

Preacher's Pen
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"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many,"
(Matthew 24:4-5)

"The Face Of Christianity"

This is how the head of the Roman Catholic Church, during his recent visit to the White House was described to the world during an interview with a reporter from Fox.

With no personal disrespect intended, he is not my face. And frankly, I find it quite presumptuous and even insulting that such an assertion would be made on behalf of many who have made a conscious decision to NOT be under this man's rule.

But, alas, so goes life. Let it be understood that although I must acknowledge that his visit is the catalyst for the subject, neither this article nor the related sermon this morning is directed at any particular individual or religious group. As you know, I make it a habit to never "target" any individual or group or issue. In fact, there are many religious groups and their followers who have fallen victim to what Jesus taught (see above reference) would happen after he ascended to His place at the right of the Father.

Yet part of the responsibility of a Bible preacher is to take opportunity to insure that those gathered to worship are informed as to what the Bible teaches concerning various topics common to most or all faithful New Testament Christians as well as to those who would like to be.

To close then this article and introduce the theme of study, I shall point out that I am NEITHER Catholic nor Protestant. (having never been Catholic I have nothing to protest) And, neither am I affiliated with the group that is known as "Evangelicals". Nor am I a part of any denomination or religious movement. Neither would the term "non-denominational" (as has come to be used) describe my doctrines or religious "affiliation".

My "face" is instead and prayerfully, best described by the love that my Lord has for me and all humanity. Do I fall short? I cannot claim perfection. But, ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE, the Head of the Church to which God adds those who will obey the Gospel of His Son is His Son – no one else.

Consequently it would appear that any Church that has a different head is a different Church than the one established by the Son of God for no natural body can have more than one head.

Again, I intend no disrespect. But, again, I desire only to make it known that what was said to the world does not reflect my view NOR my affiliation. Let the record be corrected. Let the world know instead that my doctrine is truth as given by the Spirit of God in the in sixty-six books of the Bible. This is the sum total. Let no man add to nor take from these things.

In Christian Love and Service,
Lyndal