## The Religion God Approves of Today

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- 1. There are character traits that God hates. These traits make false religions. (Pr. 6:17-19).
- 2. God hates the deeds of the Nicolaitanes. (Rev. 2:6).
- 3. God hates the doctrines of the Nicolaitanes. (Rev. 2:15).
- 4. This means that God hates false religions. (Jer. 44:3-6; Am. 5:21-23.)
- 5. The following Scriptures, tells us how God views false prophets that mislead people. (Matt. 7:15-21; 2 Pet. 2:1-3; 1 Jn. 4:1-3).
- 6. In the Spirit of Prophecy, Mrs. White tells us that there is only one religion in the whole world that God approves of with His stamp. She says:
  - "There are many doctrines current in our world. There is many a religion current that numbers its thousands and tens of thousands, but there is but one that bears the superscription and the stamp of God. There is a religion of man and a religion of God." Ellen G. White, <u>Selected Messages Book Two</u>, pg. 379.
- 7. Our quest is to therefore find the following:
  - a. What religion today bears the superscription and the stamp of God?
  - b. Which religion today is the true religion of God?
- 8. First of all, we need to understand that the stamp or superscription of God is the Sabbath.
  - a. Here is the meaning of the word "stamp" as it is used in a descriptive sense.
    - "Stamp... to impress with a mark attesting official approval, ratification... character; distinguishing mark..." The Wordsworth Concise English Dictionary, pg. 970.
  - b. Here also is the meaning of the word "superscription" as it is used in a descriptive sense:
    - "Superscription... that which is written or engraved on the outside of or above something else..." The Lexicon Webster Dictionary Vol. 2, pg. 985.
    - "Superscribe... to put an inscription on..." Ibid, pg. 9????
  - c. Thus the <u>mark</u> of God that shows His <u>approval</u>, or His writing or <u>engravement</u> of true religion is indeed the <u>Sabbath</u> of the seventh day.

- i. The seventh day Sabbath is the sign of YHWH the true God <u>sanctifying</u>. (Eze. 20:12).
- ii. The seventh day Sabbath is the sign of the true God YHWH. (Eze. 20:20).
- d. Thus the seventh-day Sabbath is the sign of <u>true religion</u>, for such religion must keep the <u>Sabbath</u>. (Heb. 4:8-11).
- 9. The Sabbath spoken of is the <u>seventh day</u>. (Heb. 4:3, 4).
- 10. Thus the religion that God approves of that has His stamp must keep the <u>Seventh day Sabbath</u>. (Mk. 2:27, 28; Isa. 58:12-14; Isa. 56:1, 2-7).
- 11. Another evidence of the religion that God approves of today is seen in Rev. 14:12.
  - a. The Law is to be kept by Faith. (Rom. 3:28, 30, 31).
  - b. This Faith is the <u>Faith of Jesus</u> that <u>justifies</u> and gives the <u>Righteousness of God</u>. (Gal. 2:16; Rom. 3:22, 28).
  - c. The Righteousness of God by Faith is what causes real obedience to the Commandments of God, genuine heart obedience. (Rom. 9:31, 32; Rom. 10:1-3).
- 12. Thus the religion that God approves of today must have the <u>Righteousness of God</u> by the <u>Faith of Jesus Christ</u>. (Phil. 3:9.)
- 13. The religion that God approves of also thus keeps the whole <u>Law or Commandments of God</u>. (Jam. 2:8-12; Rev. 22:14).
- 14. The religion that God approves of today must have the <u>Spirit of Prophecy</u> for the last days. (Rev. 12:17; Rev. 19:10).
- 15. True religion, the religion that God approves of is to be kept <u>unspotted</u> from the world. (Jam. 1:27).
  - a. This religion is the one that has <u>sinfreeness</u> as its teaching and experience. (1 Jn. 5:18; 1 Jn. 3:9).
  - b. Thus the religion that God approves of today has <u>sinfreeness</u> as its advocacy. (Rev. 14:1-5).
- 16. The religion that God approves of for the last days have <u>three angels' messages</u> as its <u>Gospel</u> for the last days. (Rev. 14:6-12).
- 17. This religion also has the <u>fourth angel's message</u> as its Gospel. (Rev. 18:1-8).

- 18. The religion that God approves of for the last days has as its teaching the <u>second coming</u> or <u>advent</u> of Jesus Christ. (Tit. 2:11-14).
  - a. Thus this religion has <u>sinfreeness</u> while its members look for the; <u>second advent</u> (Adventist) of Christ. (Heb. 9:28).
- 19. In a summary, the religion that God approves of or has His stamp of approval must contain the following:
  - a. The Seventh-day Sabbath keeping.
  - b. The Faith of Jesus Christ and the Commandments of God.
  - c. The Righteousness of God by the Faith of Jesus.
  - d. The Spirit of Prophecy.
  - e. Sinfreeness.
  - f. The Three Angel's Messages and the Fourth Angel.
  - g. The second coming/advent of Christ.

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