

HEBREWS 13:7-8

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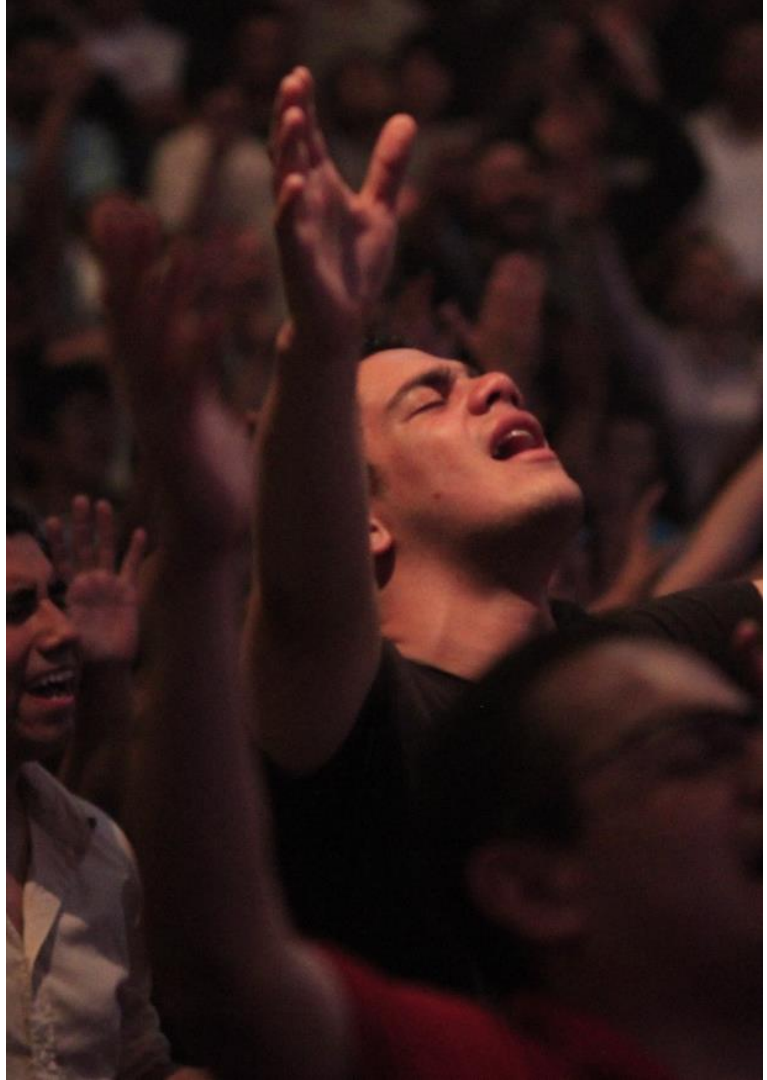
- It is the Word that rules us, not men.
- Now a man as a husband is head of the woman. He rules her.
- But the church is a woman, too, and her ruler is the Word. Jesus is the Word.
- If she rejects the Word and takes any other headship she is an adulteress.

« 67-2 † EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE -
CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.3

What the church had at Pentecost is her inalienable right. Originally, she had the pure Word of God. She had the power of the Spirit manifested in divers signs and wonders and gifts of the Holy Ghost.

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That original church was not organized by men. **It was led by the Holy Ghost.** It wasn't very big. It was hated and despised. It was oppressed. It was persecuted unto death. **But it was true to God. It stayed with the original Word pattern.**



Nicolaitanism

63-1116B INVESTMENTS_ NEW.YORK.NY V-18 N-11 SATURDAY_

- I read in the Bible, that God told John, on the Isle of Patmos, that, "the deeds of the Nicolaitanes," He hated.
- Nikao, "conquer laity," to conquer the laity and put all the holiness in some certain men.
- **Holiness is to all.**
- The Holy Spirit fell upon **the whole group.**
- There is no holy man, anyhow, it's a holy God.
- We don't say "holy church, holy people."
- It's "holy God."
- We're not holy, but He is holy.
- **Not a holy minister; it's the Holy Spirit, He ministers through the minister.**
- **It's not holy men; we're none of us holy.**
- But they seemingly, too many times, are turning down the same opportunity.

