

IS THIS US?

During my Bible reading time this morning, I read a passage in Ezekiel and one in Hebrews. It seemed to me that God was saying essentially the same thing to us in both.

“As for you, son of man, your people are talking together about you by the walls and at the doors of the houses, saying to each other, ‘Come and hear the message that has come from the LORD.’ My people come to you, as they usually do, and sit before you to hear your words, but they do not put them into practice. Their mouths speak of love, but their hearts are greedy for unjust gain. Indeed, to them you are nothing more than one who sings love songs with a beautiful voice and plays an instrument well, for they hear your words but do not put them into practice.” *Ezekiel 33:30-32*

We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. *Hebrews 5:11-14*

Could it be that God is speaking to us? We sit on our worships services and our *Bible* study classes while our pastors and teachers open God’s Word to us and encourage us to adjust our lives to it. But do we heed it? Even a cursory look at how our churches are doing in leading people to Jesus Christ should make it clear that the answer is, “No!”

Maybe it is time for us to heed the Apostle Paul’s warning in 2 Corinthians:

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you — unless, of course, you fail the test? *2 Corinthians 13:5*