

Rebuttals to the falsehood entitled ‘Gospel and Church’ proclaimed by the Breakaways

This is written in response to the deviant beliefs perpetrated by the breakaways from the True Jesus Church (TJC). The main purpose of these rebuttals is to help the believers of the True Jesus Church to be rooted in the beliefs of the church according to the Bible and to expose the fallacies of the beliefs of the breakaways:

The breakaways have come up with a series of strange teachings to promote what they believe in. Very clearly, they have crossed the parameters of the truth that they learnt before in the goodness of the Holy Spirit. They have deserted their faith, in pursuit of falsehood.

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The following are what they have stated and believed in:

Breakaways’ proposition two: The Church is not an organization and different from an organization.

The concept of organization is an earthly philosophy about which neither our Lord Jesus, nor the Apostles Peter and Paul ever mentioned or preached, since it is from Caesar. It is known to all that the church belongs to God, who reveals to us through the bible and states “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.” It is significant for us today to differentiate the Holy from the Common. We should explain spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words since the truth of the gospel is from Holy Spirit, which will be in accordance with the very word of God. We cannot teach merely human rules to people by which our worshipping of the Lord will be in vain. The one who lives according to the Spirit will not be under the law.

Verses they quoted

Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. (2 John 1:9 NIV)

They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.”(Matthew 15:9 NIV)

Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, “Do not go beyond what is written.” Then you will not be puffed up in being a follower of one of us over against the other. (1 Corinthians 4:6 NIV)

They are to teach my people the difference between the holy and the common and show them how to distinguish between the unclean and the clean. (Ezekiel 44:23 NIV)

This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.(1 Corinthians 2:13 NIV)

If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:11 NIV)

Our responses:

Ultior Motives of the Breakaways

1. To create a false impression that the church has lost the power of discernment. In a way, they are saying that the True Jesus Church (TJC) has become secularized by adopting the concept of organisation. They use the above verses to state and confirm their claims, which we know are out of context.

2. To destroy the confidence the believers have in the church of God by saying church organisation is earthly. In the Bible, to be of the world is essentially not to be of God. This will scare the daylight out of many members.
3. To cover up their insubordination and the damage they have caused to the church. They have used those verses to suggest that the TJC is not at all following the teachings of the Bible. This is a blatant lie and intended to lure members to their side.

Biblical Principles

The creation declares that God is a much organised God. He created all things in an orderly fashion. His orderliness is exemplified in the setting up of His church. In the church, all things must be performed decently and in order (1 Cor. 14:40), without which chaos will set in. There are clear examples of church organisation in the Bible:

a. Advice from Jethro (Exod. 18:17-22) – upon seeing Moses work non-stop, Jethro, the father-in-law, said to Moses to set up a team to judge the people. Moses was to delegate to those who were chosen based upon the criterion prescribed, to ensure the work of judging was efficiently and effectively done. This is basically organisation in its most primitive form.

There are two divine principles. First, those who are chosen must be able. By that it means they feared God, were men of truth and hated covetousness (Exod. 18:21). Second, this is not only doing man's instruction but God's command as well, which will bring peace to the people (Exod. 18:23). Clearly, the problem in the community of God is not organisation but rather its personnel. When the church has workers in the like of the breakaways, resistant to the Spirit of God and His word, surely problems will increase exponentially.

b. The choosing of the seven – the complaint against the Hebrews surfaced the organizational negligence on the part of the distributors of food in the early church (Acts 6:1). There would definitely have been a disaster from a failure to put in place a proper organisation for distributing food, particularly when the number of those who came to believe increased and was increasing. In view of the need for order and organisation, the apostles got the church to choose for them seven to help serve the table (Acts 6:2-3).

Here again, the same two divine principles are evident. First, the seven to be chosen fulfilled the spiritual criterion as laid down by the apostles (Acts 6:3). This included being of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom.

Second, the choosing of the seven was done at the instruction of the apostles. This means the apostles were structuring an organisation to better the work of distributing food. Clearly, the problem in the community of God is not organisation but rather its personnel. When the church has workers in the like of the breakaways, resistant to the Spirit of God and His word, surely problems will increase exponentially.

c. Honouring true widows – Paul advises Timothy to help the church relieve those who are true widows (1 Tim. 5:16). He instructed Timothy to probe into the backgrounds and conducts of the widows who needed help, to find out if they are qualified to be relieved. Instructions include forming a set of qualifications – being sixty years and above (1 Tim. 5:9), soliciting reports of washing the feet of saints, finding out if they had relieved the afflicted before (1 Tim 5:10) and others. What Paul is doing is to set up an organizational structure for the church to look after widows of the church.

In a Nutshell

Organisation in itself is not secular. It can be found in the Bible. However, the Bible teaches that those who are put in the position to look after the church in an organisational set up are required to be spiritual. They must constantly cleanse themselves. People in the likes of the renegades obviously hate to work in a church organisation, in which the divine principles are upheld. The reason is simple for they are not humble and are unrighteous. They cannot actually remain in the house of God for the Lord has already phased them out.