

The Simplicity of the Gospel

2 Corinthians 11:3-4

3) But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4) For *if* he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*.

Another Jesus?

Another spirit?

Another gospel?

Never buy into the charismatic verbiage that we are “sinners saved by grace.” We are not sinners — unless of course we are sinning. We are new creatures in Christ. We are former sinners. We are no longer dead in trespasses of sin, but we are made alive in Christ by the power of the Holy Ghost. We either have the power to live above the influence of sin or else we are indeed pitiful sinners without spiritual power to overcome sin. This is simple spiritual math. Sinner's sin. New creatures in Christ do not continue in sin. Period. Plain enough.

The purpose of our new conversion experience was not to put marriages back together again, nor was it intended to give us better paying jobs, or even make our life easier in any secular sense. The fundamental and most basic purpose of the Holy Ghost was to give us spiritual power. Power that would transform us into the greatest witnesses of spiritual power ever known among men (Acts 1:8). Nothing more, nothing less. Power. Power. Power. Holy Ghost power.

In the words of Christ in John 8:32-36 Jesus teaches us that we are indeed free from the power and influence of sin. Paul piles on in Romans 6:17, 20, and 22, with verse 22 nailing it down. We are no more sinners going about sinning but simply saved by grace. **THAT IS A LIE!** There is no license given to newborn Apostolics to sin and claim grace as a covering as they continue in sin. No such scriptural verbiage or biblical teaching exists lest the cross is in vain.

Where, then, did this saying come from? This is an inventive lie straight from the playbook of Satan and propagated through the charismatic movement in order to reduce our conversion experience to something far less than complete victory over sin.

If one speaks in tongues and sins — they are tongue-talking sinners. Be sure that the Holy Ghost gives us spiritual dominion over the world, the devil, and our flesh, or else it can do nothing at all.

Romans 6:1-2

- 1) What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
- 2) God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

When we sin, we are sinners, no matter the religious moniker we brand ourselves with. Thankfully, if we sin, we have an advocate with the Father. The one to plead our case is Christ the Lamb—the work of the cross. The purpose of redemption was never to leave us as spiritual slaves to sin but to transform us into the likeness of Christ. To deliver us “from” not “in” our sins. (Matthew 1:21)

1 John 2:1

- 1) My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

The important word is “if” we sin and not “when” we sin.

There is a “new” Holy Ghost being passed around these days for the sake of numerical church growth, that allows new converts to continue in sin. We were warned of such a day.

Galatians 6:6-9

- 6) I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:
- 7) Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.
- 8) But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.
- 9) As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

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