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Episode 25 - Breaking from Apostasy: Rediscovering Jesus' Flesh and God's True Love

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Scott Stanley of DTG Ministries examines what he sees as a widespread apostasy in the church, using Revelation and other scriptures to challenge traditional doctrines and call listeners to seek the true meaning of Jesus' coming in the flesh.

He reframes the cross as freedom from iniquity (not divine appeasement), contrasts God's spiritual language with church language, and urges believers to embrace love as righteous action, stand firm in truth, and spread this understanding despite opposition.

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Scriptures are transcribed directly with notations. Refer to KJV for verbatim wording.

Hi, I'm Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries, the Deep Things of God Ministries, found at thelambslove.org. I hope people are taking advantage of going to the website and checking in on the podcast and the video cast because, insofar as I believe, we're living in the last days, and I wanted to make some recordings that would help people who are searching, somebody who is trying to find the answers and who isn't satisfied with what they're hearing in the churches.

The reason you're not satisfied is that the churches are in apostasy. This is something that I have talked about in several videos. 1 John 2:18-22, talking about the Antichrist's coming: *We know it's the last time because Antichrist is here.* And John says *they went out from us*, meaning the apostles. Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 2:7 that it will continue to the second coming.

So there is an apostasy already having taken place in the world. I know I was a part of that apostasy, believing things about God, and Christ, and the Holy Spirit that are just not so. So the purpose of this video is to continue illustrating what the truth is, what the apostasy is, and having to come out of it... encouraging people to come out of it, out of the apostasy, which I know, and I'm just speaking to you from my heart, if these videos ever went viral, this ministry would be accused of being Antichrist.

It's funny, isn't it, because I want to show you again something about the Antichrist. I've talked about it before, but I can see that the churches are so far gone. Practically everything they teach is false. So if someone stands up contradicting them, that person is going to be accused of false teaching.

Now, I have a series of audios, a podcast on the Revelation. If you go to podbean.com, DTGm Revelation Studies, you'll discover, I just hit my 100th podcast, using the scripture to explain the book of Revelation, because the book of Revelation is everywhere, once you begin to understand what he is saying in Revelation.

So, Podcast 100 has been put up, and I'm going to touch on something in Revelation today. Why? Because Revelation is pertinent. This is what's happening, and I want to talk about understanding the Christ, but for people who are seeing the truth of the Son of God, the Father, the Son, the truth of the Holy Spirit, for people who are seeing that truth, you're going to have your work cut out for you.

Your work is cut out for you to deal with the people who are going to come against you as you struggle to learn what the truth is and maintain that truth. Because once you see the truth, you're going to discover not only the light, the true light that will now be shining in your life, but if you see the light, you're going to see the darkness. You're going to look around you and recognize all of the darkness that prevails in the churches.

We can complain about politics in this country, Democrat, Republican, we can complain about these guys. The bitterness, the fighting, the arguing, the lying. The truth of the matter is, the problem in this country is not politics. It's the churches. If the churches had remained true, lived up to present truth, you wouldn't have this country in the state it's in.

Every time I listen to the news, I think, "Well, what if they had never taken God, tried to erase God from the government, or God from our country? This is causing problems. The children are out of control. Marriages are out of control. Abortions are happening. All of this stuff is going on because no one has an understanding of God, and the churches are the culprit."

So people can get angry with me about what I'm teaching. Again, I want you to show me in the Bible where I'm wrong. If you cannot do that, then you need to come and join this side. If you can show me, I'll be right with you. I want to walk in truth. I'm not trying to build a kingdom or an army. I'm not trying to do that. I'm just trying to express the truth of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, what it means to be saved. What is it going to take for you to receive the truth and hang on to it and live it?

Well, there is a verse in Revelation chapter 5, reading from verse 9,

Rev 5:9 They sang a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the book, and to open the seals of it; for you were slain, and you have redeemed us to God in your blood out of every kindred, tongue, people, and nation.

Now, for people who are not aware of what's going on in the book of Revelation, in Revelation chapter 5, you see these four living creatures and 24 elders, and they sing this song. *We have been redeemed, we have been redeemed.* And remember, why did Jesus die? Titus 2:14 - *He gave himself to redeem us from every, from all iniquity, purifying unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.* Those good works happen when you have freedom from iniquity.

So what does he mean by "*we've been redeemed from every nation, kindred tongue, and people*"? If I look at nations (and I know what we're reading here is spiritual), it isn't the literal nations, it's what the nations say. God is redeeming the way you think. So it is

what is in your mind, having been given to you from, say, the world. Let's just say the nations, the world. Your kindred, your family.

What about your language? That's what I want to touch on today. Tongue, that word "tongue" ... *every nation, kindred, tongue, and people*. That word "tongue" is a language. What do you mean he's going to redeem us from this language? People. Who are the people? The people are the people that you go to church with. So I've got the world, my family, my church, and my language.

