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Revelation 21:27 *“And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.”*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I greet each of you with appreciation and thankfulness for your support both in prayer and financial giving during 2021. As reported in our last Miracles & Missions Digest, 2021 was a fruitful year for evangelism in Madagascar. Many new church buildings were constructed and many remote areas evangelized. This accomplished while the main church was limited to frequency of meetings and number of persons allowed in attendance. With thousands in normal attendance being limited to 200 which was discouraging became opportunity to evangelize in remote less populated areas. I realize that most humans think that success in the church is in numbers but God focusses on individual souls, not in mass numbers.

As I was viewing our Miracles & Missions Digest database I was surprised to view all the churches of many different denominations who receive the Digest each mailing. I pondered for a moment on how many are going to go to Heaven. Then the above Scripture came to mind: churches don't go to Heaven, individual humans do who God has penned their name in the Lamb's book of life. Salvation lies in individual actions of a human according to the Word of God, our Holy Bible. Yes, churches are important but more important is what is preached and taught in and presented to the attendees of that church. So, not only the doctrine of the denomination is important but what is presented to the hearers is of vast importance to lead them to salvation according to God's Word! Many places of worship have become no more than social clubs to make individuals feel human love instead of sensing the love of God which makes a sinner and a saint uncomfortable in their sin! Many churches have lost the love of God in their worship services and no longer maintain a sense of the fear of God. I am shocked at the music, the games, and the activities that one time holiness churches stood against but now practice what the carnal churches did years ago in their same programs. It is no longer come out from among them and be ye separate but come as you are and join us in worshipping God. All I can determine for this vast change is “the love of money” which is the root of all evil!!! *“For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”* (1 Timothy 6:10) All you have to do is look at the church building and its furnishings along with the leadership's lifestyle to understand what the motive is behind their programs and fair speeches.

*“But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings **while they feast with you**; Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet. These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.” (2 Peter 2:12-22)*

Brothers and Sister let us all be reminded of how God has elected to sow His Seed. It is not with the talented and prosperity of the ungodly but He has chosen the way man seems never to comprehend or accept but rather chooses to use what the world judges as great as the children of Israel did in electing Saul as their king because of his stature! Did not God choose David an unnoticed shepherd boy? Did not God choose Joseph despised of his brethren? Did not Jesus reveal the poor widow's two mites above all the rich that gave into the temple coffers? *“Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?” (James 2:5)*

“Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church. I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren? But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers. Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” (1 Corinthians 6:3-11)

We will all end up where we are being led! Who leads us will determine what the Lamb of God will expose about our lifestyle on that day we face Him in judgment. A true believer follows the biblical laws and commandments of the Bible and not some talented human who stirs the fleshly emotions for man's praise and/or filthy lucre. If the blind follows the blind they both will end up in the ditch (pit)! Don't follow Brother Jack M. Skinner; follow the Spirit of God no matter how difficult the path becomes for He will lead you safely home.

With love and prayers,

Brother Jack M. Skinner