Nicolaitanism

63-0714M WHY.CRY.SPEAK_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-26 SUNDAY_

« 182 † But, you know, the faith that Moses had didn't believe in a "so-far" religion. He said, "We're all going. We're going all the way. That's right. We're going to the promised land. We just don't go out here and make a denomination, and stop. We go on through." Amen. "I'm going on to the promised land. God promised us."

183 How many Pharaohs have we got today standing in the pulpit, heads of organizations! "Now, if you just do this and do that, that's all. Well, see, just so far."

But Moses said, "Oh, no! No, no! No, no!" See?

184 Pharaoh said, "Well, why not? If you're going to have that kind of religion, I'll tell you what you do, just you and the elders go worship, see. Just you and the elders go worship. Cause, you all can have that kind of religion, but don't get it among the people."

Nicolaitanism

- Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,
- And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: **now make us a king** to judge us like all the nations.
- **But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king** to judge us.

1 Samuel 8:4-7 (KJV)



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But see what was happening back there. That false vine was getting a hold and **it was teaching that rulership by man was right. It taught that the church had to be governed. It taught a control over the people**, but instead of doing it God's way, they simply took authority and vested all the spiritual power in their own hands and came out with **a holy priesthood standing between God and the people**. They went right back to the old Aaronic system. They became antichrist for they disposed of His mediator-ship and imposed their own. God hated that. The Ephesians hated that and any true believer will hate it too.

We would have to be stone blind not to see that same thing at work all through the ages and right now it is the worst of all. **What it was, was organization. That separated the people. God's people are supposed to be one. By ONE Spirit are they ALL baptized into one body and EVERYONE is to be moved upon by the Holy Ghost and EVERYONE is to participate in the worship of God.** But men wanted the preeminence, so they took **over control**, and bishops became archbishops, and with imposing titles they by-passed the Word of God and taught their own doctrines. They got the people to obey them until the time came that **their way of worship did not in any way at all resemble the early days after Pentecost.** These deeds were the beginning of apostolic succession. From apostolic succession it was one easy and quick step to "church membership" as the means of saving grace. The Word was reduced to a creed. Antichrist by his spirit was predominating the church.

60-1206 THE.SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 185-227
TUESDAY_

« 30 † Now on the 2nd chapter and the 8th verse, we begin tonight.

Now, what did we leave Him on last night? He was certainly... **hated that Nicolaitane**. Is that right? Now what does God do? What we have to have found out first? The revelation of Jesus Christ, who He is and what He is. Now the next great thing, we find out that **He hates anything that'll put anything to rule over His Church besides Himself. He is a jealous God.**

How I'd like to stop, 'cause we just got four verses here, just to quote a little something.

How many can remember when the good prophet, Samuel, when all of Israel wanted to act like the rest of the world? Do you remember that? And the prophet told them, said, "You're wrong!" But they wanted to act like the Philistines, and like the--the rest of them. Well, that's exactly what happened in this very first church age. **It's strange that people don't want God to lead them. They want to follow... they want some man.**

Nicolaitanism

53-0729 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.ON.GENESIS_
JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD WEDNESDAY_

- You know, we sometimes think, 'cause we're a preachers... (Not you and I, I don't say, brother)
- But **preachers think** because they're preachers that **they're somebody bigger than one of the lay members of the church.**
- **You're no bigger, and you're no more in the sight of God than that drunkard that was converted a hour ago.**

