

Why a Perfect Church Cannot and Does Not Exist

A usual complaint from people who left the church is that they found something bad in the church. They did not like the sermons of the minister. They did not like the service format. They did not like other members. Their complaints are infinite.

During the years, I found the same problems, but they never surpassed my supreme attention, which was in Jesus Christ. When I saw a minister involved in adultery, my faith was not destroyed because my trust was not centered on the man but in Jesus Christ.

When I saw other scandals in the church, my faith was not destroyed because Jesus was everything to me. His Word was my guide. Prayer was my communication with God.

If the Bible and prayer were not my main base, I could easily depart from a nominal gospel.

If a perfect church was a deterrent for apostasy, Judas Iscariot, who was an official apostle of Jesus, would have never departed from Jesus. So Jesus had a perfect church, but His apostles were not perfect.

And what to say about Adam and Eve? Their only master was God. Even so, they fell from grace and sinned. So to speak, they had the perfect church and the perfect pastor, but they chose to fall.

What can we learn from these lessons? If you do not have a perfect church, you always have a perfect Bible and direct communication with the perfect God through prayer.

If you have a perfect church, as Adam and Eve had, and as the

apostles of Jesus had, you will always be the problem because you will always be imperfect.

Of course, there are heretical churches that preach what is contrary to the Bible and God's will. These are not what I consider imperfect churches. These are demonic churches.

Imperfect churches still preach the gospel, but they may do so in an imperfect way. They do not deny God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. They do not deny baptism. They do not deny salvation only through Jesus Christ. They do not deny the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Any church denying these essentials are more than imperfect: They're heretical and demonic, and you should prayerfully find another church.

In other cases, you should seek transformation from God. The issue may not be with the church but with you. Judas Iscariot had the perfect church, but he had many spiritual problems.

Adam and Eve had the perfect fellowship with God, but they chose sin.

Prayerfully consider where the problem lies. You will be surprised with the answers God gives you.

While you may not know if the problem is in you or your church, dedicate yourself to prayer and Bible reading. Pray and read the Bible for one hour a day. Such spiritual discipline, done in a humble way, will open heaven to you and your family. It will lead you to a church where you will share God's blessing with them, and in some way, God will use them to bless you. {eoa}

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