

Series: The Unstoppable Church

Title: Casual Christianity

Revival Breaks out in Samaria: (Acts 8:5-8)

“But” - You don’t think Satan is going to just give up!

The Devil is a Counterfeiter: (Acts 8:9-11)

Counterfeit Faiths, Bibles, Churches.

Satanic Power is Real:

Preacher, This is real!

Preacher, There is power here!

No DAH Stupid, Don’t Play with it!

Sorcery is Witchcraft:

Witchcraft is a live and well in America.

There is Supernatural power in it.

Simon was not an Illusionist, but in league with Satan.

Not Slight of hand, but real, supernatural power.

The World is getting ready for the Rise of Satan’s Superman. The Antichrist.

His chief tools will be supernatural power:

(2 Thes 2:9) *Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, (Miracles that will deceive)*

There is something to it, but it is devilish.

@Great Tribulation: Demonic forces will be loosed upon the earth.

(Rev 16:14) *For they are the spirits of devils, **working miracles**, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*

Demonic spirits, leading the the kings of this world.

Samaria was a place where there was a lot of demon possessed persons. (Acts 8:7) *For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.*

There is Devilish Demonic Power in the World.
Don’t Be Dazzled or Deceived.

Pharaoh’s Magicians performed counterfeit miracles when Moses did miracles by the power of God.

Don’t be Dazzled by it.

Don’t play with it.

Do not be enticed by it.

Astrology, Channeling, Palm Reader, Yuigi boards.

“*There is power there*” **Thats the point!**

It is Powerful, but a counterfeit!

The demon is working through that person, to give you just enough dazzle to control you!

Your not actually talking to your dead grandmother!
They are mimicking her.
They were around when she was.
Its NOT Really Her!

Superficial Faith of False Religion: (Acts 8:12-13)

Not all false Religion is the Occult.

Is Satan Against Religion?

Satan uses religion quite effectively to send people to hell.

1st Temptation was a religious temptation.

Not bringing ourselves low but to climb up.
A Temptation to be godly. - *“ye shall be as gods”*
The devil is invested in Religion up to his pointy ears!

Simon makes a Profession: (Acts 8:12-13)

We all desire to see the power of God free people from False Religion, The Cults, Bondage.

Simon's faith is superficial because:

No Repentance: (Vs 21)

(Matt 5:4) there should be godly sorrow b/c we hurt the heart of God.

(Matt 3:2, 7-8) Fruits *Metē* (Proof should be there)

No Submission: (Acts 8:18-21)

(Vs 21): *“thy heart is not right in the sight of God”*

He doesn't believe in the Master, but the Miracles.

He sees the power, in Vs 7 & wants to be part of it.

He wasn't Saved:

(Vs 21) *Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter:*

(Vs 22) *Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.*

Not All Belief is Saving Belief.

You may be a member of this church.

You may give Mental acceptance to the facts preached here, but you have never been born again.

(Jn 2:23-25) They were Miracle Mongers.

They were not Repentant.

They were not Born Again.

(Jn 2:23) *Many Believed when they saw the miracles.*

(Jn 2:24) *But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men,*

Believe & Commit is the same word in the Greek
Many committed to Him, but He did not Commit himself to them.

(Jn 2:25) *And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.*

You say you are a “Believer” but you are NOT Saved.
You know the **PLAN**, but not the **MAN**.

You said the **Words**, but have no interest in the **Works**
You Prayed a **Prayer**, b/for the lost you have no **Care**

You profess a change in what you are **Called**, but not
a change in your **character**.

You have accepted in your **Head**, but there has been
no change of **Heart**.

(Acts 16:31) *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ &
though shalt be saved.*

(James 2:19) *The devil believes and trembles.*

There is a Superficial Faith!

A Faith that never bows the knee to Jesus.

A Faith that never makes Jesus Lord!

We R not born again b/c we had an experience!

We R not born again b/c we believe a set of doctrines.

It's not a feeling or emotional moment.

America is full of Superficial Faith.

30% of tBaby Boomers call themselves Born Again,
but they believe in Collective Salvation.

All religions take us to heaven/astrology/
reincarnation.

They don't believe Jesus is the only way to heaven.

We have a generation of Spiritual people, but not
Scriptural.

If you died today, God asks why He should let you
into heaven.

“I had an experience”

“An Angel Spoke to ME”

(2 Cor 11:14) *And no marvel; for Satan himself is
transformed into an angel of light.*

How do you know it was God's Angel or Satan's?

“I Had a Vision”

(Rev 13:13-14) *And he doeth great wonders, so that
he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in
the sight of men, 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on
the earth by the means of those miracles which he had
power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them
that dwell on the earth, that they should make an
image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword,
and did live.*

You should say!

Jesus said... (Jn 5:24) *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He
that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent
me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into
condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*

You better be ware of the Superficial Faith of False
Religion.