Nicolaitanism

- Nicolaitane means, "to conquer the laity".
- Now why is this such a terrible thing?
- It is terrible because God has never placed His church in the hands of an elected leadership which moves with political mindedness.
- **He has placed His church in the care of God-ordained, Spirit-filled, Word-living men who lead the people through feeding them the Word.**
- He has not separated the people into classes so that the masses are led by a holy priesthood. It is true that the leadership must be holy, but then so must be the whole congregation.
- Further, there is no place in the Word where priests or ministers or such mediate between God and the people, nor is there a place where they are separated in their worship of the Lord.
- God wants all to love and serve Him together. **Nicolaitanism destroys those precepts and instead separates the ministers from the people and makes the leaders overlords instead of servants.**

Remember them that have the rule

Feed the flock of God...

...**Neither as being lords**

over God's heritage, but

being ensamples to the

flock

I Peter 5:2-3

Lords: an admonition against **authoritarian or domineering leadership**. The Greek word translated as "lords" is "κατακυριεύοντες" (katakuriouontes), which implies an **overbearing or controlling manner**.



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- Now **this Nicolaitane doctrine, this rule** that was established in the church did not hit it off too well with a lot of the people for they could read the odd epistle or essay on the Word written by some godly person. So what did the church do?
- It excommunicated the righteous teachers and burned the scrolls. They said, "It takes a special education to read and understand the Word. Why even Peter said that many things Paul wrote were hard to understand."
- Having taken away the Word from the people, **it soon came to the people listening only to what the priest had to say, and doing what he told them.**
- They called that God and His holy Word. **They took over the minds and lives of the people and made them the servants of a despotic priesthood.**

Nicolaitanism

- following a man's ideas rather than Christ
i.e. "You can pay for your loved one to escape Purgatory"
- A substitute for a personal relationship with God & the leading of the Holy Ghost
- A formal dead religion
- "trying to take the church where God had **pastors, and the Spirit of God moving by gifts in the Church** of the living God, and, they were having a doctrine start that they were going to have some priests, and bishops, and popes"

Nicolaitanism

- You notice it started a deeds of the Nicolaitanes. After while it become a doctrine. Well, what it is, **they've taken all the Spirit away from the congregation** and made bishops, overseers, popes.
- Put it all in the pulpit, and the pulpit got intellectual. There you got a hybrid church again (See?), under intellectuals. **God send us back to the Holy Ghost amongst the people.**
- **Let the unction of the Spirit move among the people, giving forth messages, and power, and manifestations, if we have to stand on the street corner, or get in a chicken house, or a barn somewhere.**

Nicolaitanism

- All right, "Overthrow or conquer, or take place of the laity."
- In other words, **take all of the sacredness, all of the power from the church**, and put it over on the priests;
- "Let the congregation live the way it wants to, but the priest is the holy one."
- **Taking the Holy Ghost away from the people** with signs and wonders following them, and take that away and give them a holy priesthood.
- **Taking away the Holy Ghost and swapping It for a priesthood.**

Nicolaitanism

- The Nicolaitane bringing in a bunch of men to twist up the Scripture, and make a denomination **that can't let God move in it.**
- **Not one time can I ever glean one thing**, of all the bishops **of the Nicolaitane church** that formed the hierarchy of Rome, the pope; not one time in history have we a record of any of those bishops **ever raising the dead, or anything like that**, because Christ (the resurrection) wasn't in their hearts.

Nicolaitanism

60-1207 THE.PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 229-285 WEDNESDAY_

- « 157 † Now, the word Pergamos means "married." The very word Pergamos means "married." Christianity (that is **the Nicolaitanes side, the formal side**) married to the state, with pagan ceremonies. Pagan ceremonies! And it was the birth of the Catholic church in that day.
- Now, anyone knows that the Catholic church was brought into existence at the Nicene Council. Before there, it was called a "Nicolaitane" by God; which means Nicko--Nicko, "to conquer," overcome or overthrow the laity. And when they did that, **they didn't want the Spirit amongst the people**; and pastors, which means "shepherds," to let the Holy Spirit...

