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Ezekiel 44:19

“When the priests go out to the outer court... to *where the people are*, they shall take off their garments in which they have ministered, have *shall keep* them in the holy chamber, and put on other garments; and in their holy garments they shall not sanctify the people.” Ezekiel 44:19

The Lord never implies that the believer live a life of duplicity. “A double-minded man shall receive nothing from the Lord.” (James 1:6 – 8). However, when the saints leave their worship services or Bible studies, all too often we take with us a vocabulary that to those outside of Christ – the very people we desire to reach with the Good News – don’t have a clue about what we are talking about!

“Hey brother, hey sister” I didn’t know we were related? “Washed in the Blood!” Who would take a bath or shower in blood? How gross! “What part of the Body do you belong to?” Beam me up Scotty. These folks must believe they are part of an alien collective! Get the point?

There is no substitute for enthusiastic testimony. But watch out for “churchy” words that really have no point of reference for the unbeliever.

“Praying also for us that God would open for us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds; that I may make it manifest as I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward those that are outside *the faith*, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer every man.” (Colossians 4:3 – 6)

Examine your conversations, especially with non-Christians. Are the words you using foreign to them? Remember, we share our faith with friends and co-workers so that they too may come to know our wonderful Saviour – not just so they can talk like we do!

Selah.

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