

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:

The Breakaways’ proposition 10: Regarding management of church

God has placed in church apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors, elders, overseers and deacons to take care of God’s church. Apostles are specially called and set apart by God to build up the church. Prophets are touched by the Holy Spirit to speak the words of God. Teachers are mainly responsible to teach others the knowledge of Bible. Pastors care and shepherd the church.

Evangelists have the gift to develop and spread the gospels. Elders are appointed by apostles. Overseers oversee and take care of the church. Elders are also the overseers of the church. Deacons are assistants of elders, to oversee and take care of the church, who manage main services in church. The church needs to be built in resemblance to the Ark of Noah with various compartments. Apostles and prophets are the foundation of church while Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone. Every one of us joins together and becomes a body by relying on Holy Spirit. It is to join together and form one body. It is to unite, but not to centralize. Why does God distribute different spiritual gifts to the brethren? The reason is everyone in the church shall match each other, being joined together to form one body with the purpose to serve each other.

In church, each one seeks to edify the church and one another. With this good will, God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. All spiritual gifts are given by God for common good which are the work of one and the same Spirit who distributes them to each one, just as he determines. Brethren are the body of Christ and become parts for one another so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. Whoever wants to be first must be a slave to serve all. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our mind. The church is needed to feed those who are born from water and Spirit at the proper time. The church needs to be united with Him who is the head, which is, Jesus Christ and glorifies Him as the most Holy. Glory be to the holy name of the Lord Jesus. Amen!

Our responses based on the Bible:

Ultior Motives of the Breakaways

1. They are trying to hide their motives with a number of verses. Their hidden agenda is to unite but not to centralize. By that, it means everyone is free to do whatever church work they desire. They can go anywhere they want to do sacraments. They know their movement will be very much restricted if the church as a whole were to determine their suitability for doing church work.
2. Since they are not accepted by the church to serve because of their ill mentality and unrefined behaviour, they would not be allowed to serve without genuine repentance. In justifying their deeds, in subtlety, they go round promoting rebellion against the church, thinking that they are able to bring more onto their bandwagon of falsity, to attack the True Jesus Church.

Biblical Principles

1. In the early church, the church in Jerusalem functioned as the headquarters in sending workers to help out with newly pioneered areas such as Peter and John were sent to help with the believers in Samaria to pray for the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-16).
2. The church in Jerusalem also helped with resolving matters pertaining to the truth (Acts 15). When the church was persecuted, some travelled as far as Antioch preaching the word of God to the Jews only. When the Lord worked with the believers there, the church in Jerusalem sent to them Barnabas (Acts 11:22). In a way, the church functioned in a centralized manner.
3. From a regional or local church perspective, the church has appointed workers to look after the church. However, the workers sent out from the region of churches or the local church must be of one purpose and mind with other TJC's. Just like the church in Antioch, when the workers were sent out, they did not go out attacking the mother church in Jerusalem or the beliefs of the apostolic church.
4. The true spirit of unity comes from being willing to submit to one another. Each should be clothed with humility (1 Pet 5:5). Practically, this means we submit under the mighty hand of God (1 Pet 5:6). This is how the church should function locally, regionally, nationally or even internationally.

In a Nutshell

1. It is clear from the movement of the breakaway group. They are deceived by pride, thinking that they can play around with the principles of God without paying a hefty price. They are really fooling themselves. Now, they have thrown themselves unto the public domain of the church, being deceived by the fallen worker and exposing their own shame to everyone who fears the Lords.
2. It has come to a stage that they can only become more and more wicked, being taken captive by the wicked one to do his will of causing maximum harm to the church of God (2 Tim. 3:13).

BREAKAWAYS' OVERALL SUMMARY OF THEIR PROPOSITIONS

In the period of early rain, the Holy Spirit descended to build up the apostolic church while the latter rain came to establish the True Jesus Church. The apostolic church is the True Jesus Church. The True Jesus Church is the apostolic church. The Book of Acts is also called Acts of Holy Spirit since it described the work of Holy Spirit to build up, develop, spread and beautify the true church. At the time of the apostolic church, when the truth was being preached, believers were also facing with various kinds of false philosophies.

What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; But the glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house. Jude encouraged the church to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people.

We need correct these false philosophies with the Bible and purify the church with the truth. By the words of God, the church will be adorned beautifully and clearing out various false teachings so that we will no longer be blown here and there by every wind of teaching but be built up with good faith on the sound truth of the Lord. We sustain and preach the truth based on the solid foundation, which is the rock. We shall fight many good wars, to win and win again. The Word of God, as the sword of the Holy Spirit, has the almighty power to demolish all strongholds and bring people to the obedience of the truth. The Truth will grant man eternal life. Hallelujah, Thank God. Glory be to Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be to those on whom the Lord's favor rests. It is by grace and also through faith. It is by faith from first to last.

Our responses based on the Bible: Ulterior Motives of the Breakaways

1. They use the word of God to justify or cover up their wrongs they committed against the church. They portray themselves to be the soldiers of God, who are willingly sacrificing themselves for the sake of the church. This is to draw attention of others to their works, to defraud the innocent of their wealth.
2. They are trying to curry favour from members who do not know about them and their wicked deeds. They want to sway those who have a misunderstanding with the church, with words that are soothing to their ears and appealing to their senses. The breakaway want to form an alliance with all impenitent workers and believers alike to go against the church, in the process fulfilling the prophecy of the beast attacking the church and her saints (Rev. 13:5-6).

Biblical Principles

1. An acceptable servant is one who is good and faithful (Mt. 25:21, 23). This means he emanates the essence of Christ in his service to the Lord. He is faithful to the word of the Lord and the church of God.
2. An approved worker of God will always do what he can to present himself pleasing before God. His exhortation does not come from error or uncleanness, nor is it in deceit (1 Thess. 2:3). He does not use flattering words or a cloak of covetousness (1 Thess. 2:5).

Conclusion

1. The church has given birth to us, she is our mother (Gal 4:26). No godly believer would ever attack their spiritual mother, the church, like what they have done to the church of God, from which they have been given the truth and grace. Very sadly, they have profaned the work of God and insulted the Spirit of grace (Heb. 10:29).
2. They are captured by, and now the instruments of the wicked one. They are to do the will of their father, Satan, whose sole aim is to destroy the church of God. They form parts of the satanic alliance to go all out to attack the church.