just as lost as they are &

simply ostracize the sincere soul searching for an answer of the hope taught through ignorance, which is nothing more

than false hope.

The word "shun" is only mentioned twice in the scriptures & it has nothing to do with whether or not a person thinks like

we do. It is defined as "to turn one's self about as for the purpose of avoiding something; to avoid." We are commanded

to not shun the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27) & we are commanded to shun profane & vain babblings (2 Timothy

2:16), deceitful church splitters & offenders (Romans 16:17), fornication (1 Corinthians 7:2), opposition of science

falsely (1 Timothy 6:20), foolish & unlearned questions (2 Timothy 2:23), & genealogies, contentions, & strivings

about the law (Titus 3:9).

Although we are commanded to be of the same mind, judgment, & speak the same thing (1 Corinthians 1:10), this still

does not constitute that we persecute every soul who does not think like we do, for it is through our thinking we define

who we are (Proverbs 23:7a). We are to be one like God & Christ are one (John 17:21) & not synchronized in

opinions.

**What Must I Do To Be Saved?
Acts 16:30**

HEAR THE GOSPEL

(John 6:45, Romans 10:17, & Acts 15:7)

BELIEVE IN JESUS

(John 3:16, Hebrews 11:6, & Acts 8:12)

REPENT OF OUR SINS

(Luke 13:3, 2 Peter 3:9, & Acts 3:19)

CONFESS CHRIST TO BE THE SON OF GOD

(Matthew 10:32, Romans 10:10, & Acts 8:37)

BE BAPTIZED (IMMERSED) IN WATER

(Mark 16:16, 1 Peter 3:21, & Acts 22:16)

When We Obey, God Will:

FORGIVE US OF OUR SINS

(Acts 2:38)

MAKE US NEW IN CHRIST JESUS

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

ADD US TO THE CHURCH OF HIS CHOICE,

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Matthew 16:18 & Acts 2:47)

***Jesus Promises If We Remain Faithful To God's Word, Will, & Way,
Then Heaven Will Be Our Home (Revelation 2:10).***

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