Nicolaitanism

61-0414 BE.NOT.AFRAID.IT.IS.I_ BLOOMINGTON.IL FRIDAY_

« E-8 † I am not one of the believers in the Nicolaitane, taking all of the... **conquer the laity and put it all on the pastor. It's in the laity.** The Holy Spirit just doesn't baptize the pastor; **it baptizes the laity too.** It's all in the laity, and pastor is just one of us.

Means "the shepherd," pastor, which means "the feeder of the flock." The Holy Spirit gives overseer to watch it and control it.

Nicolaitanism

60-1207 THE.PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 229-285 WEDNESDAY_

Can't you see the Nicolaitanes? The hybrid! See it? Don't you see the true spiritual? What was the difference of them? One of them had signs following! The other one had the form, the other one had signs following.

« 230 † That's the same thing that taken place here, the Nicene Council; **Nicolaitanes, formal Christianity**. And the Holy Spirit comes back and said, "You've got the doctrine of Balaam among you." See? "And you... I hate them deeds of the Nicolaitanes, them doctrines that they got, because it's the doctrine of Balaam who taught the children of Israel to stumble."

Nicolaitanism

- You hybrid it with the world, with **the Nicolaitane idea, not let the Holy Ghost have Its way.**
- The word Nicko, the Greek word Nicko means "to conquer, overcome." **Overcome what? The laity, the Holy Spirit. Take out of the church the resurrected Lord Jesus with signs and wonders among the believers,** and put men voted in to be a pope, or a carnal cardinal, or **an overseer trying to take the Holy Ghost away from the laity** and give it to a order called the holy order of men, placing them over the laity; not to call them pastors which means "shepherds," but father; which Jesus said, "Don't you call no man 'father' on this earth."
- You say, "Why, can't the priest be a shepherd?" **What kind of a food is he feeding you? Do you get the same results they had, the Day of Pentecost?**
- Now you just can't have a Nicolaitane set-up in the church and not have this other doctrine *{Balaamism}* come in, too. **You see, if you take away the Word of God and the moving of the Spirit as a means of worship** (they that worship Me must worship Me in Spirit and in truth) **then you will have to give the people another form of worship as a substitute, and substitution spells Balaamism.**

Nicolaitanism

PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.5

- You will recall that I brought out in the Ephesian Age that the word, Nicolaitane, comes from two Greek words: Nikao which means to conquer, and Lao which means the laity. Nicolaitane means, "to conquer the laity". Now why is this such a terrible thing? It is terrible because God has never placed His church in the hands of an elected leadership which moves with political mindedness.
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The Deeds of the Nicolaitanes

60-1205 THE.EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC
131-183 MONDAY_

« 160 † Well, here we'll take it, "When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all in one place, in one accord. And the pastor came down and preached a fine sermon, and say, 'Give me the right hand of fellowship, and we'll put your name on the book.'" That don't sound right, does it? You might get that... You couldn't get that in an almanac, they knowed better than that. The old Ladies Birthday Almanac is more correct than that would be.

Well, what caused that, then? The Nicolaitane bringing in a bunch of men to twist up the Scripture, and make a denomination that can't let God move in it. Dies right there! Then He said here, "You're dead! You got a 'name' you're living, but you're dead!" Many of them, dead, and don't know it.

The Deeds of the Nicolaitanes

60-1209 THE.SARDISEAN.CHURCH.AGE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC
329-372 FRIDAY_

It was quite a large church at the beginning, but they started a denominational spirit coming among them, trying to denominate the Church, which was called "The deeds of the Nicolaitanes." Can you hear me way back? Yeah? All right. "The deeds of the Nicolaitanes." Now, it wasn't a doctrine yet. And then we took the Word and broke it down, what was "deeds," what was "Nicolaitane." That's a foreign name to us, Nicolaitane, so I took the Greek and broke it down. And Nico means "to conquer," or "to overcome," or "overthrow something." Nicolaitane, laitane is the church, "laity." Nicolaitane, a--a deeds that was trying to overthrow the laity, and put all the blessing... and the only one to read the Bible, the only one to give the interpretation, would be the bishop or some great head person of the church.

