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Many do not know how the Berlin wall fell in 1990. It started as a prayer movement right here in a Lutheran Church in Leipzig, Germany with Christians willing to lay their life down for freedom from communism.

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Germany and Austria November 2015 Trip

By Mark R. Anderson

In November 2015 we ministered in seven churches in Germany and Austria. The trip was fruitful with many people testifying of Jesus

healing their bodies. The hunger was tremendous in all the churches we ministered in. We ministered in four churches in East Germany. East Germany is 95% atheist. It has the largest percentage of atheists in the world. Austria is less than 1% Born Again Christian. In both countries there is great need for ministry.

We are very drawn to East Germany, to reach out to these hurting people



Ministering at one of the larger Assembly of God Churches in Germany - **Leipzig, Germany November 2015.**



Only had one kidney and was having major problems with it. Received prayer in Jesus' name Friday night after a word of knowledge was given, concerning kidney, in our **Ludwigsburg, Germany** meeting. Came back the next day to say she was completely healed and all swelling had gone down. Also her waist size shrunk a few inches.



As people waited around, Holy Spirit fell in **Wittenberg, East Germany** meeting November 2015. Wittenberg is home to Luther reformation that took place October 31, 1517.

with the love and power of Jesus Christ. Many of the people there are not convinced by words alone. They need to see a demonstration of

the risen Saviour. Another effect of years of Communism, is poverty and unemployment. It is much higher than the other parts of Germany that remained free after World War II.

We personally witnessed the plight of some of the **Syrian Refugees while in Bitterfeld**. This town alone, not to mention surrounding towns has had 2,000 refugees added to it. We met three of these Muslim refugees and showed them the love of Jesus while ministering there. The tragedies they have endured greatly affected me, to the point I am praying for more opportunities to minister to these hurting people. We will be returning



Three Syrian Muslim Refugees and the Christian family helping them out. Sad story of all they have had to endure! Abdul (middle) only one who spoke English was very grateful for the love Christians are showing him.

for more ministry to Germany and Austria in April and June. 🌍

Rabika Brought Back to Life After She Dies

Direct from our **Karishma Girls Home in Agra** we have a great testimony that just transpired in December. **Rabika** is an older girl in our home. She came from **Orissa** where there was great persecution of Christians in 2008. Many Christian men, women and children were slaughtered by Hindu radicals in 2008. This left many homeless and with no means to sustain themselves. Living on one small meal a day, she was very anemic when she came to our home but has been doing well. She has become a good worship leader. One morning she did not wake up so Robin our house parent rushed her



Rabika in a coma after the Doctors revived her and brought her back from the dead - **Agra, India December 2015.**

to the hospital. Once she was at the hospital she suffered a cardiac arrest and died. The girls at the home were

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praying all this time. The doctors were able to revive her but she remained in a coma. Her blood count was very low. When she came too a couple days later she did not know how she got to the hospital. All she remembered was going to bed at night. With many praying for her she made a quick recovery and is back at the home doing well. We praise our great and powerful Lord Jesus for bringing her back to us. The doctors said if she was a not at the hospital in such a timely fashion she would be gone from us. ●



Rabika, back at Karishma Girls Home doing well!



Religion or Relationship? What Do You Have?

By Mark R. Anderson

Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. Then Jesus said to them, “Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.” And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “It is because we have taken no bread.” Jesus said ...“How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread?—but to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” Then they understood that He did not tell

them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees (Matthew 16:5-7,11-12). As I share with thousands of people from various religions I let them know Jesus, God the Creator did not come to earth to start another religion. He came so we can have a personal relationship with Him. There is a huge difference between having religion or being religious and having a personal relationship with Jesus. The religions of man will never get you to heaven.

Notice in the verses above that Jesus tells his disciples, close followers *beware of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees*. He is saying beware of the **religious** spirit or spirit of religion (return to bondage).

