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## *Why Offended ?*

Jesus warned the disciples many, many times not to be offended, WHY, because he knew that if you are offended, **IT's ONLY because of YOUR** self centeredness. After serving the Lord diligently for over 35 years, he finally told me that I was self centered. I was very indignant, and replied, "What do you mean, I am not like the Pharisee that prayed, thank you Lord I'm not like that Publican." He said, "No, but you do get offended when somebody disagrees with you and even say things in retaliation at times."

To this I had to say, "Guilty Lord." He then continued to show me that Pride and Self centeredness were the **SAME** thing.

Proverbs 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention:

He then went on to show me that even if I don't retaliate or say something in defense, if I feel that twinge of rejection in my heart, that is a big a sin as the Pharisee and Publican

Matthew 24:10\* And then shall many be **offended**, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

If we turn on the news today, there is always someone or some group that's offended and they want the world to agree with them, I wonder how many would persist, if they understood they were driven **BY PRIDE ONLY**.

You see, we need offenses, as they **BUILD** character if we are willing to listen to that still small voice of God? **BUT** if we listen to our self centeredness, it will **DESTROY** our character.

Romans 5:18\* Therefore as by the **offence** of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation;

*This is the result of Adams Pride.*

Even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

*This is the redemption of Jesus.*

1Peter 2:8\* And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of **offence**, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

*This scripture tells that of the self centered people in our society today, look at all the elections we have had over the last decade or so. It isn't so much what they will do, but rather they say, "Whatever we do, we have to oust the incumbent official out of office."* Stephen Harper, in

Canada, was hated for doing things righteous,

Donald Trump, in the USA for the same reason.

And now Benjamin Netanyahu in Israel, there may be others but I have **HEARD** these oppositions voice this.

Hebrews 12:15\* Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of **bitterness** springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

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On Aug 6, 2021, at 7:04 PM, [cindy@webdesignsgalore.biz](mailto:cindy@webdesignsgalore.biz) wrote:

Ken I don't have 373. Should I rename this to 373 or do you have another? Let me know please. Working on this right now.

--Cindy

On 2021-08-03 00:35, Ken Reuer wrote:

#374 [\\_ BY WORKS ARE YOU SAVED \\_](#)  
(false teaching)

This is basically what the religious churches are emphasizing today. It stems back to the Lividicil priesthood, God gave Martin Luther the revelation that it was by GRACE that your saved, THROUGH FAITH. It is the GIFT of God, you cannot earn it nor can you buy it. Those that still believe in the Priesthood, still teach this TODAY.

Many of the decedents of the Reformation, have gone overboard the other way. It doesn't matter what you do, its by Gods Grace. You have no choice ! The bible says;

Ephesians 2:8\* For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

James 2:18\* Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

Most evangelical churches, whether they believe it or not, emphasize some sort of works, like you have to pay tithes to the church, you have to listen to this churches instruction, even if we don't believe the bible is true and for today, and many other things.

Tithes and offerings, reading the bible, fellowshiping together, ARE in the bible and IS Gods will for us. It is, for our benefit and if we don't, we will continue to be babies in Christ we will never mature and be able to experience Gods best for us.

1Corinthians 3:1\* And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

But tradition of man that has been passed down, has a bit of the law in it, like you have to appease an angry God, this totally FALSE. All of Gods wrath was poured out on Jesus, Isaiha 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement (Gods wrath) of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

God does not look nor evaluate us on our performance, but rather our faith.

Hebrews 11:6\* But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Why do you think that our Lord would mention the pitfalls of mans tradition and his biggest example was the religious Pharisee's? There are so many untruths that we have come to believe as true. I will name just a few,

1/Jesus was crucified Friday afternoon and rose Sunday;

Matthew 12:40\* For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the

whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

2/Jesus was in Bethlehem for two years;

Luke 2: 22\* And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (Purification was 40 days, so Jesus was 40 days old)

23\* (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

24\* And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

39\* And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

3/The wise men were at the stable in Bethlehem;

Matthew 2:9\* ¶ When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. (Nazareth)

10\* When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11\* And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and (this again was in Nazareth and Joseph was not there) worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh

4/Angels cannot reproduce;

Matthew 22:30\* For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

If you love the Lord, then ALL you do you do willingly.

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