

Spiritual Schizophrenia (Bilingual)

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- [0:00] Peace be with you, brothers and sisters. In the children's song that we sing before, it tells us that God created this wonderful world.
- And every creation has its unique characteristics and their way of life. I'm not sure if you've seen this type of animal before.
- It's called a chameleon. It can change its colour to suit its environment. When it's on a leaf, it can turn to green.
- And when it crawls to the back, then it changes to a different colour. Sometimes people can be similar to chameleons.
- Of course, we do not change our skin colour. Rather, we change our behaviour in accordance with our environment.
- [1:27] In the Bible passage today, Paul talks about an event in which Peter became a chameleon, and then he was rebuked by Paul.
- This is a thing that happened when Peter went to the church in Antioch. In the Bible passage, it tells us that Peter went to the church in Antioch.
- When Peter went to Antioch, he and the people of Antioch, he ate with the Gentiles. In verse 12, it tells us that when Peter arrived at Antioch, he ate with the Gentiles.
- But when the other men came from Jerusalem, he drew back and separated himself from the Gentiles.
- Because according to the tradition of the Jews, they are not allowed to eat with the Gentiles because they are unclean. If you eat with unclean people, then you will also be tainted.
- [2:53] There's also another reason related to food. At that time, a lot of meats available at the markets were leftovers from offerings to various gods.
- And the Jewish law does not permit Jews to eat meats that are being offered to other gods.
- And the Jewish law does not permit Jews to eat meats that are being offered to other gods. So eating with the Gentiles will put the Jews at the risk of consuming meats that were previously offered to other gods.
- These are all part of the Jewish tradition and their laws. And the Jewish doctrine of the Jews is that they will be saved if they obey the law.
- So being in the Jewish law does not permit Jews to be obedient. Peter is a Jew and he is well aware of their traditions. Peter is a Jew and he is well aware of their traditions. And at the same time, he is also one of the first few followers of Christ.
- [4:14] But does he understand that after Christ's birth, believers are no longer relying on obeying the law in order to be saved? Perhaps he doesn't understand the concept of being justified by faith.

In Acts chapter 10, he talks about Peter saying a vision. While he was praying, he saw heaven opened, and something like a large sheep being let down to earth by its four corners, it contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles of the earth and birds of the air.

Then the voice told him, get up, kill and eat. But these creatures are all forbidden to be eaten according to the Jewish law.

They are unclean. That the Jewish people have no longer relying on food. The way of the Jews is to separate the Jews from Gentiles.

I don't know exactly what the Jews are saying. I'll just say this. The picture can be that Bishop Starring to the Jews of the nut on to the Jews. But this is why are the Christians at the rest of Israel?

[5:51] The Christians at the Jews are bulls and in interest of the Hebrews ■■■■den, and in active Christians, , that David always speaks of flavor before Christians.

That is to say that after this particular event, Peter clearly knows that the only way to be saved is to believe in Jesus rather than by obeying the law.

The question is why Peter is clear this, but in Antioch■■■, he cannot be in the behavior of his faith and his faith in Antioch.

It's not because he doesn't understand, but rather it's because it's due to the peer pressure that he received.

This pressure does not come from people telling him what to do, rather it comes from differences in culture and peer pressure.

[7:14] This form of pressure is intangible, it can only be felt. Peter just is in this pressure, he is in this pressure, he is in this pressure, and he is in this pressure, and he is in this pressure, by not eating with the Gentiles.

If we've read the Bible before, then we'll realize that Peter had a previous history. He once denied Christ three times.

So, this kind of fall, in this case, is not hard to believe. Perhaps as Christians today, we share similar experiences.

We know how Christians should live. We know how Christians should live. But when we encounter non-Christians in society, then we try to follow their ways in order to fit in.

We're scared of being singled out by society, by this group. And in this case, Peter's actions brought upon severe consequences.

[8:44] Peter was an important leader at the church, so when he started behaving this way, others followed.

The Bible says, the other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy, even Barnabas was led astray.

So, this pressure was actually a big hit. The pressure was only affected Peter. Originally, this pressure only affected Peter. The pressure was only affected Peter. In the end, Peter became a part of this pressure and started influencing other people.

This is a type of hidden pressure. He can't see it, but it can be detected.

But it can be like a common cold passing from one person to the next, forcing other people to fall as well. If we put this situation in our church today, when we're in a society, to be able to■■■ our own■■■, to be able to remove the characteristics of the Christian body, what will bring us to the end of the church?

[10:05] What will happen if in this day and age Christians disguise their identity, regardless whether it's intentional or unintentional? I can at least think of two possibilities.

We can't see Christ's image through this world. We can't see Christ's image through this kind of hidden pressure. So how can we beat this pressure and not fall into the same tribes as Peter once did?

Firstly, we must know how this pressure is formed, the source of the pressure. The hidden pressure is most often than not comes from two sources.

Don't use this to guess my age. I think I was very young when I was young. I didn't even know who he was.

I remember when I was in elementary school, I was in elementary school and I was in elementary school. Even when I got into primary school, after school while playing with some of the other kids on a farm, we had to say long-lived Chairman Mao.