The Deeds of the Nicolaitanes

60-1205 THE.EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 131-183 MONDAY_

« 212 † Now, Paul's wolves had become "Nicolaitane." They were trying to form a priesthood like the Levitical priesthood, which was foreign to the New Testament doctrine. Amen! The word Nicko, the Greek word Nicko means "to conquer, overcome." Overcome what? **The laity, the Holy Spirit. Take out of the church the resurrected Lord Jesus with signs and wonders among the believers, and put men voted in to be a pope, or a carnal cardinal, or an overseer trying to take the Holy Ghost away from the laity and give it to a order called the holy order of men, placing them over the laity; not to call them pastors which means "shepherds," but father;** which Jesus said, "Don't you call no man 'father' on this earth." See that evil thing? And what did we do?

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- See how it started out in the early church.
- It was called deeds.
- Then it became a doctrine. It became the standard. It became the unbending way.
- It finally took over and God was pushed aside.
- Oh, it started so small, so quietly, so inoffensively. It looked so good. It seemed so sound. Then it caught a hold, and like a python, it squeezed out the very breath and killed all the spirituality there was in the church.
- Oh, that false vine is subtle. It is like an angel of light until it gets a hold on you.
- Now I want to say that I believe in leadership. But it is not the leadership of men I believe in. I believe in the leadership of the Holy Ghost coming through the Word.

- I believe also, that God has set men in the church, men who are gifted by the Spirit; and they will keep the church in order. I believe that.
- I believe also that the church is ruled over by men that God sends to take charge.
- But that rule is BY THE WORD, so that it is not men really ruling but the SPIRIT OF GOD, for the Word and Spirit are ONE.

Paul saw it coming. But he warned them about this subtle priesthood that would come and take over with its false doctrines. **He knew they would implement a way of worship that excluded the people from any part in a Holy Spirit ministry.** And even right today among those who claim to be free and full of the Spirit there is not too much freedom in the laity, and the best we can see is a few preachers with inspired preaching while the flock just sits there and tries to absorb it. **This is a far cry from Paul who said that when all came together, all had the leading of the Spirit, and all participated in Spiritual worship.**

And the church corporate has never learned this lesson from the Scripture nor from history. **Every time God gives a visitation of the Holy Spirit and people get free, after awhile they bind themselves right back to the very thing they came out of.**

- **They set the Word aside,**
- **deny the work of the Spirit of God,**
- **subjugate the laity,**
- **and make it impossible for the laity to worship God**
unless they come through them or through their pattern,
- **which is nothing but a blueprint of unbelief from Satan himself.**

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Remember your leaders, and the consequences of their faith in God.