It's the language I want to demonstrate. I want to show you God's language versus the language of the church you're going to. Is there a big difference? Well, there most certainly is. To show you this, I want to turn to 1 John chapter 4, starting at verse 1.

1Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

1Jn 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God.

1Jn 4:3 Every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof you've heard it should come; even now already is it in the world.

So, question: How does the universal church define the flesh? If you don't confess that Jesus came in the flesh, you're antichrist. So to give you an example of what he means, because I know the universal churches will interpret that verse to say that if you deny he didn't come at all... and basically what they're saying is that word "flesh" means "your body, your skin." If they deny that he didn't come, they're antichrist.

But it's saying "*if they deny he didn't come in the flesh.*" So I want to read another verse to you. This is Romans, chapter 8, verse 1.

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Using God's definition, now remember, we need to be redeemed from every nation... what all the nations are saying, what your family is telling you, what your church is

telling you, and the language that they use. God contrasts the word "flesh" with the word "spirit." Now, we all know what the spirit is. Flesh and spirit contradict each other. If you're walking in the spirit, you're walking in God's understanding. But if you're walking in the flesh, you're not walking in God's understanding.

Jesus Christ came in the flesh, and if you don't teach that and believe that, you are the spirit of antichrist. How could that be so? First of all, when we think of Jesus, it's hard for us to see him as anything but perfect. But Paul told us that Jesus Christ emptied himself. This is found in Philippians 2:7. The way the King James put it, "*he made himself of no reputation.*" But if you look that up, it's literally "*he emptied himself.*" When Jesus Christ became a man, he emptied himself. That means he did not bring with him into this world the understanding he had of God before Bethlehem.

Why is that so hard for people? Because if that is true, the Trinity doesn't exist. If that is true, the Trinity doctrine is false. So these people will do everything they possibly can to take that away from you, that Jesus came into this world in the flesh. So if this is true, 1 John 4 is true, that means when God tells you that you've been redeemed from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people... that whole ball game there that he's describing is the spirit of Antichrist.

That's hard to accept. You need to have a reason to understand that. The reason is what I've already told you. There was an apostasy that began in John's day, in Paul's day. They walked away from the apostles, and John then tells you they deny that Jesus came in the flesh, using God's language, which I would say is spiritual... using God's language. He isn't saying they will deny that Jesus came. He is saying they will deny that he came into this world without an understanding of God.

How did he get an understanding? He got it from the Scriptures. There isn't anything Jesus is telling us when you read the Gospels that you cannot find in the Old Testament. He was putting two and two together, and he was realizing the truth that the Scriptures declare. Think about it. Jesus Christ, by using the Bible (and really, I'm going to say no different than us, we have to use our Bibles, too), by using the Bible, he was able to understand things about, let's just say Messiah.

He understood the verses about Messiah: Micah 5:2, *he would be born in Bethlehem, but his origin is from eternity*. Right there, you have two births. And he declared that he had been born twice when he stood before Pilate, and he told Pilate, he said, *"For this reason was I born, and for this cause, came I into the world"* (Jhn 18:37). There is your birth in eternity and coming into the world birth in Bethlehem.

Again, people are more loyal to their denomination than they are to Jesus Christ. And I think of that man declaring himself to be the Son of God, and I think of him standing before Caiaphas, standing before Pilate, beaten, broken, bleeding, because he said he was the Son of God.

They denied that. So my question to you is, where are you going to stand? Are you going to stand with the Savior and take the reproaches of the Antichrist? Or are you going to sign in with your church and say, "Well, that just can't be. The Trinity has to be true." The most valuable, the most important lesson, doctrine in the scripture is that Jesus is the Son of God born in eternity past.

The one thing that every nation, kindred, tongue, and people have in common is that they look at God as needing to be appeased for the sin of the sinner. God has to be appeased. So they do that by using the cross to say, "There, Jesus paid the sin debt. Jesus paid the penalty. It appeases God's anger." But just bear with me for a second. Do you believe that God had to have a human sacrifice before he could forgive anybody? Did he have to have a human sacrifice? If you think that, that's paganism, and that is the most awful doctrine in the Bible.

The fact that Jesus is the Son of God is the most important. If you think God needs a human sacrifice in order to forgive, that's the worst thing you could possibly believe. That's called paganism. That's what paganism does. God is angry. He needs to be appeased. And by the way, Jesus is our advocate. He's standing there, keeping God from getting mad at you.

See, let me just tell you what God calls it. That doctrine is *the wine of the wrath of her fornication*, her being the harlot of Revelation 17 (Rev 14:10). "Wine" is a symbol for "doctrine." *The doctrine of the wrath*. How many of you were ever told that if you don't give your heart to Jesus, God is going to burn you alive forever and ever? Have you ever

heard that? He's going to throw you in hell, and you will burn alive forever and ever. And you know what? When you die, you go to heaven or hell. If you go to hell, you're done. And you can't die because you're immortal. So you're going to die the sinner's death, which is eternal life in hell.

