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## SEASON OF CIRCUMCISION

We are entering the season of an octave. The octave is eighth in a series. As I wrote to you in April's Trumpet Sounds about the signs and seasons and the tetrad or blood moons upon us making this the 8<sup>th</sup> time since 1 AD that they have fallen on Jewish feast days. In Jewish culture eight is the day of circumcision and dedication.

**Luke 2:21** *And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.*

Circumcision is cutting away the flesh of the foreskin as practiced by the Jews, which set them apart from the rest of the world dedicating them as a people of God. Circumcision becomes a spiritual implication and application ex-

plained in the New Testament as the circumcision of the heart or cutting away the flesh of the heart and dedicating our hearts to God above all things. We see this symbolic cutting away in this Scripture: **Mark 9:43-48** *And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee*

*to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.*

This is symbolic of the circumcision that must be done, yet not literally maiming oneself but a spiritual cutting away of the things not of God that would be in conflict of our obedience to Him and the call placed upon our lives.

We are a chosen generation and a chosen people dedicated to God and set apart for His Will. We are a different Kingdom than any of the earthly governments with one King of kings...JESUS. The New Testament is our Declaration of Independence from the world, our Constitution and Bill of Rights all rolled into one. We cannot enter

this season without a circumcised heart before God. This is the season to discern our hearts and cut away all things that would offend against the Word. What have we let into our hearts? Our heart is not the waste can for all the garbage in which the world throws its wares. "Are not our hearts burning within us" because we see the times and are aware of Jesus' soon return? Have we instead let fear of what is coming invade our hearts to strike us out of commission or are we preparing? Discern whether you are alarmed or armed and ready for what comes next. Remember fear tolerated is faith contaminated.

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A thought needs feeding for it to continue to exist. You have heard the saying: Feed a cold/Starve a fever. It is the same thing we need to do with thoughts. A cooler head prevails but a fever fuels the heat of anger and before you know it you combust. The enemy is willing to plant a thought whether suspicion, assumption or evaluation all based upon supposition! One thought leads to another "food for

thought" and before you know it you are a jury of one, the prosecutor and judge issuing the sentence...guilty as charged. With you playing all the parts based upon evidence that is sketchy at best or second hand report...it is well over cooked. We are not the full-meal-deal even though we have super-sized it beyond recognition!

I suppose what I am trying my best to

say could be said in fewer words: Resist the devil and he will flee. Resist the thoughts; do not assist them. Cut out some of the fatty foods padding petty thoughts. Stick to those nourishing foods for thought: whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and good report. If we are off minding another's business then Satan is more than happy to mind ours!

## ZOMBIES OF TODAY

In horror stories we think of zombies as the living dead roaming about at the bidding of a demonic ritual commanding their every move. In some third world religions there is the superstition of their existence. But I believe in their existence since I read this Scripture: *Rom 1:27-31 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:*

The word **reprobate** is adokimos:

*unapproved, that is, rejected, worthless (literally or morally): - castaway, rejected, reprobate. Mind* is nous or the part of the brain that determines understanding located in the frontal lobes of the brain.

Putting the entire definition together, a reprobate mind is a worthless, rejected castaway brain that cannot think for it-self. A person of a reprobate mind is like the walking dead roaming about at the bidding of a demonic ritual commanding their every move. Interestingly enough it is the definition of a zombie:

Definition of zombie (n)

1. term for a person considered to lack energy, enthusiasm, or the ability to think independently
2. dead body yet alive without a soul

Synonyms: automaton · robot · machine · sleepwalker

There are zombie churches today that have welcomed homosexuality as part of a creation determined at birth [Rom 1:27]. They disregard abortion as murder in voting for its platform

[Rom 1:29]. They break every covenant in Scriptures by becoming politically correct [Rom 1:30-31]. How? They have been turned into zombies because their minds atrophied becoming worthless. They lost their minds and must be told what they think and who they are. They sleepwalk through life, yet call themselves spiritual. What spirit is leading these zombies of reprobate minds? It is not the Spirit of God, but another spirit known all too well except to those who instead see an angel of light: *2 Cor 11:13-14 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.*

How many churches will be taken over by these zombies? Some may be sitting right next to you in the same pew. Some may be standing behind the pulpit speaking words given by the spirit that controls [2Cor 11:13-14].

