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Much Too Simple an Answer to the Conflict in Our Churches

Sunday was the first day of Advent and I had the opportunity of teaching the Sunday School lesson. The emphasis was upon the Son. The Hebrews chapter one emphasis was that through all the ages, God has been revealing Himself to humankind, but now through Jesus Christ we have the perfect revelation. To know what God is like, we can look at Jesus.

The point continually emphasized was that we need to keep our focus on Jesus. If we lose the spirit of expectancy for the coming (advent) of Christ anew in our lives and lose the excitement of all His coming to us has done, the church will atrophy. If our hope is in the circumstances of life to make us happy and satisfied, we will be disappointed. That is why our hope, our expectancy, is in Christ.

With the excitement and joy of His coming there is also a more solemn side related to accountability and judgement. Are we living up to the potential Christ in us can make? Are we

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trivializing His coming, His life, His death and resurrection by our selfishness, our callousness to His calling or our daily casual response to Him?

And I wonder -- what about conflict in our churches, strife between staff members, brutal attacks on our ministers, struggles to control and extreme criticism of worship styles? Are we letting secondary issues and personal preferences become central in our faith walk rather than focusing on Jesus?

In a recent retreat, one minister's wife asked, "What is it about us that warrants so much meanness toward us?" A minister said reflecting on his church, "The last two and a half years have been hell." Does this reflect a focus on Jesus?

I know; it's too simple to say that we need to focus on Jesus believing that will help calm the stirring tempests in our churches. Or is it? Really?

May we be so refocused by His Spirit this season that our lives are changed, our enthusiasm for the Christ-walk is rekindled and the body of Christ comes alive with His compassion and ministry. Lord Jesus, come!

David Al Myers



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