

EKKLESIA 10: ISAIAH 43:18-19 WE SHOULD DECONSTRUCT TO RECONSTRUCT

Isaiah 43:18-19 – WHO DOESN'T WANT THAT – GETTING THERE REQUIRES CHANGE

- **Israel had to** deconstruct the old method to reconstruct into the new thing

Deconstruction trendiest term in pop Christian GOOD TERM HIJACKED Pejorative

TODAY DECONSTRUCTION: Systematic evaluation & dismantling of one's beliefs.

XIAN celebs Joshua Harris, Kevin Max – changing belief so radically doesn't resemble bbl

- **Christianity can hold up under the scrutiny – HAS 2000 years**

John 6:68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

- There is a healthy deconstruction and reconstruction

To deconstruct means to examine the original premise and identify current practices that obstruct its fulfillment in order to reconstruct a new solution that corresponds more faithfully to the original.

MP: Examine the church based on what Jesus established and make any necessary changes in order to be fully pleasing to Him in every way.

Jesus on Sabbath: twisted by tradition – added laws didn't resemble. Deconstructed their tradition / reconstructed purpose. Man is not made for the Sabbath – the Sabbath is made for man. Identified Himself as the fulfilment of Sabb. They murdered Him.

Protestant Reformation: Catholic monk named Martin Luther revelation that the Bible didn't teach salvation through works/religious efforts – **the just shall live by faith.**

Revelation led him to realize that the catholic church not preaching the true gospel – created traditions unbiblical – **restored church only faith Jesus – only Scripture**

Jesus Movement: people group that God wanted to reach but the church current state current methods couldn't. Raised Chuck Smith who was willing to change methods of ministering to people. Worship with Modern Music, ordaining pastors not professionally trained – **Attacked religious establishment as a revolutionary**

WHY ARE PEOPLE UNRECEPTIVE TO GOOD CHANGE

Fear. False idea change isn't good or implies something wrong new thing is bad bc new

- **Not all change is good** – Biblical Principles: Nature of God – deity of christ – atonement – communion saints - Prescriptions Matter of Fact: comm/bap/bible
 - o Fear loss – fear unknown – fear response of others – fear truth

False Framework. Used to Us vs Them Mentality – we right they are wrong

- Everyone else needs to change not us. Too prideful to change

Familiarity. I like it this way. We have always done it like this

- We connect our communion with God to things that are non-essential

PROCESS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT CLARIFIES OUR MISSION

Always asking: What am I doing this for and why am I doing it like this?

Asking ? signifies an honest reappraisal, critically evaluating the various elements of your faith rather than settling for an unreflective approach to God. **CHURCHES FILLED**

- If you're not thinking in these terms, you can become a **religious robot**.
 - o present don't know why / don't get anything / hope **coming counts ??**
- WHAT – **Rescued** I love Him – **Seeking** I have questions
- WHY – Follow Prescriptions Scrip / Maximize methods to reach our context

KEEPS US PREPARED TO RECEIVE THE NEXT NEW WORK OF GOD'S SPIRIT

There is a reason Jesus never healed the blind the same way twice (**made mud**)

- **MET EACH PERSON WAY THEY NEED / RITUALISM (SPIT+MUD=HEALING)**

Every generation must be led by God in how they bring the unchanging good news to the ever-changing context He has placed them in.

- **Calvary roots revolutionary roots – PC NEW WINE/OLD WS – 80's**

Religious systems get so set that to restore them is next to impossible. When God desires to do a new work He usually moves outside of the boundaries of the established religious system because they can't handle the new wine. God wanted so save a bunch of hippies old systems couldn't handle long haired barefooted kids. God raised up a new work. This is where my prayer is God keep us flexible – I don't want to get into a rut a pattern or routine. That we would say, this is the way we have done it, well this is the way Chuck did it. I really don't want that. I want to stay flexible to move as God's Spirit moves. Blessed are the flexible they shall not be broken..

HELPS US REMEMBER WHO WE ARE FOLLOWING

A Ritualistic approach following man and his methods instead Jesus – **give you a comfortable and safe religious life – “something disciples never had”**

Jesus didn't die to make your life safe, he died to make your life saved.

Peter had to get out of the boat – James and John had to walk away from business – Matthew leave his wealth – Mary mother of Jesus watch her son be crucified – Paul and Barnabas set out unknown plant churches – the apostles had to die as martyrs – Nicodemus suffer loss prestige took Christ's body down cross – Lazarus die twice – John Baptist reframe messianic expectations

Matthew 16:24 “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

The box that you put Jesus will become the very thing keeps you from the new outpouring of His Spirit He desires to bring.

- o Your safe religious life will be a spiritually dead religious life.

Lucy on meeting Aslan *I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion.* ” “Is he quite safe?”– Mr. Beaver “Safe? Who said anything about safe? Of course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King.”
Dead lake