Watch therefore, and keep in the vigilance of the Living Word of God, lest the media box in your home take your mind away, and you turn into a zombie of reprobate mind speaking

the words given to you from the false box of lies, treachery, kingdoms and governments.

Now, how did I go to such a harsh reality instead of the glorious things being done by the faithful? Because they are both today's reality. Jesus ministered the good news in a message of hope but also dealt a blow to the churches' undershirt: *Matt 23:24-27 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.*

You see Jesus was well acquainted with the zombies of His generation too and, in calling them out, has given warning to us all.

## WHAT'S NEW UNDER THE SON?

*Ecc 1:9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.*

I counted 29 times the phrase "**under the sun**" was used in Ecclesiastes. While it is true there is nothing new under the sun, we have not uncovered every revelation under the Son. The world did not know the earth was round even though Isaiah prophesied it, until it was sailed around. In other

words, whether or not man has made the discovery has nothing to do with its revelation in the Word.

The Word is filled with all kinds of mysteries yet to be discovered. I have discovered a few of them myself that scholarly minds have not yet acknowledged, since God is my Google

Google has yet to reach the heights of Biblical discoveries, since it takes the Holy Spirit to reveal those. The world likes to act as if their technology has

illuminated us, yet it neglects to credit the Word as they are only a second witness to its Truth...make that a third witness. God had an ordinary man write the second witness.

There are those Christian men and women, who by studying God's Word or creation, have opened the door to mysteries of science.

During the Great Awakening people discovered that they could have a personal relationship with Jesus.

Then the Charismatic movement showed us that the Holy Spirit was actually alive and well bestowing gifts on all who would receive them.

We have learned so much to know so little, yet no matter what seems the new discovery, there is nothing new under the SON, for if you will seek Him you will find that it is there...hidden in plain sight!

## THE BLIND GUIDES

There are many "Woes" to the Blind guides leading people into the religion of an ineffectual god or a god of anger and destruction. Whatever the blind preach is always without the insightfulness and revelation of the Scriptures. There is an old Indian poem that expresses this well written in the 1800s by a man named John Godfrey Saxe.



*It was six men of Indostan  
To learning much inclined,  
Who went to see the Elephant  
(Though all of them were blind),  
That each by observation  
Might satisfy his mind.*

*The First approach'd the Elephant,  
And happening to fall  
Against his broad and sturdy side,  
At once began to bawl:  
"God bless me! but the Elephant  
Is very like a wall!"*

*The Second, feeling of the tusk,  
Cried, - "Ho! what have we here  
So very round and smooth and sharp?  
To me 'tis mighty clear  
This wonder of an Elephant  
Is very like a spear!"*

*The Third approached the animal,  
And happening to take  
The squirming trunk within his hands,  
Thus boldly up and spake:  
"I see," quoth he, "the Elephant  
Is very like a snake!"*

*The Fourth reached out his eager  
hand,  
And felt about the knee.  
"What most this wondrous beast is like  
Is mighty plain," quoth he,  
"'Tis clear enough the Elephant  
Is very like a tree!"*

*The Fifth, who chanced to touch the  
ear,  
Said: "E'en the blindest man  
Can tell what this resembles most;  
Deny the fact who can,  
This marvel of an Elephant  
Is very like a fan!"*

*The Sixth no sooner had begun  
About the beast to grope,  
Then, seizing on the swinging tail  
That fell within his scope,  
"I see," quoth he, "the Elephant  
Is very like a rope!"*

*And so these men of Indostan  
Disputed loud and long,  
Each in his own opinion  
Exceeding stiff and strong,  
Though each was partly in the right,  
And all were in the wrong!*

### MORAL.

*So oft in theologic wars,  
The disputants, I ween,  
Rail on in utter ignorance  
Of what each other mean,  
And prate about an Elephant  
Not one of them has seen!*

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH! The Word tells us of pure religion this way:  
**James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.**

This is religion pure and undefiled and expressed in one sentence, yet man has posted their rules and doctrines framing them neatly on the walls of halls, and I will wager that none of them quote James 1:27.

