

Be Not as the Horse...or as the Mule

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In Psalm 32:9, "BE YE NOT as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee."





There are millions of people dying everyday that are <u>without understanding</u> as these animals. They are <u>easily</u> led by the doctrines of men.

God **DOES NOT** want man to be <u>led</u> <u>around</u> with the <u>bit and bridle</u> of **MAN'S WISDOM**, but to believe His every Word...with child-like faith.

All throughout the scriptures, God warns man to watch out for <u>false teachers and preachers</u>. In the last days, "...evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (2 TIM. 3:13).

Jesus said, "BEWARE of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves" (MATTHEW 7:15). When his disciples asked him concerning the signs of his return, his <u>first response</u> was, "TAKE HEED that no man deceive you" (MATTHEW 24:4).

The world today is **FILLED** with <u>deception</u> by <u>false prophets</u>, <u>teachers and preachers</u> who preach for <u>fifthly lucre</u> (**GAIN**), bringing honor and glory to <u>themselves</u> alone. They even pass the "<u>heritage</u>" of their ministries down to their own sons and daughters!

God has said plainly that "...the anointing [THE HOLY GHOST] which ye have received of him [GOD] ABIDETH IN YOU, and ye NEED NOT that ANY MAN TEACH YOU" (1 JOHN 2:27). WHY? Because Jesus said "It is written in the prophets, And they shall be ALL TAUGHT OF GOD" (JOHN 6:45).

If **YOU** are born again, the **HOLY GHOST** abides in your heart, and He "...teacheth you of **ALL THINGS**, and is truth, and is no lie" (1 JOHN 2:27).

But man <u>will not</u> **BELIEVE** it, and **RELIG-ION** <u>will not</u> **PREACH** it, because they would stand to <u>lose their gain</u>. But as Jesus has said, "...Every man therefore that hath **HEARD**, and hath **LEARNED** of the Father, **COMETH** unto me" (JOHN 6:45).

The Apostle Paul <u>warned</u> the believers: "TAKE HEED THEREFORE UNTO YOURSELVES, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to FEED the church of GOD, which he [GOD] hath purchased with his [GOD's] own blood.

For I know this, that after my departing shall GRIEVOUS WOLVES ENTER IN among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves SHALL MEN ARISE, speaking PERVERSE things, to draw away disciples AFTER THEM" (ACTS 20:28-30).

As a result of <u>spiritual neglect</u>, **PER-VERSE** and **DISTORTED** doctrines are <u>being taught</u> worldwide in the name of Christ along with other <u>false religions</u>.

Jesus said, "...**EXCEPT YE REPENT**, *ye shall* **ALL** *likewise perish*" (LUKE 13:3). Yet the word "<u>repent</u>" is omitted from many of the modern bibles today; and even though the Word of God declares "...**WITHOUT SHED-DING OF BLOOD** *is no remission* [PARDON]" (HEBREWS 9:22), the "<u>precious blood</u>" (1 PETER 1:19) **IS NOT** preached.



When a certain woman said to Jesus, "...Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked," Jesus knew such a belief would lead to <u>an assembly line of idols</u> dedicated to his mother's honor. But instead, he <u>warned</u>, "...Yea rather, blessed are they that HEAR THE WORD OF GOD, and KEEP IT" (LUKE 11:27-28). But <u>religion</u> has built upon this <u>Mary doctrine</u> and today, Mary is a great icon.

On the day of judgment, there will be a <u>DEAFENING SOUND</u> of <u>weeping</u>, <u>wailing</u>, and <u>gnashing</u> of teeth. It will be a day of <u>clouds and thick darkness</u> as they stand before <u>a lake of fire and brimstone</u>.

There are those who believe that <u>a God of Love</u> would not <u>permit</u> such a <u>horrible eternal judgment</u>, but the **REJECTION** of **GOD'S LOVE**, displayed **ON THE CROSS**, will **DEMAND** it.

As a <u>follower of Jesus Christ</u>, you need not "...GLORY IN MEN. For ALL THINGS are yours" (1 COR. 3:21). "By HUMILITY and the FEAR OF THE LORD are riches, and honour, and life" (PROVERBS 22:4), if man would <u>simplu</u> believe it.

You have a CHOICE: you can trust in your <u>feelings</u>, do what you <u>think</u> is right, OR you can <u>humble</u> yourself as a <u>little child</u>, and <u>believe</u> God's word.



The Psalmist wrote, "The ENTRANCE of thy WORDS giveth LIGHT; it giveth UNDERSTANDING unto the simple" (PSALM 119:130). <u>Light</u> and <u>understanding</u> comes from God, not <u>religion</u>.

Let the word of God **ENTER** your <u>mind</u>, and God will open the <u>eyes of your understanding</u> to **TRUTH**, <u>hidden</u> from the wise and prudent.

The thief on the cross <u>confessed</u> his guilt and said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Jesus said, "TODAY shalt thou be with me in paradise" (LUKE 23:42-43).

Let **TODAY** be *your* day. Ask Him to *save you* right now, and He will.

