

The New Testament Raw

If you thought Christianity was all joy and laughter allow me to burst that bubble.

True Christianity is NOT Joel Osteen and Rick Warren.



Let me give you the RAW unedited version of our beloved New Testament that is not refined.

Birthed by a man named John the Baptist who appeared like a cave man in the water and rebuked the religious of his day with his unorthodox baptizing into the water. He was jailed for calling out the sin of his king and later beheaded in prison.

Not a good start.

Jesus our Christ never sinned yet was sentenced to death, placed on a cross next to two criminals atop a dump site, after being beaten and mocked by the government and the religious of His day. During which His disciples fled, the leader of the group denied Him three times and Judas hung himself because he betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

So far not very upbeat.



Remember Stephen worked in the kitchen and was stoned to death for preaching in public as the early Church met in houses for fear and the Apostles were jailed, beaten and told not to preach in that Name.

10 of the Apostles were killed for their faith in various ways and John was boiled in oil and sent to an island to die. Where was this 'abundant life' and 'prosperity' lifestyle we hear about today?



Paul was persecuted and exhorted those same Churches he started from a prison cell to live holy. Most of the Epistles were written from a prison s Paul wrote of his chains often for preaching. And for the early Church they scurried underground or they too would be arrested, beaten and fed to lions as a sport. What do ministers today know about sitting in a jail cell for their faith? Most clergy who are arrested today robbed from the Church they served or have sex with someone inside their Church but rarely is one jailed for preaching the Word of God. Where the scriptures exhort us to remember those in prison, it is

not just to minister to the criminal, but not to forget those saints behind those bars for the sake of the Gospel.



Compare that with today's TV evangelist, who wishes to bless you with happiness and positive message or have a worship service that promotes a loud beat than righteous words and is there any wonder we have so many 'lukewarm' believers today.



Also within these churches Paul started we find false teaches and leaven being taught in an early stage, how much more today? In Revelation chapters 2 and 3 we find Jesus speaking to seven actual Churches in Asia and FIVE of those Churches were told to 'repent' as He threaten to remove their light for their works and heresy. How much more wicked are those works and heresy some 2,000 years later?



So the million dollar question for you today is, what Church do you fellowship with, one liken to the early Church or one that will tickle your ears. Think Paul walked into a Church wearing an Yves Saint Laurent suit and a pair of Testoni shoes. Think Paul strolled up to a pulpit looking cool with gold around his neck, ear rings and a smile, then after the service taking the younger girls out for dinner at a fancy restaurant in his brand new BMW?

Face it if the Apostle Paul was scheduled to speak at your Church you might get a back up speaker because he might be sitting in jail on Sunday for preaching the day before in public. And I'm sure he walked in with a limp, cuts bruises and dried blood stains on his clothes and those feet were filthy. Also if you feed and invited him into your house, YOU may get you home burnt to the ground or your family beaten, so count the cost to associate with such.



When reading this New Testament one can read more on suffering and persecution than prosperity, in fact Christianity today is noting more than a piece of jewelry as they wish to be liked by a dying world. Unlike what Paul writes that we are “defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day. By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers”

And the modern Christian wishes to be non offensive to the world, where as true Christianity is to be hated and persecuted by the world because we do testify that it is evil as per John 7:7.

**ANYONE CAN GO TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY BUT
NOT EVERYONE OBEYS THE BIBLE!
THE BIBLE IS NOT JUST A BOOK WITH NICE
STORIES BUT A HOLY BOOK INSPIRED BY GOD
TO MOVE THE READER TO A HOLY LIVING.**

TASTE IT AND SEE.