So we have the varied denominations who *alone* hold the truth. Some open the Word and see the white pages and call their doctrine "white". Others open the Scriptures to see the words in black and call their doctrine "black". Then others see the New Testament and say, "No," to the white and black of old but they see only the red and call their doctrine "red". Each take their part from the whole to establish their congregations. All leading in color blindness. We paint God the color of our doctrine and keep Him in the limitations of what we know rather than learning who He is.

We take the cross where Jesus hung and hew it in our design then we put it on the bumper sticker of our lives driving our testimonies home. We dispute our neighbors and dispute our relatives leaving the widows and orphans at a distance while slinging mud making all of us spotted for as the poem states:

*And so these men of Indostan  
Disputed loud and long,  
Each in his own opinion  
Exceeding stiff and strong,  
Though each was partly in the right,  
And all were in the wrong!*

Acts 17:27 says this: **That they should seek the Lord, if haply**

***they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:***

This word *feel* means to verify by contact not as the blind men feeling one part of the elephant, but to feel all of God and to taste of His mercy and love.

The six men from Indostan could have sat together sharing their part to see the whole. This is the body of Christ. You see God does not view the body as one part only but how they each one add to make the whole:

***1 Cor 12:20-24 But now are they many members, yet but one body. 21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: 23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. 24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:***

God sees all of us as necessary, yet if we could believe in the necessity to see all of God by continuing to grow instead of finding a belief and accepting no more, wouldn't that be awesome?

## FOR LOVE OF THE GINGERBREAD MAN

We all remember the tale of the Gingerbread man, who boasted that he could outrun his baker. His saying was "Run, run as fast as you can. You can't catch me...I'm the Gingerbread man!"



There are truer stories of runaways believing that they could outrun their Maker and destiny. Jonah thought he could outrun his call from God by hitching a ride to sea, and Saul tried to hide among the "stuff" to avoid his call. Mr. And Mrs. Adams thought they could camouflage in some fig leaves after they were *exposed* to some bad fruit. The list goes on and on.

Just as the Gingerbread man could run from the baker, a cow, horse and a chicken, there was a fox that did not have to run. All the fox had to do was deceive and devour.

We all have gingerbread boys and girls, men and women who try to outrun God by

avoiding conversion or not applying the Word of God. Some run from a call of destiny. They are all running away from their divine responsibilities. Well, they can run, run as fast as they can but there is one waiting...He's the Good Shepherd Man! He will leave the 99 to give chase. There are many foxes set out to spoil the mission and devour by deceptive lures to take our little ones, but the road of these runners is paved from the fervent prayer of the righteous whose love never fails and a Shepherd who never tires. Don't you wish the Gingerbread man knew this Scripture: *Ps 139:7-13 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.*

It is only a matter of time before prayers will take their advantage.

## HOUSE TO HOUSE

***Acts 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.***

I have noticed that today there is a network of "Cottage Meetings" or home meetings where Christians gather to share their faith as the early church. I, myself, grew in the Lord through home meetings while still attending a denomination. It was probably the mid to late 70s of the Charismatic movement that swept in and caught many up in the operation of the Holy Spirit. It was our version of the Great Awakening in our na-

tion's early history. At first it was just my parents and siblings with our spouses, but as time grew it was as if a magnet drew others who were hungry to grow. It must have been like the first pioneer to discover that corn could pop into a delightful snack or breakfast food with the exception that this was a spiritual feeding with an eternal affect!

There were prayer meetings, Bible studies with sharing times. My mother had a regular home meetings teaching intercession that changed down through the years to a gathering of breaking bread, which consisted of a large pot of burgoo and bread, then the Lord's Supper, praise and ministry of the Word. The only offering we took was in making up a loaf of sandwiches individually wrapped with

Scripture verses to be distributed to the street people the next day. People came from other towns to celebrate and break bread with us.

Today we are still holding Cottage Meetings...a network of them all across the nation. We are small gatherings of hungry people who have not allowed the pressures of these times to decrease or rob our enthusiasm or dilute our faith. I am just as excited today as during those early meetings sharing the burgoo pot and the Bread of Life. If it is possible, I am more excited!

