Are You Spiritual?

Everyone sure seems to consider themselves ‘spiritual’ these days!

**People seem to base their spirituality on…**

* Their own spirit / spirit of man?
* Their feelings / emotions / their ‘heart’?
* Those unknown spirits ‘that must be out there’
* Their pastor’s guidance/words, etc.?
* The leadership of their denomination?
* Their education / knowledge?
* Their college / bible institute?
* Their professors / pastoral teacher, etc.?
* Their ‘age’ – a supposedly developed wisdom / spirituality?
* Their good health / survived a war, etc. must be spiritual in God’s eyes?
* They know the ‘originals’?
* They have read many many books – or at least have a large library for reference to prove their own beliefs?
* They can read all the different bibles and come to spiritual conclusion
* They have read the KJB many many times?
* Their ‘hero’ was Dr. Pete; Dr. Jack; Dr. Mickey; Dr. Sam, etc.
* Their own great ability to overcome?
* Their financial success?
* Their own personal walk of goodness and love?
* Their own personal self-control?
* Their love for others?
* Their ability to say no – if they want to, anyway?
* They can accept ‘almost’ all doctrines, denominations, music, churches, people, etc.?
* They can smile at anything, at everything and at / for anyone and everyone?
* Certainly, God has blessed them physically so they must be spiritual?
* It’s in the stars and mother earth?

Well, first of all, we certainly cannot be concerned with the nut cases

that appear to be almost everywhere these days.

But what ‘gets to me’ are the ‘Christians’ today – those SELF-proclaimed ‘Christians’ who outwardly and pridefully claim to live the loving wisdom filled ‘always right’ Christian today!

They must have heard some nice loving great commission pastor preach

***Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth,***

 ***but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.***

**I Corinthians 2:13**

They would definitely believe they are ‘spirit led’ people because there is no ‘one bible’ anymore – nothing beyond the ‘originals’ because man has polluted and corrupted God’s words, etc. as they like to say.

They would certainly have that ‘open-mind’ and itching ears to their pastors preaching as they believe everything he has to say – if what he says scratches their itching ears… and the pastor must and will say whatever he needs to say so that he does scratch their itching ears. In order to have favour with all the people, these people have to feel really good about themselves. They have to believe that they are spiritual ‘in their own way’!

So, they would have to believe that God works in ‘wondrous and miraculous’ ways in their own lives, based on their ‘good works’ and ‘love towards all’, etc. They most definitely rest their spiritual success level on the many things that God has blessed them with – physically, of course – and from other things from the above list.

We know these people quite well – we see them everywhere, right? They are just waiting for their ‘savior’ to come – and they are ready. Sad that Revelation 6 comes before Revelation 19 and the savior they will greet won’t be the real one.

But today, this false ‘spirituality’ seems to be growing leaps and bounds; it is a hot topic for selling ‘how to be spiritual – books, etc. from all these movie stars and famous pastors who have good words and fair speeches!

We have noticed today that they sure have the ‘*NO one Bible’* thing down – they won’t even talk about it anymore. And if we even mention KJB, Paul or rightly dividing, they just think we are mad from our ‘much learning,’ like Festus accused Paul.

These spiritual and all-loving people sure do tend to love everyone EXCEPT us who follow the risen Christ’s teachings through a rightly divided KJB and Paul.

They see us having a lack of success; we often appear miserable & complaining – negative – not accepting the ‘fun things’ for the kids and family, etc. and they use their ‘judgment to prove their ‘blessedness’ to them! They also see us as ‘proof’ that their spirituality is correct and ours is wrong. They believe their great spirituality blesses them physically where our spirituality is not only wrong, it leads us to failure, misery and ‘unfunness’ in life.

In that regards, Paul reminds us:

***Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ:***

***that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs,***

***that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;***

***And in nothing terrified by your adversaries:***

***which is to them an evident token of perdition,***

***but to you of salvation, and that of God.***

 ***For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ,***

***not only to believe on him,***

 ***but also to suffer for his sake;***

**Philippians 1:27-29**

So, because of their self-proclaimed spirituality, you would think that today’s modern Christian would certainly love to claim this verse…

***But he that is spiritual judgeth all things,***

***yet he himself is judged of no man.***

**1Co 2:15**

Still, modern ‘christians’ would rather reject the KJB

and learn from the modern bibles:

***Message Bible:***

 *The unspiritual self, just as it is by nature, can’t receive the gifts of God’s Spirit. There’s no capacity for them. They seem like so much silliness. Spirit can be known only by spirit—God’s Spirit and our spirits in open communion. Spiritually alive, we have access to everything God’s Spirit is doing, and can’t be judged by unspiritual critics. Isaiah’s question, “Is there anyone around who knows God’s Spirit, anyone who knows what he is doing?” has been answered: Christ knows, and we have Christ’s Spirit.* **1Co 2:15**

***‘God’s Word’ Translation***

*Spiritual people evaluate everything but are subject to no one’s evaluation.* **1Co 2:15**

***Living Bible***

*But the spiritual man has insight into everything, and that bothers and baffles the man of the world, who can’t understand him at all.* **1Co 2:15**

***NIV***

*The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments,* **1Co 2:15**

However, we see that according to the KJB, it simply says the word ‘***spiritual’*** –

PS - If you do a study comparing those other bibles to the KJB with this particular verse,

you will see some startling and dangerous differences.

So, based on that one verse, if we can define ‘***spiritual***,’ we can see whether or not we can judge all things, yet be judged of no man. *(people don’t realize that we judge all things by using the KJB, not our opinions, etc. It is not US that do the judging.)*

Note: One of the great things – of many great things – from Paul is he wanted to impart unto us some ‘spiritual’ gift.

***For I long to see you,***

***that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift,***

***to the end ye may be established;***

**Rom 1:11**

***For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you,***

***and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will***

***in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;***

**Col 1:9**

So, you can see that it is imperative that we get a good grip on the word ‘***spiritual***.’

*(another P.S. Those gifts for us today are listed in Romans 12, not I Corinthians)*

For the record, please note that Paul does let us know that just ‘being saved’ is not what makes someone spiritual! I believe that is another misconception (false gospel) that pastors put towards their ‘itching-ear visitors’ – I have heard so many pastors say that if they were to get saved, then their lives will be fixed – they will be blessed by God – they will become spiritual, etc.

 ***And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual,***

***but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.* 1Co 3:1**

**Here is the definition of being spiritual!**

***If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual,***

***let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you***

 ***are the commandments of the Lord.***

**1Co 14:37**

Isn’t that simple? Our spirituality begins when we acknowledge that Paul’s writings are of the Lord and it grows as we grow in the KJB – is it no wonder that when we grasp rightly dividing that things come alive more and more!

That verse does not say the writings of Matthew, Mark, Luke or John; nor does it say the writings of Peter, James or Jude; nor of Moses, Adam, David, etc. Just PAUL’S writings! And of course, we understand that Paul met with the Saviour Himself so that the words Paul is passing on to us today are of the Lord towards Gentiles today, not Jews yesterday or tomorrow!

*Final P.S. What about his use of the word ‘prophet’? That’s another study – but you can be assured that Paul is not saying we can be prophets like Jeremiah, Amos, etc. However, it is an extremely interesting thought to deeply consider. Keep an eye out for that study… coming soon on your favorite computer screen!*

So even if these modern self-proclaimed spiritual Christians say they believe that Jesus Christ died and rose again, they still not only reject Paul’s words as the commandments of the Lord, they go so far as to reject and despise the people that do follow Paul’s writings as the commandments of the Lord.

And they say ‘they’ are the spiritual ones?