Reading the Gospel accounts you can see by far the greatest opposition Jesus faced while walking this earth was from the religious leaders of His day or religious spirit. It is no different today. The religious spirit progressed rapidly that after THESE LEADERS SAW HIM RAISE

LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD (after four days), in John 11, they wanted to kill him. In John 11:48 they said the reason for wanting to kill Him, *If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him...* A miracle working Jesus is unstoppable! The biggest opposition to the Gospel (good news) today is a religious spirit or

cold dead religion. That spirit wants to shut down the living Christ and turn Him into something He's not; dead or lifeless. 2 Timothy 3:5 says in these last days many would be *having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away.*

Here is a problem we have in the Body of Christ. Many are not taking Jesus words *beware of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees* seriously. They think we are charismatics or pentecostals so that does not pertain

to us. Let's do some comparing between having religion versus having a living day to day relationship with Christ. As we look at these points allow Holy Spirit to convict us if we are not walking in a close relationship with the Living Christ (see John 16: 7-8). These are meant to build us up, encourage and help bring us into a closer walk with Jesus.

Religion or Relationship Test

#1 - Do we use the Word of God to minister life or death? *There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise promotes health* (Proverbs 12:18). The word of God is sharper than a two edged sword (see Hebrews 4:12). Something we all need to be mindful of is we can use the word of God to minister health and wholeness spirit, soul and body

out of a relationship to Christ or use it to minister condemnation, guilt, heaviness, bondage, fear, etc out a religious spirit. Many because of the effect of a religious spirit or religion use the word of God to hack people to pieces rather than ministering life.

Jesus said *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.* (see John 10:10). Religion is very

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much like a thief but our ultimate goal with God's word is to minister life.

#2 - Do we have heart full of gratefulness and thanksgiving or are we complaining, critical and unthankful? Gratefulness and thanksgiving comes when we zero in and remember all the good things God, by His grace has done and is doing in our lives. It sets up an atmosphere for faith and miracles to occur on a regular basis. Thanksgiving also turns to worship because our hearts are so full of praise and honor that belong to Him.

Psalms 78:41-42 says *Yes, again and again they tempted God, And limited the Holy One of Israel. They did not remember His power: The day when He redeemed them from the enemy.*

Complaining, unthankfulness, and the critical spirit creates an atmosphere of unbelief where miracles, the blessings and healing rarely occur. If we fall to this religious spirit we actually tempt and limit God's power. When we forget his miracles and blessings in our life we forget His power and unbelief is the by-product.

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If you look at Deuteronomy 28 it talks about the blessings (1- 14) and curse (15-68) of following the law. If you look at the curse of the law it basically says anything that can go wrong will go wrong. Verse 47-48 shows the heart of what religion and breaking the law can do. *Because you did not serve the Lord your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, therefore you shall serve your enemies...*

When we follow religion, the law, add unthankfulness and complaining to it, it leads to all kinds of problems, just

like Israel experienced (see 1 Corinthians 10:10-12). All said and done in relationship with Christ we are free to be thankful because *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us...* (Galatians 3:13).

#3 - Is your walk based on your good works or His grace? Many try working up the blessings and promises of God not understanding that

all the blessings, signs, wonders, miracles, healings, etc come by the grace of God. You can not work them up. Many think that working them up is the only way they come. Notice what the Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:10 *But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace*



of God which was with me. Are we catching what Paul says here? Paul worked harder than anyone else but it was not him but the grace of God that helped him do that. Grace is not an excuse to become lazy and passive. It is an enabler that allows us to do more than we could ever imagine doing.

The work and favor we have in India along with the harvest we are seeing seems to be greatly accelerating way beyond anything we could ever work up. We have learned things that have helped us tap into the grace of God, to help us go to a whole new level in ministry and accomplish so much more than we ever thought we would ever be able to accomplish.

#4 - Is your revelation of God based mostly on the Old Testament or the New Testament? Before Calvary or after Calvary? Many believers in Christ live their lives as if Christ never went to calvary. From what side of the cross are you living your life? In Christian circles many times you can tell which side of Calvary people are living their lives from. Just see what they are experiencing in life and what is coming out of their mouths. In many circles more sermons are preached on things from the Old Testament but very few messages from the New. Don't get me wrong. I use and study both Old and New Testament verses. But my revelation of verses in the Old Testament are in light of what was accomplished at Calvary.

