

Have a read of **Galatians 3:1-14**. and then go and read **Eph 6:12**. Recently I have been reading a book and talking with some people (intercessors actually) and for a long time I have noticed that the church in general has rejected anyone who says that there is a Jezebel spirit or religious spirit etc in the church or so forth, then the church turns around and say that Christians can have a curse on their lives from their predecessors. Is this a false teaching or is Satan really a **mastermind of confusion?** Something to think about!

The church I currently attend, have a very simple gospel, and that is all it is - GOSPEL - Good news! I have only being going there a short while and have come to realise that over the 5 years that I was previously a Pastor, I became religious in my thinking, I forgot about people! The Lord has shown me over the past few months that if you can not help people, take time out for them, pray for them, help them financially, or invite them into your home or out for a meal - **you have only got religion!**

I thank my current pastors for their simple and yet confronting way of preaching, because one day I sat in the pew while my Pastor roared at the congregation that if they did not want a relationship with God and only come to church to talk to their friends to go elsewhere. Yet at the same time, the Pastors take time out for the people in the congregation. That is exactly what Jesus did! He took time out for people even when he was tired, hungry, saddened or just plain fed up with the lack of faith in his generation he still took time out to minister and fellowship with people.

Did you know we are all called to be ministers of the good news? What is the good news? Jesus can set you free! But did you notice too that Jesus never bible bashed people, he done only that which he saw his Father doing. How did he do that? He spent time in fellowship with his Father! The Holy Spirit has been dealing with me in this area for a long time, each and every day, he speaks to me telling me "*Ross, you have to spend time with me to grow in me and to be led of me*".

Who wants to be led of the Holy Spirit? I know I do, but I got too many "buts" and "ifs" in my life. How about you? It must be the last days and **Joel 2** speaks about God pouring out his Spirit in the last days upon his sons and daughters, there will be visions, dreams, miracles, healings, revival etc... The bible also says that *the fear of man brings a snare... (Prov 29:25)*. Yes there are many people being rejected for being too spiritual, and there are too many people who are running around seeing demons in their lives but what does the rest of verse 25 say *whoever puts his trust in the Lord shall be safe*.

I remember a preacher once saying keep it simple saints (*KISS*). We need to keep this in mind, the Bible was not meant to be hard, we make it hard for ourselves, always thinking the Devil is chasing us or giving us a hard time or causing our problems, and then we forget about the more important matters dealing with principalities powers in high places. Lets bring a balance into our lives, I was listening to a preacher recently and he said live life through a magnifying glass, he was saying magnify God in your life through praise and worship, prayer, and time with him, and all your problems will become smaller and seem irrelevant, while God is magnified and bigger in your life because you are closer to him.

Personally, I think sometimes we treat ourselves too hard! Yes we need to repent of sin, but if we were to spend more time in the presence of God, this would not be a need. There are no Devils there; and God can communicate with us and we will hear him more clearly to attack the enemies camp more successfully, pulling down strongholds and binding up strongmen in our lives and churches. Don't leave it all up to the Pastors, you and I are all part of the body of Christ just as much as your Pastor is, get beside him, not behind him and uphold your church in positive warfare prayer.

The Bible says in **Ecc 4:12** *if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.* Let's all stand together instead of knocking one another regardless of which church who goes where, the toe is different from the finger, the eye from the ear, all have a part to play in the body, like the old saying "*united we stand divided we fall*", that is a unionist saying and scripturally based too.

Jesus' ultimate command was to *love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul and to love your neighbour as yourself.* A lot of people think their lives are cursed because they don't get their prayers answered! I have one question for you; if you say this is me Roscoe is talking about; Are you where God wants you? We all need to seek him on a daily basis, me especially, then we will see the power of God flow in our lives and through our lives. We don't need to crucify our flesh, we need to build our spirits up, we need to get on our faces before God, stop doing dead works, and start doing what he wants us to do, then stand back and watch the power flow.

Stay upright & Bless ya - Roscoe.