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A reminder on Heresy - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2009/11/8 13:09

Hi everyone.

I want to mention something that I have put forward before several times because I believe that it is important and also I hope that it will be presently helpful. Especially for others who may be currently troubled.

About Heresy,

According to Strong's Greek Dictionary, the word that is translated heresy in the KJV in Galatians 5:20 is:

G139
αἵρεσις
haireisis
hah'ee-res-is
From G138; properly a choice, that is, (specifically) a party or (abstractly) disunion. (Â“heresyÂ” is the Greek word itself.)
: - heresy , sect.

That this is mentioned as **a work of the flesh** and that it is primarily defined, at least here and by this scholar, as a 'choice' and specifically one that, if I understand this correctly, leads to, or yields the fruit of factions, and parties, and divisions, and divisions, this taken together suggests to me that these things are the overriding characteristics of an heresy, and not so much (though it may be included) that the doctrine is wrong.

So,

Is there someone among you that is constantly fighting for his persuasion, for his doctrines, for his beliefs? Is he constantly fighting with you? Who are otherwise at peace with each other and in general agreement?

Is he pushing his views such that he is forcing others to make a choice about them, and to take sides?

Can he not cease but to talk of them? Or can he not talk of anything else?

Paul said to the Galatians that the persuasiveness of the one that was troubling them, was not coming from God (Gal 5:8).

If we can observe these things, I trust that it will help us decide who is causing trouble, and that not from God.

Wish you all well.

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Re: A reminder on Heresy, on: 2009/11/8 13:35

Thanks Chris for that good admonition.