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But He turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, satan: Thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. Matthew 16:23 You have to know who is talking to you at all times. Just a few minutes before this, Peter made the great statement "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus told Peter that His Father had revealed this to him. It takes great discernment to know who is talking. We read in *Hebrews* 4:6 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. It takes no discernment to know that murder, adultery, drunkenness, perversion and so on; is evil. The discernment needed is to know what is of God and what is not. Paul said, "There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world and none of them is without signification." These voices Paul was talking about are all saying something; it may be good, bad or indifferent. We have to be able to discern the voice of the Lord from all other voices. There seems to be so little discernment in the Church: in these last days. I have watched many who have followed things and people that lead them down a dead end street. Some have even lost their faith because of a lack of discernment in the heart. I've heard it said that Christianity is like eating a Snickers, sooner or later you will run into a nut. Jesus said there shall arise false Christ's and false prophets and shall shew great signs and wonders that if it were possible the elect would be deceived. He said false Christ, not antichrist. We know antichrists are all around and the antichrist will soon arrive. But Jesus said false Christ, false prophets. Many have used the Word of God to become rich. famous, powerful, (in their own mind), they have used it for their

own agenda. Because of this, many are tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine. There are three things given to the Church to help her not to be deceived: 1.The Word of God. The Bible is a book of Christ. There are many tributaries (streams) that flow into the river. It reveals Christ and heavens agenda for the human race. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. If we can remember the Bible isn't a book of rules but a book of Life, the Christ Life that would help us from falling into many snares of the devil and man.

2. <u>The Spirit of God</u>. The Holy Spirit was given to empower us first of all to live a Holy and separated life. This Holy Life is the Christ Life. Christ in you hope of glory. The Holy Spirit will not testify of Himself, you or I or

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any other creature but only Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Son of God and Son of man. The Holy Spirit empowers the Church to do what Jesus did. Jesus said, "Greater works will you do." This is not greater in quality but great in quantity. This is because the Church is made up of members from around the globe.

3. The Faith of God. Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not *I*, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which *I* now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me. There was a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water at the pool of Bethesda. Jesus healed one man. He didn't struggle to heal him, Christ just spoke the words, Rise, take up thy bed and walk. With the faith of Christ, the Church can heal every sick man or women that God leads us to. She, the Church, can cast out devils. We can do what God has commanded us to do. It is the faith of God moving us by the Spirit of God to see Christ revealed in us. The Word of God is the anchor that holds us from drifting from Christ.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We thank God for His faithfulness through you. May the Lord keep you and your families in the days ahead.

> In Christ, Pastor Ken Geisendorfer



# Words from the wise...

And now in the light of His revealing we behold Christ, the perfect One, who walked in sinless perfection through the world in His incarnation, waiting to come and enter our hearts, and dwell in us, and walk in us as the very substance of our new life, while we simply abide in Him and walk in His very steps. It is not merely imitating an example, but it is living the very life of another. It is to have the very person of Christ possessing our being – the thoughts of Christ, the desires of Christ, the will of Christ, the faith of Christ, the purity of Christ, the love of Christ, the unselfishness of Christ, the single aim of Christ, the obedience of Christ, the humility of Christ, the submission of Christ, the meekness of Christ, the patience of Christ, the gentleness of Christ, the zeal of Christ – and the works of Christ manifest in our mortal flesh.

### A.B. Simpson

### The Legend of a Raindrop

The legend of the raindrop has a lesson for us all As it trembled in the heavens questioning whether it should fall -For the glistening raindrop argued to the genie of the sky, "I am beautiful and lovely as I sparkle here on high, And hanging here I will become part of the rainbow's hue And I'll shimmer like a diamond for all the world to view"... But the genie told the raindrop, "Do not hesitate to go, For you will be more beautiful if you fall to earth below, For you will sink into the soil and be lost a while from sight. But when you reappear on earth, you'll be looked on with delight; For you will be the raindrop that quenched the thirsty ground And helped the lovely flowers to blossom all around, And in your resurrection you'll appear in queenly clothes With the beauty of the lily and the fragrance of the rose; Then, when you wilt and wither, you'll become part of the earth And make the soil more fertile and give new flowers birth"... For there is nothing ever lost or ETERNALLY NEGLECTED, For EVERYTHING GOD EVER MADE IS ALWAYS **RESURRECTED:** So trust God's all-wise wisdom and doubt the Father never, For in HIS HEAVENLY KINGDOM THERE IS NOTHING LOST FOREVER