HEBREWS 13:7

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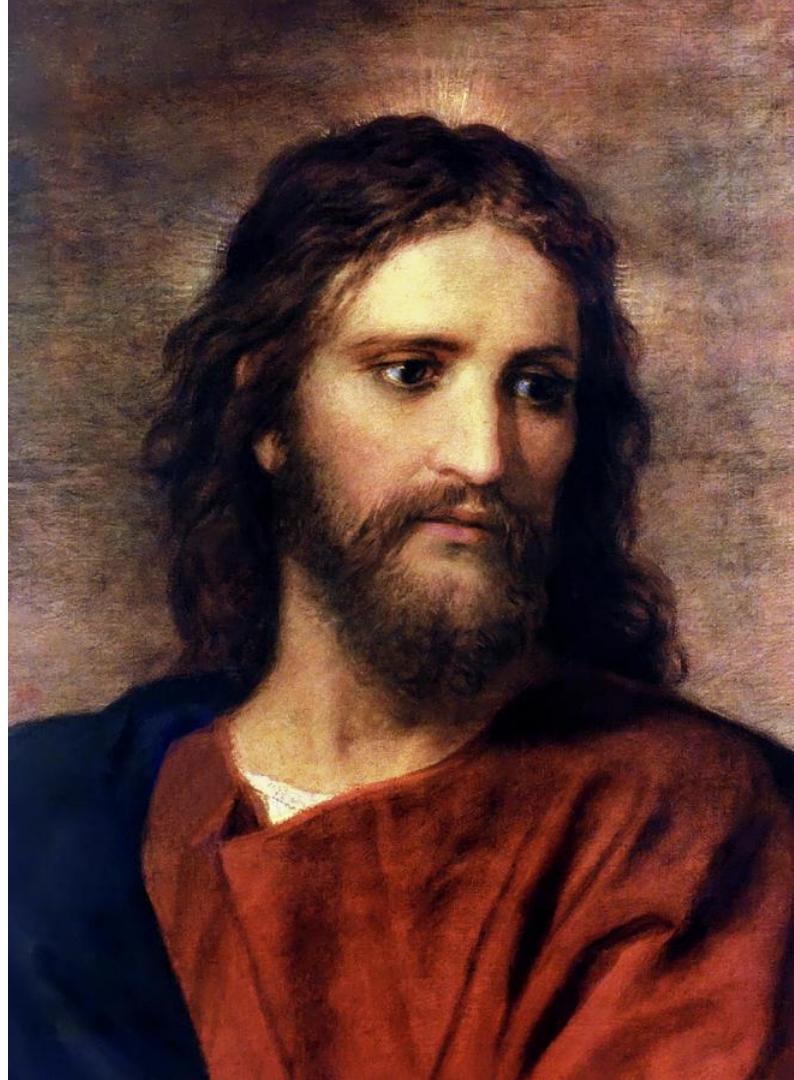
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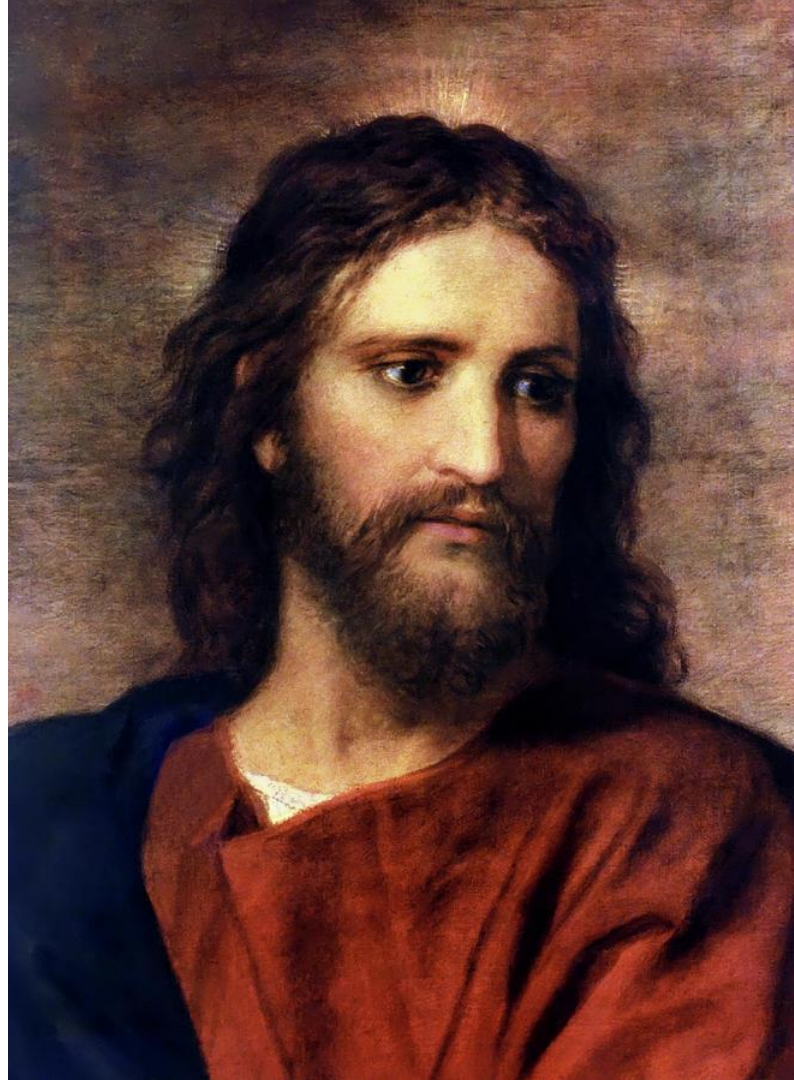


