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Sermon – The Simplicity of Christ (Week 1)

Scripture – Mathew 18:1-4, 2 Corinthians 11:1-15 KJV, 2 Tim 3:7, Eph 4:1-6

Main Message – Overly Complicated matters of Christianity is a man thing... Not a God thing.

People tend to complicate things, even the most simple things. There are a number of reasons why and none of them good. Nope, none of them good. Start with that concept in mind and you are in a better starting place. We will talk for a few weeks about this brokenness that is rampantly currently accelerating these days. It is the human condition. This week I will begin with a well known topic, Doctrine and how did we get here?

We have so many churches in America, different denominations, sizes, history and beliefs which wield power and control over the lives of many. Some “religions” are in reality more along the line of a cult. Some may call even a church like us a cult because we believe in God and to outsiders, it may seem we are deluded and throwing our life away to a mystical spirit that does not exist. At what time will true Christianity be labeled as a cult and found to be non-value-added and mark it for destruction?

Indeed, why do so many different denominations exist that claim to be of the Christian faith? The answer is simple, “The Human Condition.” Humans tend to complicate things, emphasize the wrong things, sub-optimize what is important for control, power, and money. Churches are made up of people and therefore are not perfect. Only those walking closely with the Spirit of the Living God can stay on the path of purity and faithfulness. It isn’t complicated, but now look what we have; many smaller churches with fewer committed members that are less influential than they should be. We even have several translations that each stands by *religiously*. What really matters is the authority of God Almighty, not the human preferences. Complexity are the things of man, not of God. God has already created the universe, every living thing, and the laws by which all things operate. None of us have the power to do that, so stop making your God the one called “complexity.”

Read 2 Corinthians 11:1-15 (Expository Style if needed)

We have so many denominations because it gave power to those in authority. We have different doctrines of belief, because that emphasis forces adherence to empowering man for his own salvation. I will not cower or couch my statements with regard to this. *Anytime I here someone say, well its more complicated than you are making it out to be, tells me that complexity of life is the God they serve.* Those people thrive on differentiating themselves from others through their “greater than thou” thoughts. It’s the human condition. We usually make a mess of things, through various means which we can talk about over the next few weeks, but here is a sneak peek at one of them that embodies an underlying problem that embodies a group of them.

Read 2 Tim 3:7 KJV Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Remember, there is a simplicity in Christ. Oh, there is plenty to learn, mostly about ourselves and not about others. I am not telling you to not learn, but complicating it will keep you from achieving the knowledge of the truth. That learning is a guided tour of the faith and the reasons we believe which is called discipleship. You can’t just keep learning thinking **YOU** are going to get there because of the human condition. Only God Almighty, creator of all things can get you there with the Holy Spirit.

It is this simple.

Read Ephesians 4:1-6

A successful Christian walk operates just like these verses says. No more complications. No complex rituals. No reason to be divided on any task and no reason to not be filled with love and affection and no reason to not come to know the truth, which comes from our Father in Heaven.

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