

Us in Christ - May 8, 2024- 2024 - G A Henecke DD

Galatians 1:11 *I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel which was preached by me is not **κατὰ ἄνθρωπον** man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through **ἀποκαλύψεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ**. a revelation of Jesus Christ.*

1. Who is writing this? = Saul of Tarsus - Paul the Apostle
2. What he professes is that the origin is not of this age/world.
3. All truth and all reality has its source in God.
 - a. Men have created their own reality.
 - i. Truths, values, systems, tribes, and causes.
 - ii. Doctrines about God - are not God.
 - b. God is - the living God - the source of ALL else.
4. We have no choice but to think through our God - life - destiny.
 - a. What we use to frame those thoughts determines our insight - then shapes our convictions.
 - b. "My thoughts" are about and of God - but are not God.
 - c. I have "free-will" as God allows it.
 - i. I have knowledge of God as he determines.
 1. He sets all parameters.
 2. God chooses how he reveals his self.
 - d. God reveals his self in Jesus. (John 1:18; Phil 3:8-11).
 - i. All we can know is in Jesus.
 - ii. God is revealed in his person and act!!!
5. This is the only way he may be known! All else is idols.
 - a. This turns Paul from correct religion to God.
 - b. Paul saw it as death - Galatians 2:19 *For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in*

the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

6. Here is Paul - he served God - but had no knowledge "of/from God."
 - a. Through a strict life of devotion to "Heritage" he awakened to find that he was an enemy of God.
 - b. The cursed blasphemer of Israel was GOD!
 - c. The cursed "cross" event was God chosen revealing.
7. In Jesus all else ends - all else is fulfilled.
 - a. Scripture: John 5:39
 - b. Tradition: Gal 1:14; Mark 7:8-9
 - c. Colossians 2:8 *See to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.*
8. **A Christian has no concept of God except in Christ.**
 - a. The only true God come in the revealing.
 - b. To say: "revelation is: "The Word became flesh."
9. One does not truly see scripture or God until they see this.
 - a. The work of God from Eden to Telos is Christ.
 - b. All scripture is about him. (Road to Emmaus"
10. We have no true spirituality except as he gives it.
 - a. Phil 2:9-13. John 15:5. John 5:30.
11. God, unlike humans, always acts in harmony with his person - **HESSED** - he is faithful - steadfast.
 - a. Our knowledge of him is based on his acts in history.
 - b. Such acts are true - our faith is thereby "actual".
12. The God who dies outside the camp -Hebrews 13:13 - the crucified God - is the real God - he is what he reveals and acts - if you've seen Christ, you've seen God - all else is religion.
13. Jesus - is the one who preached - who is God talking to us in parables - who is now revealed - Paul has moved from religion to God as Jesus speaks to us upsetting our firm religious convictions and giving us his-self.