

The Mustard Seed Advent

The Will and the Passion: the Spirit of Christ

23-Apr-07

Jeannie,

Fairness demands that if you are to refute, impeach, or challenge the teachings of a brother, you do so from a forum which gives him an opportunity to reply. Since both the Davidian@yahoo and the SDAD forums have blocked my E-mails, then your advance of the below comments, though you may not even realize it, is a species of deception. Your attack is a dishonestly effort to exploit the seemingly defenseless. Although the Lord has given the MSC the ability to continue to trumpet His cause and to defend His light, it cannot be certain, with each E-mail and each day, whether or not the message will reach all the ears which you seek to influence. You wrote the following:

*"The first time I ever heard of the so-called "Christ Spirit" is from DW. Recently, I finally finished James Tabor's book *Why Waco?* In it, he claims that David Koresh also spoke of "the Christ Spirit" -- apparently "resting on" himself (DK). Alas! [Though I have not yet verified that Tabor's understanding of DK's teaching is accurate. Many writers get it wrong. But perhaps if DK had been more plain-speaking, he would not have been so "misunderstood." Ditto DW. Or perhaps they want/ed to be "mysterious" so that they can't be called into accounts. Again, alas.]"*

"Anyway, does anyone know where this teaching came from? From a Google search, it appears that there are a lot of spiritualistic groups (including Edgar Cayce) that use the term "the Christ Spirit." Yet again, alas."

You desire to know where this concept, 'the Spirit of Christ' comes from, and proclaim that you did a Google search to determine where. I must first ask you, have you ever heard of the Bible? Instead of reading "James Tabor", maybe you should try reading a perfectly reliable document, the Word of the God whom you so obviously feign to worship! When you do so, you must clear your head of all preconceptions; for if you have not done so in the past, then you really have not read it in a way which the Lord commands, 'with all your heart, soul, and **MIND**' —Matt 22: 37. This means you must understand that the Lord speaks using words that are not limited to one meaning, for example, consider the word which you claim to be confused over, "spirit". This term does not always denote an independent personality, an active being who is without flesh, a ghost. It can often be used to describe the will, the passion, and the orientation of a person, the spirit, and has been thusly deployed in the Bible on occasion. Thus do we often refer to strong drinks as "spirit". They are not ghost in bottles; rather, they are substances which alter our state of mind. For this reason Christians are commanded to abstain from such substances by Christ: *"Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares"* —see Luke 21:34. The Lord's precautionary command describes a man's state of mind, his spirit. He clearly explains that if any of His disciples, people who professedly are driven to serve Him and honor His desires and yearnings, become re-oriented or dis-oriented by drunkenness, wrong-mindedness, then they will be lost. Such is a departure from the path which the feet of the Lord has mapped out for His people; thus, has He raised His *Mustard Seed*, to show His inebriated disciples the correct way home. They are commanded to behold his feet: —Nahum 1:15. Our intoxication may not be due to the consumption of liquid spirits or strong drinks; to the contrary, Davidia has become drunken by the consumption of false doctrines, by surfeiting or the over indulgence of appetite, by the consumption of non Biblical doctrines. In this way they have, like staggering, bar-stumping drunkards, lost their way. They need the *Mustard Seed*, the feet of the Lord, to guide them. Their loss came because, in effect, they dropped the mission of Christ; they abandoned His will and embraced that of the world. They need the Spirit of Christ; they need

The Mustard Seed Advent

His testimony to guide them. Proof of this is that many groups will, without any Bible evidence what-so-ever, define the “*Mark of the Beast*”; they will judge their brethren who do not speak ancient Hebrew; they will promote the doctrines of the *female holy spirit*, etc. Time will not allow for me to list all of her idols, her false systems of defining and worshipping God.

Before I further expound upon this issue so as to answer your first question, I must interject some questions of my own: Why do you insist on completely misrepresenting the message of the MSC? Is it not because of your own surfeiting and drunkenness, your love for non-biblical doctrines. When the MSC, through the power of the Holy Spirit, resoundingly defeated your beloved, pet doctrine and the *Branch*'s false teaching of the *female holy spirit*, when it exposed that doctrine as a beguiling spirit and silenced all of its advocating *Branch* professors of intoxicology, it did so by accurately representing your words, your teaching, and your theme, and it did so with complete Bible integrity. It did not, in Satanic fashion, twist the clear meanings expressed by you and your leaders. Furthermore, I know that you desire to arouse prejudice against the message of the Lord; but all must be reminded that there is no parallel between the MSC and David Koresh (DK). Thus, you show great deception in that regard as well. Therefore, I must pose even another question: Why does DK, who, before his death, was a former fellow member of your current affiliation, the *Branch*, your spiritual drinking partner, appear to be the only religious leader which you can recall to compare my work? Could it be because your current doctrines have so thoroughly benumbed your senses and induced such a drunken stupor that your clouded vision is now limited to only men who have staggered and fallen into the *Branch* gutter? If you genuinely desire to make a comparison to the MSC, then you must again open your Bible and your history books to see those who reflect its traits and its spirit such as the trait exalting the *Righteousness of Christ*, and that of *great fidelity to the Word*, the trait of *small movements defying convention and defeating giants*, also the trait of a *deep and abiding love for the Testimony of Jesus*, and many others. Men such as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, Elijah, Elisha, Zerubbabel, Jesus, Paul, Luther, EGW, VTH, etc give a more accurate comparison. A truly honest person would give recognition to that fact. A deceiver, one who tries to denigrate the work of the Lord, would focus on the losers in Bible history like DK. You must, at once get your mind out of the proverbial gutter; you must stop your feeding frenzy on the devil's trash heap and become a Champion for Christ. Then, being gripped with the spirit of honesty, you can read the MSC's literature and its E-mails so that you can, with a renewed spirit, the Spirit of Christ, can accurately represent its doctrine.