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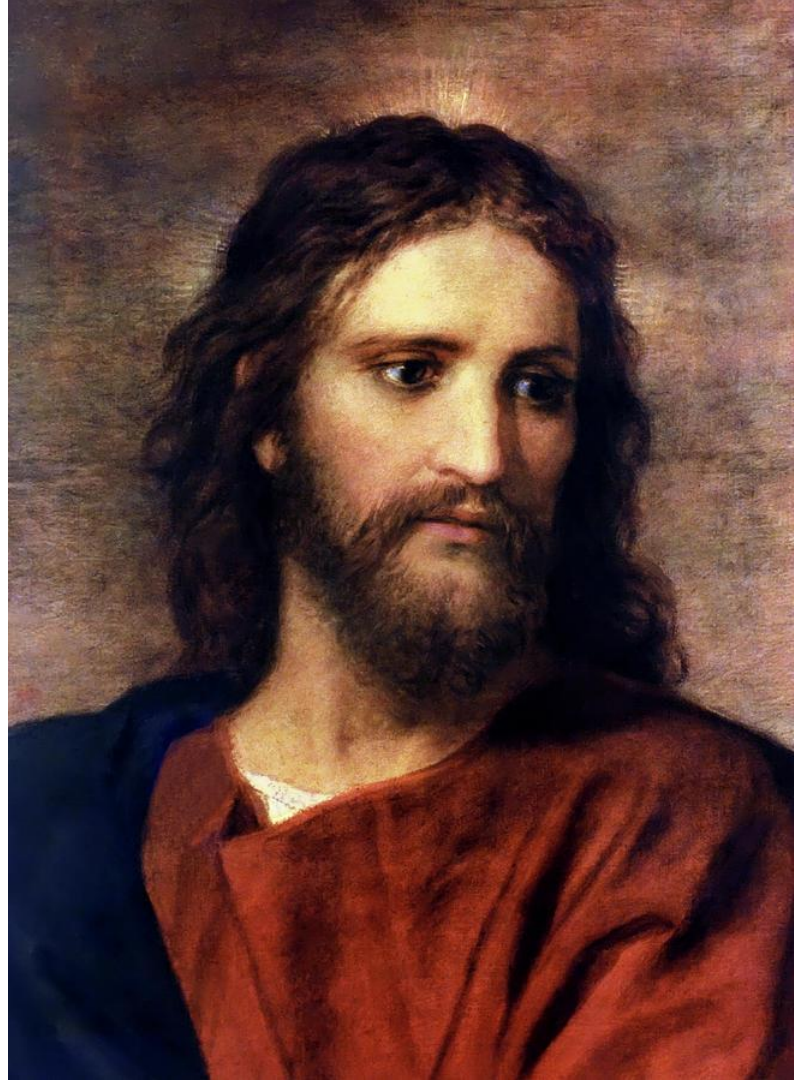
Hebrews 13:8



- He would act the same
- ...if that is the same Spirit here as it was then, it'll manifest the Word like It did then
- There's no difference in Him, at all. He lives in His Church, doing the same thing.

