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North Lonsdale United Church
North Vancouver B.C.IF THE TRUMPET GIVE AN UNCERTAIN SOUND
WHO WILL GET READY FOR BATTLE?WEREYAN : — 20:7-9II CORINTHIANS : 6:1-10WHAT A TIME TO BE ORDERING? →

have I ^{am trying} ~~not~~ to confess more than just that
the church is in confusion about the vocation of ordained
ministry → central problem is the fact that we
are wondering why we should ordain people because
we can see no class structure among Christians →
all are priests & ministers - so w/ the distinction

The apostle Paul appears to be that ~~worried~~
~~Christian~~ ~~worried~~ ~~about~~ ~~ordaining~~ ~~people~~
~~to~~ ~~have~~ ~~made~~ ~~the~~ ~~biggest~~ ~~fuss~~ ~~about~~ ~~it~~
all the N.T. writers. - someone is saying - I don't see it
apart - I am

And his reason for worrying about it was that
he seemed to need it as a tool for making sure
that the church didn't turn the message into ~~its~~ its
opposite.

to Church's Order in the Church got there because of
the concern for the ease with which its good news
got turned into its opposite.

it is with that purpose of ordering in mind that I ask
my question.

What a time to be still stuck ~~with~~ ordering?

I It is a time in the life of the Church & the world
when many of us are finding it harder to hear the Word.
→ I used to go to a lot of inductions because of
the kind of preaching went on there.
more → Rare → created again in worship.
→ Made different on any significant way
→ Reconciled to any but a scant few
who are very like me anyway
→ Blessed by a word that doesn't at the
same time confuse or offend most
of the others.

all the Trumpets around the Church are

At a time when ~~there~~ doesn't appear to be any trumpet's
~~except those that~~ give off uncertain sounds —
what for ~~to be~~ are we saying to Sharon — Take thou
authority to preach the Word & Edify the society
in the congregation?

II

Follow the trend and pretty soon we aren't
going to have any Ordinands.
The church is shrinking.

Members

Money

Influence

especially with the youth.

It is a hunting hunting world

→ most of ~~these~~ procedures are such that
we appear to be accelerating our approach
to disaster.

Ills appear to be ungettable :-

as church & church people come on
as inept at healing even the
simplicity of our ills.

state of the world
& state of the church

Time

I cannot see how the role of
the self conscious PEOPLE OF GOD
can be Born except

1 as a burdensome guilt load
to ourselves

and 2. as a pretentious offense
to the people of the world.

What a Time to be Ordering ~~but~~ the faith debilitated
us by the apostles. Prophets be disturbed?

III

It does not appear to me to be a time when
we can say - "We are saved." and all
that remains is for us to save the rest of the
world. - We know how to live - we know how
to raise kids, we know how to order the economy.
we know right from wrong. Turn government
& business over to Christians. We know how
to love.

If we aren't that special — what are
we worrying about our order Rev?

ON THE OTHER HAND - what if it is just the Time
to Be Ordering?

A Time when the church & the world
are being so shaken down

that we are in just the position to
hear what it says then without distortion?

The gospel Paul was worried about people getting
backwards -

GRACE IS ALL :-

Only a portion of Paul's words was about
JULIA

He saw righteousness as a very similar
problem.

SIN was the ^{heart of the} problem -

And Righteousness he saw as sin
when it was an accomplishment.

Remedy for sin - God's Righteousness.
GIFT :-

PAST PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE :- Last week

Promised I talk to be the book in the
~~preparation~~ frustration of preparing this
sermon.
I hope you were there to see

You can't talk about GRACE in answer to the
question, WHAT IS GRACE?

ONLY in answer to the question WHEN IS GRACE?

GRACE IS ALL -

WHEN IS GRACE ALL?

~~When you don't know for sure who the people
of God is.~~

WHEN Salvation is a gift. When it is
God's Righteousness that saves, NOT OUR OWN. The
SAVING WORD IS IN GOD'S MOUTH NOT OURS,

Right Now ~~AT THE TIME~~ WHEN RIGHTEOUSNESSES
THAT ARE CERTAIN ARE EVERYWHERE

ON EVERY HAND - PEOPLE ARE CALLING
SALVATION THAT WHICH ISN'T. ~~which is~~
WHICH IS ANOTHER NAME FOR SIN ~~entirely~~ ^{entirely} ~~sounds~~

REMEDY FOR SIN

May COME ON sounding
 more like an Uncertain Trumpet
 than otherwise,

GRACE IS ALL:

May sound more like an Uncertain
 Trumpet than otherwise,

II

WHEN IS GRACE ALL?

discovers

When you don't know for sure
 who the people of God is. When you
 wait to be told what's right & wrong, ~~one~~
 rather than know before-hand.

It is a very different thing to ~~see~~ that
 we are God's gift to each other, than
 that we are God's gift to the others.

All this N.T. talks about NO distinctions.

It doesn't say we are all alike

It says what we all have in common
 is that we are sinners: -

It is precisely NOT our righteousness that
 distinguishes us

~~But~~ when we see that - ~~one of the times~~
 that's when grace is all

III

IF GRACE IS ALL - Then indeed we

are NOT SAVED - until ALL ARE SAVED

When God - ~~when we are not saved until all are saved.~~

The state Grace is ALL

May be much closer to the state
WE ARE NOT SAVED

than to the other

GET OUT OF THE WAY
 WHY DON'T I MAKE ROOM FOR
 THE APOSTLE AND LET HIM PREACH.

HE IS TALKING ABOUT WHAT IT IS LIKE
 WHEN YOU DON'T ACCEPT THE GRACE
 OF GOD IN VAIN.

WHEN YOU DON'T MESS UP GRACE.

WHEN GRACE IS ALL →

We put no obstacle in any one's way - so
 that no fault ~~to~~ ~~found~~ may be found with our
 ministry - - - - - in honour and dishonour,
 in ill-repute and good repute. We are treated
 as impostors and yet are true; as unknown
 and yet well known; as dying and behold we
 live; as punished and yet not killed, as sorrowful,
 yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making
 many rich; as having nothing, and yet
 possessing everything.

(S88)

This Phrase "Yet once more" indicates the removal of what is shaking as if what has been made, ~~as~~ order that what cannot be shaken may remain.

For God is a consuming Fire.

Good News:

} Unknown also a Friend
} Realistic about the abys

No longer need
or one able to } idealize life

Faced the reality of our actual
Epistemo.

Wrestle with the dark.

Hopkins: — Cliff's of Fall Frightful
No-man-patented.
count them cheap may-
who we're living there.

actively enters
Dream to reality
justly Epistemo.

} Unknown
Threat.

Worth
Freedom - following

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{
Desiring
Acting
Loving
}

worth -
no where to stand?

Abyss - Friend

Wrestle in Dark - Love

Abandonment - Love

{
Chastity
Discipline
} LOVE

SHAKEN - in order - connect to staying
with remaining

Name it: - Most negative Experience

Idealize it away

With it away

Chastity & Love

Woman Alcohol: -

Love -

Peace

I would believe No less