I always struggled with that because why would God put somebody in hell before the judgment? The judgment's supposed to be at the end. Why would he put somebody in hell before he judges them? That doesn't even make sense. And why do you think you're immortal? The Bible literally says only one has immortality (1Tm 6:16). It's the Father. So these things are stemming from the spirit of Antichrist. It's stemming from the apostasy that began in the first generation.

What happens to us when we begin to hear the truth? At first, it just doesn't make sense. It doesn't add up because we see these verses that *they were cast into the lake of fire*. But I'm telling you, if you will study this out and change your language... You have to change your language if you're going to understand the scripture, because when you read Revelation, there isn't a single thing, there isn't a single verse in the book of Revelation that isn't spiritual. God signified it (Rev 1:1). Oki, he "signified" it. He made it all signs. The book of Revelation is given from the Father to his Son, to give to John.

So change your language. Again, what does it mean that he came in the flesh? The Universal Church will retain and support, and strengthen a Trinity God that doesn't even exist. Whereas, if you use God's language and you realize Jesus came without an understanding of God, he came without an understanding of it, then you're going to begin to see the truth of what God is doing with his church.

Now, I could keep going on these doctrines and the words, redefining words, and it's important. In fact, for my 100th podcast, I talked about the word righteousness. Righteousness, what is righteousness, and I want to give you just the bottom line. Love is an action, not a feeling. The action of love is called righteousness.

Righteousness = the Action of Love

When you are applying the meaning of the cross, because on the cross, Jesus brought forth the problem of humanity, he was the serpent on the pole. He was a picture of the

author of iniquity. It is iniquity that causes you to have guilt, hence he wore a crown of thorns. It is iniquity that causes you not to be able to forgive. Hence, he had stripes and wounds on his back. I want to say those stripes are not what we deserve. It's what's already happened in our lives. People have said things and hurt us, and maybe we couldn't let that go.

The nakedness that he experienced is a manifestation of you and me when we walk not in the spirit but in the flesh. The nakedness, you're acting on your own. Then God blots out the sun. There is no light at the cross as a picture of us. Crown of thorns, stripes on the back, nakedness, and darkness. All of this is a portrayal of the human agent. It's every one of us. It's all of us.

So on the cross, Christ became us, and in that condition, he gave his spirit to God. Notice, when you read this, "*Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit,*" not his soul (Luk 23:46). It was his spirit. Your spirit is your emotional side. Your spirit is how you see a thing. How do you see that? Well, that's your spirit. "*Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit, how I see it. I don't want to see it the way the Universal Church sees it anymore.*"

Okay, well, let's change your language. Let's change your definitions. Let's take you back to the cross and let you understand what is actually happening. Who is that on that cross and why is he dying? He is not appeasing God's anger. He is not paying your penalty. He is not paying a sin debt to God. Those things are not even in the Bible. Yet, we've been taught those things all of our lives. In fact, because we've been taught that you're a dirty, rotten sinner, God cannot even look at you. That angry God concept, "the wine of the wrath," has been taught us all of our lives. It is etched into our very being that God is angry with you.

John said, *God is love* (1Jn 4:8, 16). Paul said, *Well, love doesn't make a record of sin* (1Co 13:5). Jesus said to the people murdering him, he prayed for them and said, "*Father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing*" (Luk 23:34). He did not make a record. He forgave them, and he has been doing that with you and me all of our lives. He has been showing you grace every day of your life. He turns the other cheek. He goes the extra mile.

He's trying to wake us up so that we can stand before him and not be afraid and realize God is love. How much does he love me? He loves me and you as much as he loves Jesus (Jhn 17:23). Remember, love isn't a feeling. It's an action. God is as righteous toward you as he was toward Jesus.

These things I know are hard to grasp, and I know we're talking now on a world scale, a world scale of apostasy. Only those who see that Jesus is the Son of God can turn away from what they've been taught all of their lives... from every nation, kindred, and people, their own church. If they can't see the truth, get away from it. They will bring you down. They will try to sway you from the truth. Once you get the truth under your belt, go back. Go back and tell them the truth.

Watch out. Because the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and it's the violent who will take it by force (Mat 11:12). You have to become violent to hang on to it. God loves you. How much do you love him? Do you love him enough to tell the world and everyone in it that you're loyal to Jesus Christ? That you're loyal to the Father, to the Son, and the Spirit of truth that comes from the Father to the Son to us. It's called the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that will show you how to live righteously. If you understand what righteousness is, it's the act of love, actions of love. That's what God wants from every one of us.

So I pray that you continue listening to the podcast, to the videocast, and grow in your understanding of love. If you're growing in love, you're growing in your understanding of God, because he is love, and Jesus Christ becomes your brother in truth... and he will lead you into all truth because he is the personification of the Holy Spirit. He is the risen Savior. We have been set free from iniquity when we enter into this truth, and we can begin to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling.