

The Emerging Church

I was just thinking...

We have among us several that are involved in a movement which they call the emerging church. From what I understand it mostly is a doctrine of anything goes. They complain that there are too many rules in the traditional Church. My question is this, "If there are no rules and guidelines to follow then exactly what are we basing our morals on? If we are to have a Church with no rules then just exactly what are the Ten Commandments for?" I believe they were a system of rules that set guidelines for mankind to follow. Some say that they were in the Old Testament. Jesus said if you love me keep my commandments. The system that He taught was based on the Ten Commandments in my opinion. I would think then that to be a part of what is called the Emerging Church would really need to be called the Submerging Church. It is something that is based under the surface of what truth really is. It is something that is based on what is not really real. It is something that is sinking into the abyss of this world. Wanting to blend in rather than stand out. It is a masquerade of Christianity without accountability. It is something that is measured on opinions rather than on the Word of God as absolute fact.

The book of Jude makes a very good argument against the so called emerging Church. Jude 1-3 KJV, "1Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: 2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of **the common salvation**, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was **once delivered** unto the saints."

According to Jude there is one common salvation. If there was something new emerging then how could we contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints? Doesn't the word "once" mean one time? Salvation hasn't changed. Sanctification hasn't changed. Separation hasn't changed. They all still mean the same thing as they did two thousand years ago.

Hear what Jude has to say in Jude 4 NLT, "4 I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ." This is exactly what is happening in the Church world today. "Let us have Christ with no cross. Let us have Christ with no conviction. Let us have Christ with no accountability. Let me be who I am and let me live the way I want to live."

Christ brings change. Christ brings transformation. Old things are passed away. All things have become new. The Submerging Church is using the Grace of God as a license to live an immoral life but Jude warned us that it is not possible.

What I see happening today is the fact that no one wants to separate themselves from this world. They want to have Jesus yet still waltz with the devil. They want the Name but want to blend in.

There is no such thing as an Emerging Church. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is still repentance, baptism in Jesus Name, and the infilling of the Holy Spirit as Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost and separation from this worldly system that says it is all right to sin. In fact the world says there is no such thing as sin.

The fact of the matter is this: the Emerging Church is just a Submerging Church that is slowly sinking into the depths of deception. It is something that has been born out of the heart of shallowness and continues to fall into the depths of darkness. It is submerged in false doctrine and Biblical errors.

I thank God for the true Church of Jesus Christ. I thank God for His saving Name and His glorious Church.

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