[12:33] Because he has passed away, and now you have to start calling long-lived Chairman Mao. ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■.

[REDACTED], [REDACTED],[REDACTED],[REDACTED] At the time, no one forced me to say it, not at that age anyway.

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Paul then suggests another treatment.

In verse 20, it says, I have been crucified with Christ. I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The meaning is to be united with Christ.

The second one is to be crucified with Christ. To be united with Christ. It has a new life. A life is a life that has a life.

And to die together and be resurrected, brings new lives, so that we can let Christ to be the controller of our life. This one is to be the controller of our life.

[28:35] Every one of the Christians, the goal of the life is clear. Only one is more like Jesus. No other is more like Jesus. Only one is more like Jesus.

And this also gives us a clear focus in our lives, which is to follow Jesus, because there is no other way. So what practical things can we do?

I have some food for thought for each of you. The church represents Christ on earth. The church represents Christ on earth.

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Don't think that all of these pressures are negative. There are pros and cons in everything we do.

[29:51] If peer pressure comes from our Christian group, then a lot of the times it can be positive pressure. And this is why I often tell parents, don't let youths think that it's optional coming to church.

Children growing up in church will feel that they are part of the church and will be positively influenced by the Christian community. So at the same time, if they choose to come and go, then they'll think that this is an acceptable behavior at church.

And therefore, all the positive things at church will not influence them.

It's not a group that will influence them. It will affect other friends and friends. Because they feel like they're not part of this group, but then they still have to belong to another social group, and often they're influenced by their friends at school.

They're friends at school. It's like the same. If they don't have a stable church life, then they are not united with Christ. If they don't have a stable church life, then they are not united with Christ.

[31 : 31] If they don't have a stable church life, then they are not united with Christ. They will not be able to treat their spiritual schizophrenia this way.

That is a good one, that is a good one, that is a good one. The only way to treat spiritual schizophrenia is to be fully involved at church and be united with Christ.

Another suggestion is how we can stop living out our own image and start living Christ's image.

So what we call the human being is that one person is living in two different worlds.

And often one is spiritual and the other worldly. This is a problem baffling a lot of Christians today.

[32 : 43] We call it a lot of Christians today. They separate their work, family life and their beliefs. Because they argue that their beliefs cannot replace their food on the table, their family or their enjoyment and pleasures in life.

So they divide their time into work time, church time and family time.

And they'll have different personas during each time frame. This is what causes schizophrenia.

This is what causes schizophrenia. And this is one of my previous experiences. For a period of time, my timetable was clearly divided.

During work, I would not think about my beliefs. During work, I would not think about my beliefs. And when I'm at church, I do not think about my work.

[34 : 05] When I'm at church, I do not think about my work. I thought that by doing so, I was giving a part of my time to God. I thought that by doing so, I was giving a part of my time to God.

But in the end, I realized what I was doing was wrong. And this would cause schizophrenia. Because the mistake of the time frame is not in the time frame.

It is not in the time frame frame. My mistake was not the way I planned my timetable. Rather, it was in the relationship between each activity. When we are crucified with Christ and resurrected with Him, all of our time should belong to Him.

Because I no longer live. Because I no longer live. The content of my timetable hasn't changed. But my work time does not belong to my boss.

And my church time does not belong to my minister. And my study time does not belong to myself. And my study time does not belong to myself.

[35 : 21] All of these things belong to Christ. All of these things belong to Christ. Regardless of whether we are studying, working, spending time, or serving at church, all of these things belong to Christ.

Only that when we are serving God, we have different tasks to complete.

But we don't have to do what we are doing. We have to answer to Christ in all that we do. That way, we don't have to answer to Christ in all that we do. That way, we don't have to answer to Christ in all that we do.

Because in all that we do, it belongs to the same life. And we answer to the same God. By doing so, we will no longer experience spiritual schizophrenia. Because in all that we do, it belongs to the same life.

And we answer to the same God. Brothers and sisters, do you have any hidden pressures in your life?

[36 : 32] Does it make you feel that it's difficult to serve God? Does it make you feel that it's difficult to serve God?

I often think that in the Bible, Paul is a strict teacher.

He often in his book, Paul is a strict teacher. And he teaches us what we should and should not do. And he teaches us what we should and should not do. And he teaches us what we should and should not do.

And as for Peter, I consider him to be more like a brother to me. And as for Peter, I consider him to be more like a brother to me. Because he is like us, who has fallen again and again on the spiritual path.

And then he gets up, walks forward, and then falls again. When you really feel that you have this pressure and this strength, If you look at today's news, you can help us.

[37 : 48] If we don't lose our way, we will be like Peter and reach our final destination. I hope that the scriptures today will be able to help you when you start to experience these types of pressures.

And if we do not lose our way, we will be like Peter and reach our final destination. Today, Paul is a reminder to Peter and reach our final destination. He can help us to heal our faith in the faith of the Bible.

And I hope that Paul's reminders for Peter will correct our shortcomings in our spiritual life. Amen. Amen. Amen.