By the way the MSC is now desperately seeking to interrupt its busy schedule to finish its work on the question of Ancient Hebrew in a modern tongue. All who are willing to let the Lord define righteousness by His word and who are willing to trust Him, not man, to define for His children those things which truly are offensive to Him should be on the lookout for a paper to show that the KJV's way to address the Lord, God, Jesus, and Christ is completely acceptable and appropriate. This paper will expose those who base their theology on an apparent zeal to be unique and different, those who seek to be novel and super spiritual by altering the language in which they pray to the Lord, that they know not to whom they are praying. It will also show that such men greatly offend God in their idolatry, their non-biblical worship of Him.

Back to your original question: the reference in which the MSC uses the term, “Spirit of Christ” does not come from the heads of deceivers like Lois Roden, your dark shadow of inspiration, nor from any other contemporary *Branch* enthusiast like the late DK; instead it comes directly from the Bible, a source in which Davidians use to respect until the advent of the Rodens. Paul carefully explains that for one to live by the Spirit means that he must adopt a certain mentality or a state of mind. He says,

*“That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do *** MIND*** the things of the flesh: but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally*

The Mustard Seed Advent

*****MINDED*** is death: but to be spiritually *****MINDED*** is life and peace. Because the carnal *****MIND*** is enmity against God for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit: if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you...now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his ...**” —Rom 8: 4-8****

Clearly, Paul, and the MSC’s use of his work is not referring to a ghost within a man but a way in which a man chooses to think. Many of the honest people who read my latest E-mail, *The Glorious Hidden Gospel*, saw this concept very clearly and expressed as much directly to me without my prompting. They did not seek to pretentiously feign as if this was some confusing doctrine describing a ghost. They distinguished between the “Spirit of God” and what Paul meant when he described the “Spirit of Christ”. They recognized that which Paul continued to say in the very next verse, “...**But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit: if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you...now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his**” — Rom 8:9. Paul here identifies five individual personalities in his counsel:

They are as follows: (1) the righteous who are identified as “us”, (2) the condemned who are identified as “carnally minded”, (3) God the Father who is identified as the law giver which we are to subject ourselves, (4), The Holy Spirit who is identified as a being who will dwell within us(5) and Christ whose spirit (different meaning) we are to have.

Paul also identifies seven qualities which men can receive, qualities which are not ghost nor personalities but mental frames of mind:

They are as follows: (1) walking after the spirit or being spiritually minded. (2) walking after the flesh or being carnally minded (3) death which results from the carnal mind. (4) Life and peace which results from the spiritual mind. (5) enmity against God, which results from the carnal mind. (6) subjection to the law of God which results from the spiritual mind. (7) All of the above saving qualities such as spiritual mindedness, everlasting life, peace mindedness, subjugation to the law of God are each mental and eventually literal qualities which are neatly summed up with one key phrase, “the Spirit of Christ.”

This key phrase, the Spirit of Christ, by your own confession is unfamiliar to you, and considering the range of the non-biblical and false doctrines which you openly teach and embrace and your carnal approach to the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus, along with your self-professed ignorance about the “Spirit of Christ” makes your confession quite believable. Paul’s statement is clear: to be eternally lost is to be carnally minded, to have enmity against the Law, to walk after the flesh. These qualities he says makes you “none of His (Christ’s)”. And since, according to his testimony, to receive eternal life requires that one be “spiritually minded”, then such must be a synonym for “having the spirit of Christ”. In that same text, he describes the Spirit of God, and the MSC recognizes that to be a reference to, and a description of, the Comforter, a discussion which we can have more fully in the future. For now, it must be made clear that Christ affirmed this very same thesis which Paul and the MSC champions: the teaching that to have the spirit of Christ means to adopt His way of thinking. When the Lord issued His formula for receiving eternal life, He, Christ, gave a commandment, which corroborates Paul’s very theme as stated above. Christ showed that it is our minds, our theories of eternal life, which must be entirely predicated upon —not highly extrapolative quotes from EGW or VTH, nor any other “partial prophecies” but — the Bible. This commandment excludes, current conspiracy theories about the *Mark of the Beast*; it excludes theories from scientists who seek to define how men spoke 3000 years ago; it excludes doctrines from IRS tax dodgers; it excludes non Biblical statements about the “heavenly family” etc. Christ said, “**Search the Scriptures for in them ye THINK ye have eternal life, and they are they which testifieth of me**” —John 5: 39. Thinking is a mental process which we are commanded to control. Thus, all three parties, Paul, Christ, and the MSC are each telling you that you must adopt the “Spirit of Christ”, you must adjust your way of thinking (your mind) to match His way of