I really am not interested in getting

the **double portion of Elijah's mantle when Jesus had the Spirit without measure and said I could have the same.**

For me perfect theology is found in Jesus Christ. You can not find much better theology than what Jesus had. Most of the revelation I want is of Jesus Christ and what He accomplished at Calvary. Paul said in Colossians 1:26-27 *the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.* A great mystery was hid for many generations until Christ went to Calvary defeated sin, Satan, demons, sickness and gave us a New Covenant with His shed blood. No longer do I have live with a revelation of the Old Testament (Covenant) but I can live my life on the other side of Calvary or in the New Testament (Covenant). What does that look like? Now God the Creator is living His life through me on this earth (see Colossians 2:9-10). I can live from from a whole different realm. I can rise up to His realm (Zoe Life- Abundant Life).

#5 - No hunger, no change! Jesus said in Matthew 5:6 *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.* If there is no hunger for spiritual things in your life eventually you will starve. If I am hungry for a certain food, that is what I will be filled with. If we hunger for

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His presence we will be filled with His presence. If we hunger to learn of healing we begin to study and look for healing. Eventually we will be filled and partaking of healing. That is how God's natural and spiritual laws work. You become filled with what you hunger for. The religious leaders of Jesus' day had no hunger and therefore no change took place in their life for the better.

#6 - There are two types of passion. Either a religious passion or a passion birthed out relationship. As a young preacher I was passionate for Christ and to win the lost. As a result I was constantly leading people to Christ one on one. After awhile of teaching and training others for soul winning I began to become very critical and judgmental of many believers because they were not winning the lost like I was. Soon the anointing on my life to win the lost one on one began to diminish or burn out. How many other followers of Christ allow their passion for Him to soon turn into a critical spirit and eventually burn out? I can imagine some of the religious leaders of Jesus day started out with a passion to serve God but became critical of everyone and became stagnant with their walk. What is sad, many of them missed out on the Messiah Jesus being in their midst. Jesus to the religious leaders said in John 5:39-40

You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. How sad the critical spirit made them pass up on eternal life and a relationship with God Creator, who was mentioned time and time in the very scriptures they studied religiously. A religious spirit kept them bound and blinded from the truth, standing right in front of them.

#7 - Are you walking in love or doom and gloom? Psalms 145:8-9 says *The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord is good to all...* There are many Christians who are prone to arguing, contention and debating scriptures constantly. Others usually avoid such individuals because they carry heaviness with them. This is nothing more than a religious spirit of strife. If these people would take the time to understand they would find most people do not like to be around Christians who love to argue and debate scriptures. Neither does God (See Proverbs 6:16- 19). Also there are many Christians who teach solely or gravitate towards the anger and judgment of God. Their concept of God is that He is always angry. They carry a spirit of heaviness and gloom many because of their distorted view of the God the Father, maybe because of experiences in life with their own earthly father. Whenever something looks bleak they come along and quickly prophecy judgment, doom and gloom.



A good example was all the doom and gloom predicted during 1999 concerning Y2K (better known as Y2 Nothing). Many Christian leaders forecasted great problems in 2000. Their opinion was “this is God’s judgment” for one reason or the other. The hands of the clock took us from 1999 to 2000, and nothing unusual occurred. Unfortunately most of these prophets of doom and gloom did not publicly repent for missing God and creating such hysteria. Instead we probably will be hearing of more doom and gloom when they get another opportunity. This is how a religious spirit motivates people: through fear, guilt, condemnation, hype and heaviness. Many followers of Christ seem to be unaware all God the Father’s wrath and judgement was poured out at Calvary 2,000 years ago so you and I can experience His awesome grace and not judgement.

Jesus had to rebuke James and John in Luke 9:51-56 because they wanted to call fire down from heaven to consume people who did not want to hear Jesus. Jesus *turned and rebuked them, and said, “You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save them.”* They were operating by a religious spirit.

How are we to act? The word Gospel means good news! News is something that already took place. What Jesus did 2000 years ago and still doing today in GOOD NEWS (THE GOSPEL). This is what the world needs. We do have doom and gloom all over the world but what is our focus to be as followers of Jesus Christ? Carriers of the good news of Jesus Christ. Jesus even foretold of this time in history in Luke 21:26 in the Amplified *people fainting from fear and expectation of the [dreadful] things coming on the world; for the [very] powers of the heavens will be shaken.*

Are we to live in fear and heaviness, and with all the health problems associated with that? No! Jesus defeated Satan and overcame this world and now He lives in us.

