

when i look around at the world and the news, i know the spirit of antichrist is taking it's place in so many things. there is confusion and lawlessness abounding. and if someone tries to help another by pointing out the shape they are in, they are labeled a bigot or a racist. both are not out intentions and are too easily tossed out as their defense. (funny that even black people with christian views may also be called a racist.)

because we know the terrible effects of their deeds, we only seek to help them enter into the light. even the natural man knows that this life is temporary at most. we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ and give an account of our deeds. and God keeps good books.

the light of His word will reveal even the deep things of the heart. conviction and repentance must follow. if truth is accepted by them, then life awaits. if they reject the truth and choose to revel in the darkness, then judgment awaits at the door. one only has the span of their life to make that decision. "For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely in a flood of great waters they shall not come near him." psalms 32:6 don't wait until that door is closed.

it is the commandment gave by God way back in deuteronomy 30:19. He sets before each of us the choice: "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life." true repentance does nor occur just because someone gets caught. it is a self examination and realization of the state we are

all in and how fall we have fallen. fallen from all that God wanted us to be. the realization of who He is and how sincerely He desires for us to return. "Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the hole of the pit from which you were dug." isa 51:1 He not only made us, but He then redeemed us from our fallen state. know that He is God and we are the works of His hand.

i have watched several of my preachers lately. they feel that something big is about to happen. maybe even before the end of the year. i don't know if it is true or not or what it may be. i urge everyone to be ready in a flash. our God deals in "suddenlies". the word says that He will do nothing before He reveals it to His prophets. i believe God still speaks to His people. some He has called to hear better than others. in any case, He speaks to all His people who will listen. it will only be a still, small voice, and one has to be listening to hear. i pray we all have eyes to see and ears to hear.

we all know that these are the perilous times spoken of in the bible. He has foretold the end from the beginning. He know our frames, that we are but dust. it is the God-breathed Spirit that gives us all life. it is that Spirit alone which has the ability and longing to reconnect us to the God who made us. i think it was augustine who said "our hearts are restless until it finds it's rest in You".

i know the heart is just an organ but so often the bible speaks of it as the essence of one's being. as in, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth

speaks". Luke 6:45 and in proverbs 4:23 it says "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." is our heart the closest connection to our spirit and thus the nearest connection to God? we are told to love the Lord with all our heart. is the heart organ the source of our love even as our minds contemplate His worthiness? if so, let our hearts rule us and our minds be subservient to it. truly it is love that will conquer all. "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him." 1 john 14:6 let us all face the day knowing we are on God's side and He is on ours.

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