

Simply Christ

Gospel Newsletter

Sharing the simplicity that is in Christ

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CHOCOLATE MILK CHRISTIANITY

When I hear people say that the children of God have two natures, it puzzles me. I consider that a man pours milk into a glass. He now has a glass of milk. Then he pours chocolate syrup into the glass. While it can be said that he has chocolate and milk in the glass, the truth is the glass now contains neither chocolate nor milk, but chocolate milk. Both ingredients together make up the content of the glass. So when I hear people say they have both the nature of Christ and a sinful nature in them, I conclude that they have either a "Sinful Christ Nature," or perhaps a Christ-Like Sin Nature." You say that is absurd. Well, I certainly agree!

Ever since Adam and Eve ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, fallen humanity has been a mixture of both carnal good and evil. A person without Christ is capable of great acts of human goodness, but they are also capable of great ungodliness. Their carnal goodness, however, is not godliness. God is never a mixture. John said, *"God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."* | John 1:5 Jesus told us *"For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes."* Luke 6:43-44 Anything mixed with sin is sinful. Just as the chocolate turns all the milk into

chocolate milk, sin in the heart pollutes all the contents of the heart.

James let us know that something was very wrong when cursing and blessing came out of the same mouth. He said, *“Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.”* James 3:11-12 When a person can show great love and then turn around and show hate, spite, or wrath, neither the hate, spite, and wrath, nor the seemingly “great love” are of God. If a fountain is polluted, everything that comes forth from the fountain is also polluted.

Many years ago, a woman called Brother Leroy Surface because another minister had referred her to him for help. She told Brother Surface about the great gift of prophecy God had endowed her with. She said many renowned men of God had heard her prophesy and told her it was as great a gift as they had ever seen or heard. She had one problem though. At times something would take control of her and she would begin to utter the vilest words of cursing and profanity. This thing would even cause her to curse God and rail at His name with horrible vulgarity. She asked Brother Surface if he could help her because she had been to many others and found no help. Brother Surface had seen this sort of thing before and had seen God bring complete deliverance. He told the woman “I can help you if you will believe what I tell you.” “What is that?” the woman asked. Brother Surface said, “The spirit that prophesies such great things through you and the spirit that curses God and speaks profanity

through you are the same spirit. You do not have the Holy Ghost. Your spirit of prophecy is an unclean spirit that possesses you.” The woman protested. “No! My gift is a wonderful gift from God! Many men of God have told me so.” “Have any of those who told you your gift was of God been able to help you?” Brother Surface asked. “No,” the woman answered, “But let me prophesy to you and you will see how wonderful my gift is.” “I don’t need to hear you prophesy to know that this spirit is not of God,” Brother Surface replied. The woman refused to accept what Brother Surface told her and the call ended with her still bound and possessed by an unclean spirit, while believing she had the Spirit of God.

Jesus told us *“Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit”*

Matthew 12:33. The church has accepted a gospel that says God’s children are both sinful and righteous, but have ended up with a church where everyone is a sinner. Recent statistics show that above 50% of evangelical men and pastors, and 76% of evangelical young adults admit to regularly using pornography, but “they are Christians” we are told. Is this the glorious church that Jesus Christ purchased with his own blood? Something is horribly wrong! Yet until once again from pulpits across the land we declare the blood of Christ that was shed to *“cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness,”* ¹ John 1:9 these problems will only get worse.