

Deacon Gospel Chapel Conference – August 28, 2010 - Randy Amos

Introduction

Mark 11:27-33

- Religious authorities inquired by what legal authority the Lord Jesus Christ could cleanse the temple as He did... “By what authority doest thou these things?”
- The Lord answers with a question... “The baptism of John, was it from heaven or of men?”
 - From Heaven – needs to be done
 - From Men – not binding at all
- What if the Lord were to ask you, by what authority do you meet as you do?

1 Corinthians 3:11 – “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ”

- Relation between the foundation and the structure: structure never becomes wider than the foundation

Ephesians 5:23 - “For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body”

- As the body expresses the head, the Church expresses Christ

Galatians 2:14 - “But when I saw that they **walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel**, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?”

- New Testament Church is the practise of the gospel: being excited about one flows into the other

1) Purpose of the House of God - Glory

Why does the Church exist – to see people saved? to make people happy?

- Ephesians 3:21 - “**Unto him be glory in the church** by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen”
- Exodus 40:33,34 – once Moses finished the Tabernacle, the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle
 - The Tabernacle was designed for God's dwelling place
 - The Church is God's dwelling place on earth

Gospel that saves us brings glory to God

- John 12:23 - “And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified”
- John 12:28 - “Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again”
- Galatians 6:12 - “As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ”
 - Man wanted to claim glory for self – “fair show in the flesh”
- Danger of glorying in men
 - 1 Corinthians 3:21 - “Therefore let no man glory in men”
 - 1 Corinthians 1:29 - “That no flesh should glory in his presence”
 - Any time we take a label other than Christian, we divide the body of Christ (i.e. denominations) and God is robbed of glory.
 - Matthew 3:28 - “But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren”
 - No titles for men in the Bible: always Paul the Apostle and not the Apostle Paul

- Title reserved for the Lord Jesus Christ
- 1 Corinthians 1:30,31 - “But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord”
- Another example
 - 1 Corinthians 4:6,7 - “And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another. For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?”
 - We have no spiritual blessing at all that we have not received

2) Character of the House of God – Holiness

Psalm 93:5 - “Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever”

Does this principle still carry to the NT, or is the character simply love now?

1 Corinthians 3:17 - “If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are”

2 Corinthians 6:16 - “And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people”

2 Corinthians 7:1 - “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

OT Example

- Ezekiel 22 – prophets, priests, princes, people were corrupted
- 22:26 - “Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them”
 - to profane – to take that which is sacred and to bring it to a lower level
- 22:30 - “And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none”
 - could not find one to stand representing God
- Ezekiel 44:7 - “In that ye have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations”
 - God emphasizes ownership - “my” things
 - uncircumcised in flesh – not living in the covenant; not saved
 - uncircumcised in heart – living in sin

1 Corinthians 5 - recognizes holiness of God first; “tough love”

- assembly discipline manifests itself in the Gospel
- v5 – delivery unto Satan: excommunication from fellowship and confinement to the world domain
- v7 – leaven/yeast: spreads
- Exodus 12: passover not only had blood, but unleavened bread (v7, v8)
 - no leaven in the people of God that night

- v15 – even removed leaven from houses

1 Corinthians 5:8 – “Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth”

- Christ Himself was without leaven to be a sinless sacrifice
- No leaven in the houses, therefore none in the House of God either – need to purge it out
- Only way to stop growth of leaven is heat: heat of judgment required to stop its spread

3) Authority Protocol of the House of God – Headship

1 Corinthians 11:3 - “But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.”

- Man's attitude toward the woman is subjected to the will of his head, Christ
- This statement does not imply inequality of value, note that “the head of Christ is God”
 - Equality of Value in Philippians 2:6 - “being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God”
 - Yet Christ's Will was subjected to God the Father, Luke 22:42 - “Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done”

Gospel is all about submission: Christ to God. Therefore, it is logical that there is submission in His Church.

- Man given dominion in Genesis 1:26 - “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”
- Protocol of authority in Genesis 1:27-31
- Genesis 3 – Satan bypasses the defined order
 - man was over the beast, but no longer
 - man was over the woman, yet the communication went in opposite order
 - Chaos resulted from flipping the headship pattern into: beast → woman → man
- Revelation 19
 - God on the throne in v4 - “And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia”
 - Beast dealt with in v19 - “And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.”
 - Original order of headship restored:
 - God ruling → men and women saved ruling → beast in the lake of fire

1 Corinthians 11:10 - “For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels”

- Women show symbol of authority that is seen even by angels

1 Corinthians 14:34 - “Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law”

- “churches” - therefore applicable beyond only the Corinthian church

Remember, there is no gospel without submission!