

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 one: the Standard of Recognising the Truth

Thank God that we have the knowledge and sense that the Bible is the only criteria and standard to distinguish a sect from the truth. Any standard or belief setting aside the Bible is not trustworthy.

Verses they quoted

Consult God’s instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn (Isaiah 8:20 NIV).

As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures (Acts 17:2 NIV).

For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah (Acts 18:28 NIV).

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it (Titus 1:9 NIV).

Our responses:

Motives of the breakaways

1. By stating their principles of distinguishing between the truth and falsehood, they try to create a sense of rightness and trueness in the eyes of believers. But they are deceivers who have broken away from the church.

2. By stating their principles of distinguishing between the truth and falsehood with many verses, they seek to give the impression that their interpretation is Bible-based and thus accurate. However, their real intention is to trick believers into following their false teachings which is on their websites and in their online messages. Their overall purpose is to eventually capture the innocent to champion their evil causes.

Biblical Principles

The verses referred to above form a part of biblical principles regulating the interpretation of the Bible. What the breakaways have failed to mention is the pattern of sound words which God has given to the church for salvation. This pattern galvanizes together all other verses in support of the truth of salvation, which also includes:

1. According to Paul, obeying the pattern of sound words by which we are saved (Rm. 6:17-18). No one would have known the complete truth of salvation had it not been for God's revelation to the church. In relation to salvation, the pattern of sound words is the core of the standard of the Bible.
2. Our duty is to contend for the faith (common salvation) which was once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3). In light of this, adhering to what has been given to the church is of paramount importance to our salvation. It is absolutely not given to change.
3. The apostolic church did not tolerate any form of deviation from the truth (1 Tim. 1:3). Paul urged Timothy to charge those who preached another doctrine not to do so again. In fact, Timothy himself was encouraged to hold on to the pattern of sound words with the Holy Spirit who dwells in Him (2 Tim. 1:13-14).

In a Nutshell

1. The breakaways are masquerading as the angels of light, by first stating that they are here to correct misconceptions in the True Jesus Church using the Bible as their basis for their mission, which they have undertaken.
2. However, the True Jesus Church has already been given the complete gospel of Salvation. The truth that the church preaches has its root in the Bible. More significantly, the Spirit in the church testifies of the truth preached and points to its accuracy and trueness in the light of the Bible.