

## Come let us Grow Together: Children of Disobedience

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge and understanding in things pertaining to God.

“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.” (Eph 2:1-3)

Take careful notice that “the prince of the power of the air” is the same “spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience”. You must understand that you are either on the Lord’s side or you are against him. This doesn’t come down to your judgment of how you see yourself as a good person nor does this come down to your judgment of how you see other people as good people and therefore they must be saved when they die. This is a lie. The only way into the kingdom of God is to be born again exactly how Jesus instructs us of which finds its fulfillment when the Apostle Peter with the other eleven Apostles present tell us what we must do in order to be saved. There is only one correct way to be born again to escape being the children of disobedience, by nature the children of wrath of which the spirit of “the prince of the power of the air” now works in. The person may be the kindest, most loveable person you know who would never do anyone any harm. However, if they aren’t born again the only correct way they are still “the children of disobedience” of which “the prince of the power of the air” “now worketh in”. “He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.” (Mt 12:30)

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” (2 Cor 4:3-4)

Take careful note again that “if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not”. This also applies to people who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ that refuse to be born again exactly how Jesus instructs us of which is the only correct way into the kingdom of God. This could simply be because they have never heard the correct way to be born again of which all hope is for them and they will receive of this message when they hear the only correct way to be born again so that they are no longer “the children of disobedience” and “by nature the children of wrath, even as others.” However, it could be because “the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not” “according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience” and they still are “by nature the children of wrath, even as others.” These people can be people that go to Church faithfully and do many good works for the community, the people around them, and even financially supporting many good works to spread the gospel message to other parts of the world. However, the gospel message they are funding

and supporting, and following themselves is not the only correct way into the kingdom of God and they still will be lost.

Jesus said, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Lk 13:3) "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mk 16:16) "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." (Lk 24:47-49) "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;" (Jn 17:20)

This is their word and the only correct way to be born again as Jesus instructed after they obeyed him going to Jerusalem and being "endued with power from on high" which was the pouring out of God's Spirit upon the believers where they received the Holy Ghost which is found in the book of Acts chapter 2:1-4. This is their word for the only correct way to be born again, "Then Peter said unto 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." (Acts 2:38-39) The Apostle Paul later stressing to us "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." (Col 3:17) This would include the baptism even as you see the Apostle Peter giving to all of mankind the one and only way to be born again. "Then Peter said unto 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."