

CONFESSION – THE KEY FOR REVIVAL

Father, forgive us for we have sinned:

We have destroyed divine functioning of Your Church on earth by running it upon ideas of men more than being strictly and accurately designed by Your Word (Matthew 18:20).

We have changed the priesthood of all believers into career priesthood for a few (I Peter 5:2).

We have developed a hierarchy, thereby, dividing Your body into clergy and laity and giving lip service to the priesthood of all believers (I Peter 2:4).

We have instituted church membership requirements You never made and, at the same time, have neglected the standards that You required for following (Luke 14:26, 27).

We have neglected the ministry of compassion by first feeding ourselves from the offerings made to You, thus limiting reaching out to the needy, the poor, and those who have never heard (I Timothy 5:3; Ezekiel 34:1-10).

We tolerate believers to be spiritually unemployed and allowed them to become spectators, instead of being a kingdom of priests, serving You together in the arena of faith. (Scripture? I Corinthians 12)

We have established churches bearing our own names, severely abusing Your body and becoming followers of two masters—You and an organization (Matthew 6:24).

We have preached salvation only for the soul, while You told us to make disciples by maturing the saints who would be spiritually productive and wholeheartedly follow You (Luke 6:46).

We have denied Your Spirit by refusing spiritually gifted people to serve in ministry: instead, we have indoctrinated them by sending them to our exclusive seminaries to prepare people for what we call “ministry” by our design (Ephesians 6:19).

We have stored up riches in our churches through properties and resources, a lifestyle You told us not to follow (Matthew 6:19).

We have promoted human exaltation by using terms and titles which You forbade (Matthew 23:17).

We have not promoted Your kingdom; instead we have promoted our church (Matthew 6:33)

For this we seek Your forgiveness and promise to repent. Amen.

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