

# Church: where the human heart is examined and challenged by the Word of God!

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*“And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.” (Luke 16:14-15)*

*“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.” (Mark 7:21-23)*

*“But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7)*

*“And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.” (Acts 13:22)*

*“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil”. (Proverbs 4:23-27)*

*“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)*

Brothers and Sisters if you are saved it is because you have faced the Word of God and felt the love of God (condemnation) in your heart and repented. A challenged mind does not bring salvation to a soul unless it proceeds down into a surrendered heart! A decision within the mind only to become a Christian is not enough to escape hell's flames and the lake of fire at the end of time! Unless the Sword of the Spirit cuts deep into the sinful heart and makes a soul convicted of their current sinful standing with God, that soul's destination remains on the pathway to hell. Unless the Word of God exposes sin in the heart there will be no salvation!!

Attending a gathering without anointed preaching of the Holy Bible (not emotional shouting and human contortions) the Spirit has not the proper weapon to use to convict a sinful human of their sinful heart and offer freedom through sorrowful repentance. *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”(Romans 10:9-10)* The Word of God needs to be present to reach into the depths of the human heart! Man has contrived to use every other avenue to bring a human to an emotional stir rather than preaching against sin and its consequences of eternal separation from God because as the Pharisees, who were covetous, they are not converted themselves but only practice religion for the benefit of praise of men or monetary gain. The Bible is a history of mankind building a religious structure upon the carnal mind rather than upon a cleansed evil heart! The Bible declares the downfall of Judas: *“This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.” (John 12:6)* Judas was in the right Church but failed to keep his heart in right standing with the Creator and Judge of all the earth. *“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Put away from thee a .....”*

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personally and follow it up with our Miracles & Missions Digest. Once inside those gated communities then resides the most powerful earthly tool God has established to free any human heart from the bondage of sin. Many Bibles have been discarded by the recipient only to be found by another prisoner who is cut to heart by the message of God's great love and provision for every human soul. Every testimony printed in Miracles & Missions Digest is a testimony to each of you who has provided the prayer support and finances to place these Bibles in almost every state where they are requested and allowed. International Bible Association also recognizes every worker who personally goes into those gated communities and uses the Sword of the Spirit under the anointing of God's Love. The true Church of God has many members and all have their part in continuing what Jesus did when upon earth; to seek and minister to those in need mostly outside the walls of the established house of God because of its leadership and control of their constituents. *"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."* (Hebrews 10:22-25) Thank you for your being part of the true Church of God and keeping your heart right with Him through repentance. Yes, Brother Skinner has to repent of his attitude, his failure to forgive, his failure to share God's love at times, and especially his failure to pray more earnestly as difficult times emerge. Please never forget: ..... *God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.*

#### **An eyewitness to behind the bars of poverty in Madagascar: Penned August 2020**

As I was reading your article this morning I was taken back in memory of the time I was there with those precious people. One thing that keeps going through my head is "Little is much when God is in it". They have so little when you see with the naked eye. I saw cripple beggars in the streets, I saw little kids with even littler kids on their back rummaging through garbage to find the next meal. It would just break my heart to see such things because I never have witnessed that in my life. Tho they have so little I was at awe when I saw and heard how long these people would travel on foot or bus just to make it to a service. To see them flood in and sit on their little wooden benches or pray on their knees on concrete floors for hours. These people are a blessed people you can just tell the love they have for God. Tho they may have so little they have so much in God and it shows!!



*"The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them."* (Matthew 11:5)