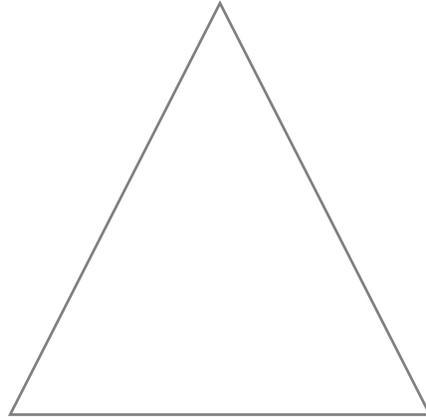

My Brothers Sake

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Romans 9:1-3

I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: KJV

Key Note

Reading into this scripture will allow us to see that most of our issues as believers are heart issues stemming from the 'Adam' nature the carnal position of a man 'fallen' thinking state. God has used many to bring truth about His Son Jesus Christ and those who received the truth about Jesus, God has given them the right to be called the sons of God. Laws, traditions, cultures cannot produce sonship just as in the case of belonging to a religious group or denomination. Jesus clearly revealed what matters to God. A son that would carry His very presence and nature an exact representation. Paul understood this well, that's why it is written and demonstrated in his own life the revealing of Christ to the brethren which mattered more to him than his own life, even if it meant them knowing Jesus Christ at the cost of his own life.

The Apostle Paul writes with a heavy heart regarding his posture and bearing in mind there are ministers who have the same posture. There are people who have a zeal for God but not lead by the Spirit of grace and truth because of stubbornness of the heart. The Jewish brethren which Paul speaks about were so stuck in their religious traditions and culture they would not see past their own religious piety and failed to understand scriptural truth which is Christ is the fulfillment of scripture and is Messiah and God not only for the Jew but also for the Gentile.

As history unfold each generation is contending out of love for the unsaved and saved, mature and immature to come into oneness. The gifts which Christ gave to the church has created the illusion that each is cancelling out each other for the sake of positional truth, its like whoever has the largest following is the one who holds positional truth. While there is order and structure the church is not a entertainment centre or anything of that sort. There are issues which resemble the hearts posture of the Jewish people which resulted in many unfavorable things and as people of Christ or sons of God through Christ we must be aware not to fail each other and become boastful and proud as spiritual fathers, brothers, and sons. Truth is a hard pill to swallow especially when its in front of you.

Let me say this as the Apostle Paul put it "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh"

A Brief History

The Connection

- A chosen people - Called out from Abraham a people that would be multiplied in every respect, witness the power of God visibly and prophetically.
- The glory of God revealed to them - Moses was a recipient of the glory of God which was visible upon him however it was a fading glory. God revealed himself to them as a people through the Judges, kings and the prophets.
- God made covenant with them - God's covenant with them saw them become more sacrificial rather than obedient.
- God gave them His law - God constituted them through the law of the 10 commandments given to Moses for the nation, sacrificial laws were also instituted.
- The people had the privilege of worship - they were people of inheritance
- Received God's wondrous promises - They received the promise and walked into their inheritance
- God spoke through the prophets and the Law - Mixture was always an issue, wanting what God gave and still offering themselves up to idols and worldly attractions which caused a disconnect from Holiness and Righteousness, this was very displeasing to God. Judgement came through the law, hence by the witness of a prophetic voice came declarations, warnings, desolation, destruction, judgement but also alignment and a way forward. External issues were a result of disobedience but heart issues a result of sin.

The Breakdown

The scriptures speak about the Hebrew nation in a way which reflects the nature of man even today in the following as

- Rebellious
- Stiff-necked
- Disobedient
- Hard hearted
- Stubborn
- Evil
- Wick generation

- Idolatrous
- Self righteous
- Sinners
- Lovers of self
- Proud
- Lustful
- Consumed by greed
- Dishonest
- Unable to discern between right and wrong
- Doing right in ones own eyes

Reconnecting

Through Christ Jesus, the purpose which defines the will of God is a transition from law to grace. God's grace has been explicitly afforded throughout the generations, I am reminded of Paul's submissions unto God about a torn in his flesh to be removed but God simply says to him my Grace is sufficient for you. For many whom God has called has suffered affliction of bearing witness to the truth, Jesus himself predicted that the violent take the kingdom by force, as he was praying in the garden known to Him that the one who followed him a disciple Judas was to bring those violent men to forceable take Him yet he remained in a position of truth unwavering by his afflictors. Our afflictors are often know to us, they are the ones who holdfast to man made traditions and religious piety.

Paul's perspective on what he knew to be truth in the law and its structure had changed once he could see from Christ's perspective. Christ demonstration of God's love revealed in

- Accepting the Fathers Love
- Exact image and representation
- Sonship through fellowship with the Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- Covenantal relationship
- God's spirit living in you
- Live to worship - establishment of the four pillars of Acts church Doctrine, Fellowship, Prayer, Breaking of Bread
- Maturation of the son

- Living the promise
- Knowing the Kingdom is in all who put on the mind of Christ
- Not living for the Kingdom but in the Kingdom as a son
- Bringing to fruition all the is of the Spirit into the earth as it is in heaven.
- All concluding in the ability to migrate from grace to grace.

End Note

There are people who follow blindly, there are people who seek truth for the purpose of change. The people who follow blindly follow man made traditions and laws, they follow so called leaders who pose as religious man with no conscience, who bear false witness and who have a message but sadly do not carry the spirit of the message.

Those who seek truth will find truth, there are man of God who have a strong conviction and deep conscience who bear witness and carry the spirit of the message of CHRIST JESUS.

Therefore Paul's words are so strong about his convictions in Christ that he is prepare to be accursed himself in the flesh for his brethren.

In my estimation we need spiritual fathers to groom sons and sons to be obedient to spiritual fathers or else we will have a collective that is equal to the nation of Israel and a Church that is wondering in the desert with no reference to now and future.

‘Cain reply to God, ‘Am I my brothers keep’

Well if we have no love for our brothers, how can we love God, if we are disobedient to our biological parents how can we say we are sons of God, if we have no framework in a grace of relationship with God its going to be difficult to understand the ‘Father Son Relationship’ when there is no ‘Brother to Brother love’

Also read: Sonship Through Grace

What is the cost to fellow Christ?

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