There is no offering to collect and neither building fund nor programs to consume our efforts. We take no attendance as all are welcome. We do not say that we hold all the answers but that the Holy Spirit of

God will lead us into all Truth through the Word of God. Usually those gathering are the ones who want more of God than just a visit on Sunday mornings...a place where soaking in God and flowing in the move of the Holy Spirit has no agenda, time table or program on which to staunchly follow. Everything flows naturally in order because it is by the move of the Spirit of God. My heart will always be in the Cottage meetings, yet shared in the temple where allowed.

Just as the Scripture in Acts 2:46, I endeavor to stay in one accord in the temple but also in breaking the Bread of Life house to house. Each needs to support the other for divided we all fall, and with more governmental control being forced into place we must stand united.

## EMBARRASSING MOMENTS



We have probably all heard the saying, "Don't get your panties in a wad." This literally happened one day at school with an elementary teacher. She had gone into the restroom and apparently tucked her skirt into her pantyhose in the back without realizing it. One of the high school girls had seen her do it, but instead of telling her went to tell the classmates standing in the hall between classes. As the teacher walked down that side of the hall she heard the snickering of those viewing her backside! What a humiliation to experience!

Or what about the time someone has dragged some still attached toilet paper from the restroom?

Then there is the horror of stepping in doggie doo and walking around all day wondering what stinks just to find out much later it was you!

How about cleaning your house before company comes then when all are

gathered look up to see a gigantic cobweb that has suddenly decided to displace itself from the ceiling to someone's head?!

One time I went into the wrong restroom and wondering if those unusual sinks were European style...they were "you're a peein" all right, as I then noticed a man walking from the stall and realized the urinals in the men's room!

I guess the worst embarrassment of all is to walk around with an untamed tongue allowing everyone to hear what is normally hidden in secret thoughts yet be oblivious to it yourself. I recall two of the worst things that slipped through the tongue and neither speaker discerned their own words even after they escaped. One woman who was complaining about everything as if she was the poster child for suffering, yet when the comparison of Jesus' suffering came up her response was, "Yeah, but He only

suffered one day on the cross, and I have suffered for years!" The other was a woman who talked about the evils of wine as if the most unpardonable of sins, yet when reminded that Jesus turned the water into wine, exclaimed, "Yes and I'd have thought better of Him had He not!" These comments leave one speechless, and you are embarrassed for them.

There are those who go on and on about woe this and woe that. You do your best to pray for them yet they insist on returning to speak everything exactly the way it was before the prayer, or they give you the "yeah buts". The Pray-er must then have to repent for the feeling coming over them.

We need to discern the words of our mouths because those around us "that hath an ear to hear" will. How embarrassing!!!!



## CALL FOR THE WEEPING WOMEN

***Jer 9: 17-19 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come: And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters. For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast us out.***

Just recently I woke early and tears gushed out of me so that I could not contain it. I called for prayer and two cunning (châkâm: wise hearted) women came to join me in prayer. There were many things in my family for whom the tears might be shed, but it was for none of them. This did not even feel as if they were my tears, but that the Holy Spirit was grieving. We know that the Holy Spirit can grieve for it says in Eph 4:30 "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God..." Grieve is the word *lupeo* meaning heavy sorrow. Why was the Holy Spirit grieving? It is better to let the Word tell you: ***Ezek 34:6-10 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them. 7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; 8 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely***

***because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock; 9 Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; 10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.***

God has spoken to my heart about the shepherds of grace and disgrace. Pastors who wound little sheep by stifling the Holy Spirit when a little one moves by the leading of HIM. Little ones leave hungry and thirsty because the shepherd fed his own agenda but not the little lambs.

Some shepherds have taken the call when it was not even their phone which rang. Shepherds, who have inherited a flock but have no heart for the sheep to flow in anything more than their programmed agenda, need to try their hand at basket weaving or something less damaging to the Kingdom of God. Now, if you are thinking my words harsh then re-read Ezek 34:6-10 again. Pray, pray, pray for the Shepherds!