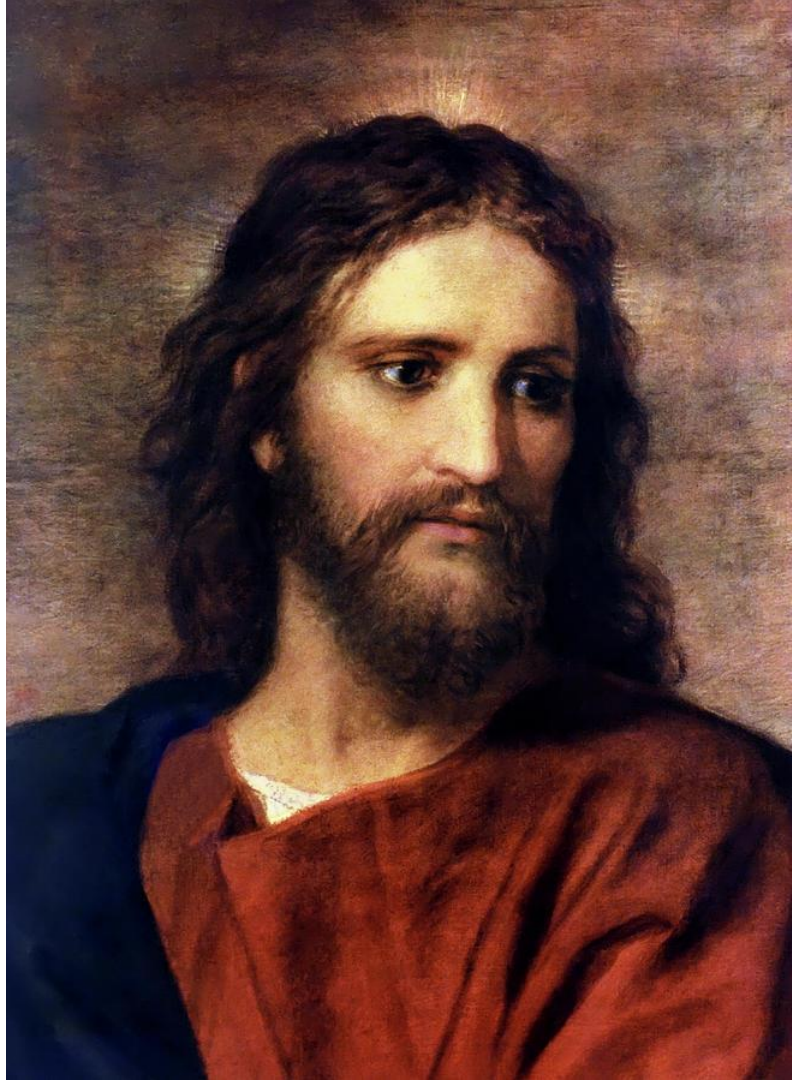


- ...if that is the same Holy Spirit that was in the wilderness with Israel, and also was in Jesus Christ,
- It's now in the Church.
- It does the same works because It's the same Light. See?
- It's the same Spirit.
- If you could just believe that, friend!



« 197 † And, brother, when you try to read of a painted fire of Pentecost, and somebody tries to tell you that the Holy Spirit isn't the same today as it was then, somebody tries to tell you the days of miracles is passed, that Jesus Christ isn't the same yesterday, today, and forever, that they try to tell you, don't you believe it. Them is not pictures. **God Almighty sent that message to you**, that's right, "It's for you, and to your children, to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." **God is still God. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

198 **He is right here**, tonight, to save the lost, to heal the sick, to fill with the Holy Spirit, those who desire to be filled.



Hebrews 13:9-12

» 9 † Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

» 10 † We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

» 11 † For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.

» 12 † Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.