

Apostolic Brotherhood International

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I was talking to a man the other day who told me Pentecostals are not right. The Holy Ghost was poured out on the day of Pentecost, but was only given until the Bible was completely written. The perfect to come was the word of God, and once it was written then things changed. Besides that we had to understand Peter's words as figurative, and we are not to be baptized in the name of Jesus. Indeed we must be baptized in the name of the father, son, and Holy Ghost. Even though that is not a name we understand now, and must do it different.

We believe that Peter got things right on the day of Pentecost, and that the dispensation that was begun that day is still in effect today, just the way it was given. Every dispensation has started with God making a covenant and has continued until a time that God instituted a new covenant. Man is not able to change it even if he wanted to. It is God's house law, or His economy.

The first is normally called innocence and had only one rule, don't eat of one specific tree. They were cast out of the garden and given animal sacrifice. They turned their eyes from God and He destroyed the world with a flood. God gave human government to Noah, and sealed it with a rainbow. I still see rainbows today. God then gave the land of Canaan to Abraham. They ended up slaves in Egypt. God gave the law as they came out of Egypt, before they were to enter the land. Those sacrifices continued until Jesus put an end to them by offering the complete sacrifice on mount Calvary. Then came the day of Pentecost and God gave His covenant to man with the evidence of the infilling of the Holy Ghost. There has been nothing on the part of God to change that.

The church is still God's covenant people. That covenant was first plainly declared on the day of Pentecost. It was began by plainly declaring God's covenant name to the people. Jesus is both LORD and Christ. When they were pricked in their heart and asked what to do Peter told them "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." This is God's covenant, God's gospel. I can't change it, nor can I explain parts of it away.

The word translated dispensation in Ephesians 1:10 is the Greek word that we get our English word economy from. It is a combination of two Greek words: one meaning house, and the other meaning law. It is the rule of God. His way of doing things. The church here is called the dispensation of the fullness of times. It is what God had been working toward for the first 4000 years of earth's history. (Yes I believe in a literally six day creation, and a literal flood.) Jesus is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. From our frame of time He wasn't slain until mount Calvary, but in the mind of God that plan was complete before the first word of creation was spoken.

The word predestination is bracketed in Ephesians one by the word predestinated. We see it in verse five and again in verse eleven. The church was predestinated before the world was even formed. Many struggle with personal predestination. That is not spoken of here. The church was predestinated, but I have to choose to be in the church. I can believe and take my place in the church, or I can be separated from it. I can't change the rules and decide I will enter the way that I want. The method of inclusion was plainly declared when the church was declared to the world. First confess Jesus as LORD and Christ. Then get on your knees and repent. Get baptized in the name of Jesus (the only name by which we must be saved). Then allow God to fill you with the Holy Ghost. We are told devils believe and tremble. They are not saved. But, we are told "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Romans 8:14)

- Bro. Ernie Fowler, Author of The Acts of the Apostles and ABI Minister

Announcements:

Grow The ABI With Us: Do you know a fellow minister looking for Fellowship? We are always eager to find ministers of like, precious faith who are looking for a place of healing, belonging, and fellowship. We believe that through this network of ministers we each help to make the other stronger and more effective in God's Kingdom. You can obtain a copy of the application for License/Ordination for the ABI by going to our website, apostolicbrotherhood.org. If you know someone needing a paper copy please contact Bishop Cathey or Brother Adams for a paper copy.

ABI Evangelists: Please let Bishop Cathey or Brother Adams know when and where you will be preaching. Whether you are preaching one service or a Multi-Day/Night Revival we would like to help get the word out. We want to do everything we can to help make your ministry a success. We will be happy to promote the Revival you are preaching on our FaceBook page, Twitter & in our Newsletter.

Revivals & Church Events: If you have any events that you would like to include in the monthly newsletter please contact Brother Adams by the 25th of the month to insure it is published in upcoming following issue. If you have an event you would like announced on our FaceBook page or Twitter please contact Brother Adams as well

ABI Website: Our Webpage has been updated and will now have a link to Newsletters. Also our Webpage has been updated to add information for Camp Meeting & other events going on around the ABI. Please stop by and take a look at the page & see all the wonderful things the ABI is doing.

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