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Heresy 2

The term *heretic* is applied to those *within* the church who have *gone astray* and no longer abide in the anointing of the Holy Spirit (1 Jn 2:27; 1 Cor 11:18-19). They have gone *too far* and do not adhere to the teachings of Messiah through the Apostles (2 Jn 1:7-11). When they *depart* from the anointing they *depart* from the church (1 Jn 2:19-20; 4:6).

2 Tim 3:1-5, along with 4:3-4, defines Christianity. The gospel that does not create community is a *false gospel*. 1 Tim 4:1,2 and 2 Cor 11:4,13-15 also describe Christianity.

"Russellism" (the Jehovah Witnesses) has never been a part of Christianity, therefore it could never be considered a heresy. Agnosticism is also defined as a *heresy* today. How stupid to believe such a thing! Most people consider heresy as contrary opinions held by members *within* the "*mainstream*" *Christian Orthodox Church*. They also lump together *all religions outside* mainstream Christianity as heresy, but *heresy* is actually an *opposing* opinion(s) held by the member(s) of the one Body of Messiah which differs from the Apostles teaching (Acts 2:42, 1 Jn 2:27).

What Is The Church?

The Church is the One Body of Messiah, not divided in any way by differing opinions. In every local Church 1 Tim 2:8 is to be carried out in truth by every member of the Body. A local church is *all believers* in a township or locality who all agree (1 Cor 1:10). They are without **dissension** between any person or any household within the clan (Jer 31:1). *Dissension* is having the *mere hint* of a differing opinion or judgment. We do not tolerate even the *hint* of disunity among us, let alone allowing those who have gone *too far* (by not abiding in the anointing) to bring in heresy.

How The Church Learned Messiah

There can be no such thing as **heresy** (a divisive factor) *within* the one Body of Messiah. The differing opinion creates the different denomination (faction). Denomination is heresy itself. Each denomination *represents* a differing opinion or mind (doctrine or belief). Eph 4:4-6 proves the Body of Messiah is not Christianity. It exposes Christianity as being a fallen House (Mt 12:25). What Paul describes as *dissidence* (error, schism, sects) in Gal 5:20-21 confirms that no one who is in any **dissension group** could possibly have any *inheritance* in the Kingdom of God, since he is a member of a *divided* House (Mt 12:25). Billy Graham's gospel of *ecumenical oneness* is an attempt to mask the *true nature* of that divided House called Christianity. His gospel can be summed up in the following quote taken from his booklet *Growing as a Christian* which is given to all the new converts at his Crusades.

This is from a section entitled *God's Family — the Church*, page 31...

"I have learned that although Christians do not always agree, they can disagree agreeably, and that what is more needed in the church today is for us to show an unbelieving world that we love one another. To me the church has become a great, glorious and triumphant organism. It is the body of Christ, and the humblest member is an important part of that body.

The family of God contains people of various ethnological, cultural, class and denominational differences. I have learned that there can even be *minor disagreements* of theology, methods and motives, but that within the true church there is a mysterious unity that overrides all divisive factors."

Paul told the Ephesians *they did not learn Christ in this way*. They knew and understood what the Church was and how its life was maintained (Eph 4:11-16). They had heard and been taught the way of truth in Yahshua through the Apostles (verse 21). They had *laid aside* their former manner of life, having welcomed the *new life* (through the proper premise and foundation) they

were brought into. It was now their responsibility to maintain their unity and grow in love and devotion for Messiah through their faithfulness (Eph 4:15-16; 6:24). We want to major on the so called, "minor disagreements" which are mentioned above. What does he consider minor disagreements ... according to 1 Cor 1:10 and 1 Tim 2:8? And what is expected from the Love of God (Rom 5:5; Jn 13:34,*35; 1 Jn 3:14; 1 Cor 13:1-3)? What began as a *minor* disagreement in the beginning between the Roman and Greek Churches shortly afterwards ignited into an uncontrollable flame of division between the Apostate Mother Church and all her daughters. It gave rise to the Catholic and Protestant Churches, along with the Anabaptist, Calvin and Luther, Anglican and Church of England, the Pentecostals and Southern Baptist, the Presbyterians and ...on and on and on and on.... All one needs to do is to look at history — its roots and origins (Rev 2:15; 18:2). What is mentioned above should be a *catalyst* to us everywhere in the Tribes when writing our papers. We could literally write volumes and volumes concerning this subject and still not be done. This must go into our papers when we are addressing Christianity.

