

"Trials of Primitive Christianity # 6"

1-Our last lesson (Last Sunday morning) pointed out some facts that I mention briefly this morning.

1-The gospel as preached by the apostles and apostolic preachers is today in conflict with:

1-The demoninational world...**BECAUSE**

1-The gospel forbids all names other than the name of Christ wherein we must be saved. Acts 4:12.

2-The Gospel denounces all creeds, disciplines and confessions of faith, when in very simple and plain language it says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2-Tim. 3:16.

3-The Bible teaching on **UNITY** is offensive to those who are determined to maintain Partyism. (Ephesians 4:4-6) names seven unities to be kept by the Children of God.

1-There is one body.

2-There is one Spirit.

3-There is one hope of your calling.

4-There is one Lord.

5-There is one faith.

6-There is one baptism

7-There is one God and father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

2-Today, "The Gospel in Conflict with Greek Philosophy."

1-Philosophy defined: -Literally, the love of wisdom; in actual usage, the science which investigates the facts and principles of reality, and of human nature and conduct; **Now usually**, the science which comprises logic, aesthetics, metaphysics and the theory of all knowledge.

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2-Certain of the Philosophers encountered him.

1-The Epicureans. *Born in Athens 341 B.C.*

1-Followers of Epicurus, who acknowledged no gods, except in name.

2-Denied that the gods exercised any government over the world and individuals

3-Epicureanism taught: That all good consisted in the gratification of the appetites of the senses.

2-The Stoics.....

1-Founded by Zeno, who was born in the isle of Cyprus, 30 years before Christ.

2-They did not deny the existence of gods.

3-The Stoic held that all human affairs were governed by fate. Fatalist-ism..

4-The Stoics did not believe that any good was received from the hands of their gods

5-They held that any good and wise man was equal to Jupiter himself.

6-Both sects denied the resurrection of the body. The Epicureans did not believe in the immortality of the soul.

(Isms at the close of the 18th century)

7-The Stoics and Epicureans were two extreme elements of society.....

3-Acts 17:26; God has made of one blood all nations of men to dwell upon the face of the earth: Was a death blow to the narrow pride of the Greeks...They opposed Christianity and its spread---BUT IN VAIN.

4*Modern day opposition:

1-Christianity antagonizes those who attempt to bring about a collaboration of the church and the world.

2-Jesus said, "ye cannot ~~not~~ serve two masters for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. ~~Luke 16:13~~ Matt 6:24
Romans 12:1-2; James 1:27.

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