



The Error of the Ages

What is the greatest mistake man has made and continues to make? I'm asking about the Christian man. The greatest mistake man has made and continues to make centers on his blatant helplessness. He refuses God's help in time of need; he refuses to recognize God for Who He is and Where He lives.

(1 Cor 3:16) Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Don't you know? Most people do not! Paul said, "Know ye not." I say, "No, most people don't know." Now, do you get



it? Most people don't know that **THEY ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD!** The living God dwells within them and they don't even know it. Oh, I know. Some of you will say, "Yes, I do know this." Well, if you do, *you are like the poor lady who had inherited a million dollars* and didn't even know it. Her mind couldn't grasp the enormity of it. She was insane. She had a million dollars, but never got to use it except for basic life maintenance expenses, and someone else saw

to that. How sad!

But, how sad that we don't know that we are God's temple. It's worth far more than a million dollars too. Have you ever heard the expression, "you can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy"? Do you know what this means? It means that, no matter how hard you try to change someone, you can't change him or her. The person has to change him or her. I can tell you all day long that you are the Living God's Temple, but until you embrace it, and start living like it, you'll never really realize it. It comes down to what's in your mind.

I heard a story about an

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Indian family on the Cherokee reservation long ago. Oil had been found on their land and, instantly, they were wealthy beyond means. Heretofore, they had lived in poverty, squalor almost. Now, they could live like kings, but what happened? Well, someone talked them into building a house fit for a king, and what a beauty it was. After their beautiful new home had been built, do you know what they did? They admired the beauty of their new home, but continued to live in their old, sod shack. Isn't that amazing?

We are just like that. ***Our bodies are the Temple of the Living God, yet we live in poverty,*** not really caring for ourselves, asking for help when needed, and relying solely on the God of our lives. We may know that we are God's temple, and we may even be proud of it. But most

of us NEVER take advantage of this ever-present reality – to proclaim dominion over every living thing and condition. Our error is we never avail ourselves of the power that belongs to us, that truly is ours. Don't you think that it's time to start acting like we live in God's most beautiful temple? Why not? Why not start claiming what is yours? The prophets of old look forward to the day when they would be relieved of their old sod shack.

(Isa 51:11) Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

What a beautiful hope this was. God's people of old dreamed, yearned, and quested after the day when they would be able

to live with everlasting joy. *If you entered into God's Temple on this very day, what would you experience?* I'd say it would be nothing short of everlasting joy and everlasting gladness. Well, your body is God's Temple and you DO live in it. Your mind dwells within it; your soul dwells within it, and your gift of holy spirit dwells within it. Can you ever get more "in it" than that??

Jesus came to make men, "sons of God."

(John 1:12) But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

What great benefit befalls the man who so chooses this enamored God?

(John 16:23-24) And in that
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day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. {24} Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

One great benefit is that our joy may be full. God lives within you; you are God's Temple; everlasting goodness and joy echoes throughout the halls of your frame. You are fully equipped to receive every good request from your Father God for one reason, one purpose: That your joy may be full. You have but to ask the Father in the name of Jesus Christ! Now, do you realize why I called it the Error of the Ages? We, all of us, have been completely stupid in not realizing and accepting this truth of our Living God's Temple abode.

Instead of turning to the world and all of its material abundance, turn to your resident God within, shout in Christ's name throughout the glorious halls of your Godly residence, asking HIM to satisfy your every need, and you will successfully embattle and subdue that great, man-made error of the ages. Your joy shall be full!

If you are ever going to move ahead, truly ahead, in this life, you must move into the great realm of divine intelligence – God's Word! There is where you

will find access to everything Godly and everything good.

(1 Cor 2:9-10) But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. {10} But God hath revealed them

unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Act like you live in the Temple of the Living God. Walk like you live in the Temple of the Living God. Talk like you live in the Temple of the Living God. Dream like you live in the Temple of the Living God. Work like you live in the Temple of the Living God. Love like you live in the Temple of the Living God. Have joy and gladness like you live in the Temple of the Living God. Then, you know what? You will be living life to the fullest, the most abundant life possible. It can be no fault but your own to deny self this simple, yet manifold pleasure. Deny it no more. Take hold of the keys to your new life today. Commit this grave error no more!

Much love in Christ,
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