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do we qualify

as i began writing today a feeling came over me - "i am not qualified to do this." i believe we have all had feelings of inadequacy at times - unless we are indeed too arrogant and full of ourselves.

it's an awesome responsibility to know that you are expounding the very word of God. people are listening and reading and perhaps having their beliefs influenced by things you are saying. there are others so more wiser and schooled than me and what if i am misreading something; something that might affect someone else's eternity?

with tears and much apprehension i write some of the things i write. my motive is pure. my desire is pure. does that make me "qualified" to do this? i think not. much blasphemy and lies are now even being taught from the pulpits of God's house; many holding a sincere belief in their words; sincere but wrong. beliefs that i believe even a novice would recognize as not being from God unless they had willingly embraced the deception the enemy offers.

flesh and learning alone does not qualify us. "'not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts." zech 4:6 so much of the world, and even Christ's church, are operating in the flesh. how else can one explain all that is going on? "professing to be wise, they became fools." rom 1:22

it was festus in the book of acts that said, "paul, you are beside yourself! much learning is driving you mad!" acts 26:24 he said this because paul was teaching a resurrection and an eternal judgment. but no, it was not paul that was mad. it is us living in this deluded illusion that there is no God, no accounting for what we do in the here and now. we are living in the confusion that God did not form each of us in the womb as male or female - destroying an entire generation in the process. if the Lord does not return soon, i believe we could drive ourselves to extinction.

it's almost hard to believe that the whole world has fallen into such deep deception. one might almost say one wouldn't believe it if they hadn't seen it with their own eyes. "but the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 cor 2:14 well did the Spirit speak of this generation.

so it is not head knowledge that qualifies us but the Spirit of God. "and God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work." 2 cor 9:8 if we keep our hearts right, our hands off, and our eyes on Christ, His grace is sufficient.

you see, Jesus is our qualifier. His shed blood alone qualifies us. "for by You i can run against a troop; by my God I can leap over a wall." 2 sam 22:30 believe me, i say that by faith. but the bible says the just shall live by faith, and it even defines what faith is.

"faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." heb 11:1

let us not be as the world. "hearing you will hear, and shall not understand; and seeing you will see, and not perceive; for the hearts of this people have grown dull." acts 28:26-27 we hear and we see. we are taught and we teach. we are all qualified by Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith." heb 12:2

i guess all i'm really trying to say is: don't be followers of men. don't be followers of deceptive doctrines, and for heaven's sake, don't be followers of me. line everything you see or hear with the scriptures. "one person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. let each be fully convinced in his own mind." rom 14:5 we all must work out our own salvation with fear and trembling.