Heresy and *Christian Orthodoxy*

Heresy today cannot be defined *within* the religious system. It is the outcome of it. There is no standard or criteria for judgment, since all denominations are heretical. So writers of books, like *Heresies Exposed*, make up a standard (a false assumption ground, a false postulation) whereby to make judgments. They make up a standard called *Christian orthodoxy* and all belief outside of the Creeds is heresy. All religions of today are heresy to the *so-called* Christian Church.

The word *heresy* appears in the Bible in 1 Cor 11:19; Gal 5:20; 2 Pet 2:1; Acts 24:14 and Tit 3:10,11. *Heresy* is #139 in the Strong's Concordance, along with #141 in Titus 3:10 which means a party, disunion, or sect. In Titus 3:10 it is described as *schismatic*. The Greek (#138) defines heresy as a *choice* (option or a preference) a person makes because of a different opinion he maintains about doctrine. *Denomination* is the inevitable result of *choosing sides* by the persuasion of a *factious* man (Tit 3:10-11). It is diversity of belief, creating a (denomination) or dissension (1 Tim 2:8).

So, 2 Pet 2:2 says that ultimately (as a result) the way of the truth is *maligned* (blasphemed) because of it. Christianity is the epitome of this: A division (*heresy*). Every single denomination was started by a factious man with a different opinion who led others away to *himself* (Acts 20:30).

The Church is Jn 17:23, because of Jn 13:34 and all men will know because of verse 35 and Mal 3:18. Unity doesn't make love, but love makes unity (Rom 5:5). Gal 5:20-22 is the manifestation of Christianity, yet there are no factions (splits, heresy) in *the Church* (Eph 4:4-6). But Christianity is a fallen House.

The ecumenical movement cannot manufacture love. But it will try to manufacture unity. Manufacture = concoct, contrive, devise, as Rom 5:5.

Judaism and the Early Church

(paralleled with Christianity and the 12 Tribes of Israel)

In Acts 24:14 they called the Church a *Sect* thinking that they were a *part of Judaism*, which was totally a misunderstanding (misconception). They were a misinformed people. This was something they were absolutely not (Mt 21:43). Acts 24:14 proves that *The Way* (the communities) were *totally separate* from Judaism, in the same way as we preach Yahshua to Christians (Acts 18:5).

So the word *heresy* today is based on a false premise (falsely based) than how it was originally in the first century. The Church today called *Christianity* is all schizoid (schismatic). It is a *false assumption ground* with a "modern-day" definition for the word heresy, which had to be altered

in nature to fit in with that system. Christianity is no longer viewed as a heresy, but called by *different names* (denominations) in the so called *one Church*.

Christianity has redefined the word *heresy* and applied it to mainstream historical *doctrine*, rather than in *divisions* (*factions*, Tit 3:10). The way Christianity uses the term *heresy* is a mis-application of the word. It applies only to Jn 17:21; 1 Cor 1:10, 11:19; and 1 Ths 2:8.

So to Bob Pardon we speak Acts 18:5 and 24:14. We preach the true one to both the *Jews* and the *Christians*. Both "Houses" are fallen and their sins are piled up as high as heaven. We use the Bible in the same way as the early disciples used the Law and Prophets (Mt 5:17-19). The first Church used the same scriptures as the Jews did but in the light of the Holy Spirit. We use the same scriptures (Bible) as the *Christians* do, but in light of the Holy Spirit.

The first Church used the commandments Mt 28:19-20 and the Old Testament scriptures to teach the Jews the truth about the "new nation" (Mt 21:43), the Royal Priesthood of New Israel (Acts 20:6,7,22,23; 28:23). Both the Jews and Gentiles are incorporated into that *new nation* as spoken in Rev 1:6; & 5:9,10. After Messiah's death, the temple service of Judaism went on almost 40 years before it was destroyed. It has now been 1900 years for Christianity, but its judgment is pending (Rev 18:8).