

The Idols of Africa: Education, Prosperity, Another Gospel

Most people will perish and go to hell - most in the world, and most in Africa. But it will not be for the reasons you may think. Most will go to hell for the *one thing* they will not and cannot surrender to Christ! **This one thing is their idol** - it is where their treasure is, it is what they serve, it is what they obey, and it is the *one thing* they're unwilling to surrender and give up to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the coming King!

*"For where your **treasure** is, there will your **heart** be also."* (Matt. 6:21)

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16)

Have you not heard the words of Christ?

*"And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, **Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.** And when he heard this, he was very **sorrowful**: for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!"* (Luke 18:18-24)

This "*one thing*" was this man's idol – the one thing he sorrowed to let go! He could not and would not let it go! Why?! Because Christ was not his treasure, he loved his wealth, his security, his life **more than Christ!** He worked his whole life for this! All his labor, sweat and tears, hopes and dreams, stable future, security and plans for his children and family - **this was what he trusted in, this was his IDOL!** If a man trusts or hopes in ANYTHING OTHER THAN COMPLETE ABANDONMENT to Christ, he is lost and without hope!

O my dear friends, how many are the idols of mankind! How few truly forsake all to follow him!! How many are the false prophets of the land that preach, "Your best life now!" Is this not what is preached throughout the world, including Africa?!

Humanitarians from around the world traveling land and sea to feed and educate the poor. Doctors and nurses from around the world treat and care for the sick, helping the poor of Africa. Teachers throughout Africa educating the next generation so they can "live a better life" and "change society, improve the government, and better mankind" – "better opportunities, freedom from disease and poverty, and peace on earth", they say! And even the so-called "gospel-preachers" of the day preach the same things, all in the name of "Christ"! It is ANOTHER GOSPEL (2 Cor. 11:4) – and how the continent of Africa is bowed down to serve and live for and trust in these idols!

"For all the gods of the people are idols: but the LORD made the heavens." (1 Chronicles 16:26)

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves." (Matthew 23:15)

How zealous they are to preach their gospel, preaching what they believe is the solution to the problems of the world and of man! How many families in Africa are preaching this very thing to their children, and their children's children – to get a good education, to work hard and make more money, to be successful in this life, to live better than their parents... and an entire generation is being sacrificed to these idols, all in the name of "Jesus"!

"But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them. Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood. Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions." (Psalms 106:35-39)

And millions are believing that these are the real issues of the Africa, that education and poverty and disease are the great problems of Africa! It is not so, my dear friends!

The issues of man are not the problem...

MAN IS THE PROBLEM!!

Sinful man, once-born Adamic man – every thought, deed, and desire arising from the heart of a once-born man is the real problem with the world, this is the root of the issue. There is no hope for the world and this fallen race of man – there is no education, no betterment, no improvement, no fixing, no "getting on the right track", no second chance, no

seminar, no humanitarian effort, no physical change, and no governmental effort that can help this problem of mankind!

The only hope comes by the way of a cross! An execution device devised for the race of man is the salvation of man! The cross, where all of fallen man, sons of Adam, can go and die...all of their flesh crucified! THIS IS SALVATION – SALVATION FROM MANKIND AND SIN!

*“And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.”
(Galatians 5:24)*

Every desire, dream, “the affections and lusts” must not merely be surrendered...BUT CRUCIFIED! God is calling for a personal and complete crucifixion! God is calling for men to die to themselves (1 Cor. 15:31) and to die to the world (Col. 2:20) – which is to “deny” themselves (Luke 9:23), “hate” their life (Luke 14:26), and “forsake” all to follow Christ (Luke 14:33). Salvation is a baptism of death and a resurrection of new life NOW.

“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.” (Romans 6:3-7)

Is the world and these idols crucified to you?! Are you crucified to the world?!

“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.” (Galatians 6:14)

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

Don't be deceived, my dear friends! Listen to these words! Separate yourself from these idols and seek the God of the bible!

*“For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and **how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;**” (1 Thessalonians 1:9)*

Search the scriptures (John 5:39) to behold this Christ, who calls all men to follow him through the only redemption for man – DEATH BY A CROSS!

“For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.” (Eph 5:5-6)