

Comments on Ambushed Part 1 Posted 8/30/17

Hi Mindy...

Just read your piece about deception. All so very true, and well-described.

Since we are not privileged to know just who is and who is not truly truly truly a Christian....we are placed in the position of having to treat everyone as if they believe...lest we offend an angel in disguise! Or in our misjudgement...fail to pray for one who has offended us...when this is the very reason they were placed in our lives...to see if we not only talk the talk...but...walk...the walk.

MINDY: Yes, to some extent, but no. See below...

C: The humiliation of being suckered in is overwhelming...our "self" takes a hit to the gut...because we think we can spot the truth hidden in the opposing party. We believe we are in the know. These people who are busy defaming and trying to bring down those they profess to be their brothers...might STILL be among the saved!

Minimal and off kilter believers who are...yes...saved. But they have never gone beyond the "saved" level and so think themselves to be correct in their games they play and the chaos they cause. They have a self perceived halo above their heads....still locked in the world of religiosity.

Dare we come against them? Dare we do anything but....pray for them, in agape love? Why are we commanded to pray for our enemies? Might it be a hidden blessing for us when all things come to an end...that we have trustingly followed that order from our Divine Leader?

Of course, the "being" in charge of deviousness has had over 6,000 years of experience at his particular craft...we cannot, in our mere shadow of an existence...hope to study his ways and methods of skullduggery ...because he is always three steps ahead of us! At the very least. But God...who knows the beginning from the end...is in charge of everything that comes against us. Will we pass the test? Will we follow the operating manual given us by Paul our Apostle?

MINDY: You are absolutely right in most, but not all, of the above. Remember this will be a series of articles on the same subject, so there is yet more to be said.

I have never had to guess at anyone being a true Christian or not, unless the time comes when that Christian shows him or herself not to be one. When we compare their fruit in the light of the Scriptures, it is up to us to judge whether we should stay in their perimeter or remove ourselves from their presence, or remove them from ours...not even to eat with them. We are admonished to put away from ourselves that WICKED (not saintly, not confused, not misjudged, not saved, etc.) person. That person who has revealed what their true nature is, which demonstrates they are NOT a brother/sister in Christ.

Judging is not GUESSING, or DECIDING whether or not someone is or is not guilty. The proof of any wrong doing first has to be there before the person is to be judged. The judgment has to be

based on EVIDENCE and that evidence is what condemns, or not. Both have to be determined: Guilty or not guilty before the sentence is passed.

And so, we are presented in Scripture with what signs are displayed from a brother/sister whom we are to stay away from. When we see deviations that fall under some categories, we are admonished to put away from ourselves THAT WICKED PERSON...not even to eat with them! Those OUTSIDE (the world) God will judge.

Now, let's take this a step further and consider the fact that if a sister in Christ wants their husband dead and are looking for a REPLACEMENT Daddy (while the Daddy is still alive and they are still married to him, and still living with him) then we have someone here who has already committed murder in their heart. And Scripture substantiates it.

Are we then going to go against Scripture and say that's not so, that we should give this person a chance to repent? This person is already condemned. And we have to remove ourselves from them. If not, we are sharing in their sin. Their repentance is between them and God. But we are talking about the ALREADY repented born again believer, aren't we? If so, what is the evidence of the ALREADY repented SAVED born again believer - they do not have murder in their hearts. They can't if they are born again!

C: Now, we ARE the temple today. Every day we present ourselves a living sacrifice to God. In His Son's name Jesus Christ, Who IS The Word. The Word is not alphabetical letters. It is....Him. (In the beginning was The Word and The Word was with God and The Word was God.)

Do we take our paperwork and show it to God? In the morning when we are once again presenting ourselves to HIM...HIS one time sacrifice was for our salvation...our daily self sacrifice is to Him The One to whom we owe our eternal salvation...do we let Him in on our latest problems and allow Him to be in charge? (I don't know about you but my ego is still too much alive and well and suffers immensely when yet another insult is publicly brought against me. Embarrassment rules. Dismay once again as my earthly "wisdom" takes a hit and I am smacked in the face by the realization of just how much old Adam still occupies a ton of space in this mortal shell. Humiliation! Abasement. Forced squirming and kicking before the throne to once again admit that a certain pride still exists and has once again taken a direct hit from an oppressor.)

We were bought at a price. The level of our commitment to our "marching orders" (which actually tell us to stand firm, to hold our place...to let Him do the marching...) will determine our level of responsibility in the world of the probably very near...future. In the Heavens. In the universe. In the shared inheritance that will see us as kings and priests.

Somehow I think that the adversary wants us to try and figure him out...as he laughs and takes up our valuable mental space with preoccupation of his ploys and worldly ways. He...keeps us....in the world, when we are supposed to be focused on only our Lord and Master. Living in the world, yes...but not OF the world. Hard to do, especially in these fired up times.

Thus he (the adversary) keeps us dual minded. And the OT gives us so many examples of what happened to Israel when she was....dual minded. Translate every single battle described in the OT as what we experience in our minds, today. Those books were given us for a reason. First comes the flesh, and then...the spirit.

First Adam. Then Christ. First Israel, The earthly Chosen Ones.

Then us...the Heavenly Chosen ones. The surprise group. The occupants of the over 2000 year gap between the Ascension and the Calling up of the Rapture. What is happening to us is nothing that has not happened to every single human who ever lived. There is nothing new under the sun. Or...under The Son.

Even your dreadful situation with the self proclaimed Christian ....who just might possibly be a low-level example of just what THEY call THEMSELVES And if THEY ARE not...suppose that THEY do become a saved being....and that your prayers for THEM turned the tide? Are you up for that?

MINDY: Yes, that's why I gave THEM two chances. I am not as harsh as I sound. But when I get just a whiff of DECEPTION, I run the other way. And that's what we are supposed to do. The other 2 opportunities only served to prove the depth of THEIR wickedness. And this a person I pray for every day! Although I was asked to stop praying for them not too long ago.

The matter here is not a matter of being offended because of a squabble with another Christian. This is nothing like that. This is too deep to bring it down to just a few words on the page.

Christ is coming for a spotless Bride, not a spotted one. As Believers and followers of Christ the Bible is full of wisdom and admonishment on what and who we are to stay away from.

C: Every single time I write or say anything about "stepping back" I know that within 24 hours ....without fail...I will be in a situation that demands a step back...the onslaught will come from an unforeseen person who ignites every possible emotion as they throw their poisoned barbs. And so...I offer this to you as food for thought...

Funny how true it is that the scriptures are sweet as we take them in....and bitter in the stomach as we put The Word to use in our lives.

The pancreas has double duty for those who study scripture....doncha' think?

MINDY: Don't I know it!!!

C: Remember King David when he was soundly cursed by stone throwing Shimei...in 2nd Samuel? He refuses to let his mighty man kill the abuser....saying that he did not know if perhaps God had sent him (Shimei) to say those things against him, David. He left room...for God ...even when being abased, embarrassed, humiliated in front of his entire Nation! MA perfect picture from the physical past...of the spiritual, invisible enactment that takes place...today.

MINDY: The embarrassment felt is for THEM, not me. For even thinking they can go this far without a chance of ever being detected.

C: And now...with chagrin...I await the next ...ah, er...foot exercise ...which will arrive very soon. The mental step back ....while standing firm.

MINDY: Amen. I might be approached with the same argumentation you have presented here. Yet, there is so much more I will be going into.

Thanks for permitting me to share this with our readers.