The Selfish focus of False Religion:

the Fuel that Powers False Religion in Selfishness.

(Acts 8:9-10) *But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, **giving out that himself was some great one**: 10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.*

(Acts 8:18-19) *And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, 19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.*

He was Full of himself. Self-centeredness=PRIDE

Pride made Lucifer into the Devil. (Is 14:12-14)
5 Times = "I WILL"

Jesus told us to pray: *"Not My Will Be Done!"*

Satan said "I Will", "I Will", "I Will", "I Will", "I Will"

How did Satan convince Eve: Her Pride:

"ye shall be as gods"

The Focus of ALL False Religion is Selfishness.

(1 Tim 6:3-4a) *If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; 4 **He is proud**,*

Simon the Sorcerer was in this for what he could **Get**, **NOT what he could GIVE.**

(Acts 8:19-20) **Give me also this power,**

The Fruit of All Superficial Faith:

"Gaul of Bitterness" = Poison

(Acts 8:23) *For I perceive that thou art in the gall of **bitterness**, and in the **bond** of iniquity.*

Bitterness & Bondage.

(Acts 8:21) *thy heart is not right in the sight of God.*

Why churches have trouble.

They are full of LOST PEOPLE: Bitter & Bondage:
They have met Religion, but never met Jesus.
They have never been broken at the foot of the cross.
They have never left their pride in the dust.
They have never bowed their heart to the Lord.

They go to a church, not for what they can give, but what they can get.

They are Consumers.

(Mark 8:34) *Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

A church Signthat said: "The LITE CHURCH:
24% fewer commitments,
Home of the 7 1/2% tithe,
15 minute sermons,

45 minute services;
& Only 8 commandments to choose from;
Everything you've wanted in a church...& less."

3 words That should NOT define Our relationship
with the God: Casual, Convenient, & Comfortable.

Casual: = Occasional, coming at certain times, w/o
regularity; showing little interest or concern;
nonchalant; not close or intimate.

Convenient: = being suitable to one's comfort,
purposes, or needs.

The faith of many is driven by convenience, & fails
when it is challenged to true discipleship.

Comfortable: We want to meet in air conditioned
building in the summer, & a heated building in the
winter, & we want to hear sermons that make us feel
good, & God forbid if we should ever be made to feel
uncomfortable or asked to do something that we're
not comfortable with doing.

There is nothing casual, convenient, or comfortable
about true discipleship.

In the Greek (Mk 8:34) means *"Keep on denying
yourself, keep on taking up your cross, & keep on
following me."*

THIS IS NOT THE DECISION OF A MOMENT,
BUT THE DIRECTION FOR A LIFETIME!

This isn't very appealing is it?
Jesus gives us the motive which will move us in this
direction:

The Spirit of God is NOT in them.
They are Trouble makers where ever they go!
Because their Religion has never satisfied them.
They are disillusioned.
They got in for the wrong reason.

**In Simon's So-Called Repentance, He is Self
Centered & Powerless.**

(Acts 8:24) *Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye
to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye
have spoken come upon me.*

"Pray for me", why didn't he pray?
B/c he didn't know the Lord.

A Repentance-less Faith.

All he wants to do is escape trouble.
There is no change in this mans heart.
There is no change in this mans Life.
It is self centered in repentance.

**The difference between the Saved & the Lost
person when they sin,**
The lost person is concerned about the consequences.

The Saved person is broken hearted because he has broken the heart of God.
(2 Cor 7:9-11) *Godly Sorrow*

You don't need a counselor to fix your marriage, You need repentance & God.

All Superficial Faith is Self Centered.

The Devil is NOT opposed to Religion.

He is up to Ears in it.

Stop enduring Religion, & Enjoying Salvation.

Do You Know God?

NOT: Are you a Member of FBCK?

NOT: Do you have Religion?

Do You Know God.

The Sinners Prayer:

Dear God, I know that you love me and want to save me. Jesus you died to save me. Jesus you promised to save me if I trusted you.

I Do Trust You!

I Believe you are the son of God.

I Believe you paid for my sin on the cross.

I Believe you walked out of that Grave.

I receive you by faith as my Lord & Savior.

Right Now, please forgive my sin, cleanse me, Save me!

Thank you Lord.

You may ask, I prayed that prayer, Did Jesus Christ just see Me?

Were you Sincere? I Believe so?

God gave us a way to know if we were Sincere.

Are we Willing to Make it Public?

(Rom 9:33) *whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*

(Rom 10:11) *Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*

(Luke 9:26) *For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.*

(Matt 10:32) *Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.*

Are You Saved? PROVE IT!

(Matt 3:8) *Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: **WHERE IS THE PROOF?***

IS YOUR FAITH SUPERFICIAL?

IS YOUR FAITH SELF SERVING?

Is it all about YOU or JESUS?