The Mustard Seed Advent

thinking; you must base your entire life upon the Word of God. This was the mind, the Spirit which Christ had. It was that which He recommends to us. In fact Christ proclaimed on several occasions that He entirely subjected His will to that of the Father—such is a mind action and not the function of a ghost personality within a man. Will power has always been considered a mental function, one which intoxicating spirits, whether from liquor or from false doctrines, seeks to blunt or to nullify. Also, all qualities such as knowledge, teaching, speaking are all functions of the mind. To do the Father's will, to abide by His teachings, to know His truths, and to proclaim His light are the incessant and consuming passion of Christ. This is His spirituality, His frame of mind which all of the redeemed must adopt. We do not have to be like God; we merely have to be like Christ and love Him entirely.

- **“And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father, which art in Heaven...Thy kingdom come, thy ***WILL*** be done.”** —Luke 11:2
- **“For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say and what I should speak...whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.”** —John: 12: 49-50
- **“When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye ***KNOW*** that I am and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath ***TAUGHT*** me, I speak these things”** —John 8: 28.
- **“These words spake Jesus and lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, “I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world...Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me...”** —John 17: 1-8

According to these above references and many more which have been listed in the past, do any dare doubt that the concept of the “Spirit of Christ” is one that is speaking exclusively of His manner of thinking, His mentality (mind), His will, His passion to fully abide by the Words and the will of the Father? Is not this exactly what Paul was speaking of when he said, **“let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus”** —Phil 2:5. How else could humanity be required to take upon themselves the mind of Christ. Clearly, this was not that which David Koresh taught or practiced, but it is what Satan would like for us to believe he taught. Thus does he use people such as you, Jeannie, people who have joined him to fight Christ and the Lord's *Mustard Seed* and who seek to twist the very words of Bible righteousness so as to deny the Kingdom to others. He uses people who voluntarily surrender to his anti-Christ zeal to falsify. Such are not joining the family of God as you pretend; instead, they have united with another family, with their **“father the devil and the lust of (their) father they will do...When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it.”**—John 8:44

I know that theological defeat stings. It is painful for the proud human heart to soften and to be made to realize that they have fallen victim to the enemy's sophistries. Such an exposure of our sins proves to the world that we have not been the worthy vessels of Christ, that we have misrepresented ourselves to be His disciples, and that we fear others will see our nakedness. Such fears of humiliation do not vex the true disciples for they do not seek to proclaim their own worthiness, having the Spirit of the Lord, they proclaim the *Righteousness of Christ*. But defeat, indeed the defeat of the heretical female holy spirit doctrine, has come by the Word of God, the Sword of the Spirit., Eph 6:17; therefore, the Lord requires you to humbly abandon your false doctrines, swallow your pride, cease from your drunken stagger so that you may receive his cure. You may behold the feet of him that publisheth peace. His Bible-enlightened path, his straight testimony will lead you to victory in the Kingdom. This is a better resolution than the path which you now follow, the path of pride and cohortion with the “father of lies”, the path of the carnally minded. Instead, look unto Christ; carefully examine the sting which He suffered on Calvary and —being innocent—the humiliation He endured before Heaven, earth, and hell. How dare any be so sensitive about their human pride so as to fear the reproach of men when the

The Mustard Seed Advent

Lord willingly offered Himself with far greater humiliation than could ever be heaped upon us? When you see the great blows to the ego which Christ suffered, then your own sensitivities will begin to pale in comparison. If, then, the Lord could sacrifice His pride so as to advance His Father's Kingdom, then why cannot we be expected to do the same; why cannot we be expected to conduct ourselves with the "Spirit of Christ". Such indeed is His mind, His thinking.

Yet, to forestall more intentional or mock confusion —those who refuse to investigate are purposefully confused— it should be said that the "Spirit of Christ" is different than the Comforter. The Comforter is a real person and not a frame of mind. He is commissioned to remind us today of the Testimony of Jesus which was given when Christ rested invisibly upon Him. By so reminding us, we are afforded the opportunity to receive the mind of Christ because He will remind us of the themes which Christ advocated. This change of heart and mind is what saves humanity. Many lessons from the Bible can be cited to show how some men have enjoyed the abiding presence of the Comforter; yet, they turned from Him and became lost. Such is actually what we are witnessing today as Davidia turns from the Lord's Mustard Seed. But everyone who receives the "Spirit of Christ", everyone whose thinking is transformed to comply with His passions is guaranteed to live forever. Thus, let us stop being manufacturers of confusion and embrace the Lord, His way, His truth, and His life, for no man can come unto the Father except by Him.

Sincerely yours to walk not after the flesh but the spirit.

Derek