

Shall He find faith?

Luke 18:7-8

The Cry for Justice

"And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?"

"I tell you that he will avenge them speedily."

The Searching Question

"Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

The Simple Message

In the New Testament, Jesus preached a simple message of love and repentance, announcing the arrival of the Kingdom of God.



REVEALED AS THE
Son of God

Atonement & Promise

He atoned for all humanity by His death on the cross and subsequent resurrection.

Therefore:

"Signalling the promise of eternal life for all those who believe in Him."

Would Jesus Recognize Today's Christianity?

When He evaluates the modern state of His followers...

In the Church

When He walks into a modern church building, observes our worship services, our organizational structures, and our global religious institutions...

In the Family

When He looks at modern Christian families, examining our relationships, our daily priorities, our values, and the way we raise the next generation...

In Our Hearts

When He looks directly into our hearts, our private thoughts, and our deepest motives...

*Does He have to conclude:
"This was not why I came
into the world"?*

Where is Today's Church Focused?

The Modern Institutional Focus

Modern churches frequently become consumed with complex **theological disputes** about fine points of doctrine.

An intense worry about achieving numerical **growth** and demanding strict **organizational loyalty** often takes priority over authentic faith.

In some of the most troubling cases, these institutions default to patterns of **control and manipulation** over their believers.

The Simplicity of Jesus

In contrast to heavy administrative and doctrinal demands, Jesus points back to extreme simplicity:

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

As a warning against religious manipulation and heavy-handed structures, He leaves us with a direct command:

"Let no one deceive you."

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- There is some plurality associated with God
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interpretive
framework:
Trinity

Systematic Synthesis

Therefore:

"God is one but eternally existing as three coequal hypostases (persons) sharing a single ousia (substance)."

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"God is one in every way, and Jesus is the manifestation of the person of the Father in flesh and blood as a Man"

Is Jesus Reflected in the Modern Christian Family?

The Ideal vs. The Broken Reality

Christian homes are supposed to be sacred sanctuaries—places defined by **love, compassion, and worship**.

Yet, the modern reality is often fractured. Too many homes are broken, marriages fail under pressure, and children grow up without feeling truly loved.

The Standards of Jesus

On Mutual Love:

"By this they recognize you, that you love one another."

On the Hardness of Hearts:

"Divorce represents the hardness of your hearts."

On the Value of Children:

"Let all the children come to me."

What Jesus Sees When He Looks in Our Hearts

The Depths of Our Hearts

When Jesus examines our inner life, He frequently observes the critical blockages that distance us from the divine standard:

- **Things that defile us:** The internal spiritual clutter and moral compromises we harbor.
- **Lack of faith:** Our constant struggle to trust in God's providence and guidance.
- **Materialistic desires:** The earthly pursuits and anxieties that consume our daily thoughts.

The Reassurance of Jesus

In response to our internal brokenness and earthly worries, Jesus redirects us toward spiritual assurance:

On the Inner Kingdom:

"The kingdom of God is in you."

On Spiritual Trust:

"Have faith ye little flock."

On Earthly Provision:

"Do not worry about what you will eat, drink, wear...but but seek the kingdom of God."

Our Deliverance is Not Our Own Doing

The Good News

Neither the **church**, nor the **family**, nor our own **hearts** are delivered by our own actions, holiness, or even our own purported faith.

Jesus will recognize us as His children because He came **exactly to deliver us** from the deep-seated problems found in the church, in the family, and in our own lives.

Complete in Him

On His Divine Authority:

"For in Him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily..."

On Our Spiritual Standing:

"...and we are complete in Him."

The Contrast of Grace: Romans 5

The Reign of Sin & Death

The Offense of One Man:

"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin..." — Rom 5:12

Through Adam's disobedience, condemnation spread to all men, establishing a reign of spiritual death and separation from God.

The Much Greater Salvation

The Free Gift of Grace:

"...much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many." — Rom 5:15

Where sin abounded, grace overflowed far more, bringing justification, righteousness, and eternal reign in life through Christ.

*"He might not find faith (whether Catholic, Protestant, or even our own faith), but **much more** will He bring grace to all those who believe in Him."*