Paul said in Romans 1:15-16 Amplified *So, for my part, I am **ready and eager to preach the gospel** also to you who are in Rome. I am **not ashamed of the gospel**, for it is the **power of God for salvation** [from His wrath and punishment] to everyone who believes [in Christ as Savior]...*

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“Paul’s focus was not all the bad things happening in the world or to him but his focus was the good news because it brought power. Power for what? SALVATION!”



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Power for what? SALVATION! The word salvation means to have our sins forgiven, eternal life, bodily healing, deliverance, protection and so much more. What does that mean? That means if I am focused on the Good News of Jesus Christ I will be carrier of salvation, healing, protection, deliverance forgiveness to the world and for myself.

Here in the USA, a real sad thing in this upcoming 2016 election is how believers in Christ are so gripped with and focused on doom, gloom, conspiracy theories, bad news and are voting based on those fears and heaviness. They walk in total deception because of this religious spirit. It is totally a reaction to surface issues and the bad things happening in D.C. rather than getting to heart of what our country needs. Humility and righteousness (see 2 Chronicles 7:14)! Jesus wants us dealing with the root of the problem when walking by faith in these last days (See Mark 11:12-14, 20-26 & Luke 18:8b). Many believers are willing to compromise morals and Godly values in order to get relief from their negative outlook of the future. This is not good if Christians go down this path for the future of the USA. In order to deal with their fears of the future they are willing to compromise their godly morals. Proverbs 14:34 says **Righteousness exalts a nation,**

But sin is a reproach to any people.

#8 - The glory of man verse the GLORY OF GOD. Which one will triumph in your life? How many moves of God have been shut down because of the glory of man coming on the scene? This is not about us and our great talents. This is all about Jesus and the lost souls He came to die for. In Isaiah 42:8 God says *My glory I will not give to another.* Jesus is willing to allow His glory to fill us and consume us in order for heaven to literally come down and invade this earth. Our only requirement is we have to keep the glory of man from stealing the show and know how to rightfully handle His glory in our life.

Isaiah 60:1-3 says *Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the **glory of the Lord is risen upon you.** For behold, the **darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.** The *Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.**

Darkness, doom and gloom will cover the people of this earth. What is our reaction to that doom and gloom?

BUT the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

That is what the good news of Jesus Christ is all about. He is doing more miracles, healing, signs, wonders, showing favor in this earth than any other time in history. So let's be good stewards of His glory. If you can be, then His glory will increase in your life more and more (see 2 Corinthians

3:18). In my closing point I will share how to carry His glory with the right attitude so 'the (His) glory' can increase in your life.

#9 - *Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God* (John 12:42-43). Loving the praises of men more than the praises of God is a quick way to shut the move of God or glory of God down. Move after move has been shut down because men and woman went from the glory of God coming down to loving the praises of men more than the praises or glory of God.

Jesus said in Matthew 6:1-6 *“Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your*

charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.” And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. This is one point we have hammered home hard to workers in India and Nepal and the reason we are seeing such a great move of God in Northern India and parts of Nepal. Are we living our lives to be seen and glorified by men or are we living our lives for THE AUDIENCE OF ONE? This makes all the difference whether we will see a lasting move of God that impacts eternity or we just waste precious time on this earth. Do you want to impact eternity for His glory? Then live your life, from relationship for HIS AUDIENCE ONLY! Nothing in this world can compare to living, seeing His glory invade this earth and living for His audience only. ●

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April 3 River of Life Ministries **Casper, WY**
10am (303) 862-1448

April 11-13 Europa Konferenz Schwabish Hall, **Germany**

April 14-16 Europa Konferenz Christus Centrum
Neumunster, Germany

April 18-20 Europa Konferenz Lighthouse Church
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May 6-8 Firestarters **Ottertail, MN** (218) 367-3455

May 14 The Bridge Outreach Church **Cambridge, MN**

May 15 Word of Life Ministries Church **Princeton, MN**

June 3-5 Freie Christengemeinde Langenegg, **Vorarlberg, Austria**
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June 6 Joshua Gemeinde **Singen, Germany**

June 10 Arche Salem **Salem, Germany**

June 12 Jesus Gemeinde Reichenbach, **Saxony, Germany**

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