

Nada Greer's Funeral Remarks

Bishop Cameron Ford, Oct 26, 2019

In reality there are only two religions in this world. As the Book of Mormon states in 1 Nephi 14:10:

“Behold there are save two churches only; the one is the church of the lamb of God, and the other is the church of the devil.”

Since we know that a person's religion is much more loudly declared by what they *do*, rather than by what they *say*, we can find members of each religion throughout the world, regardless of professions of creed or denomination. Of the two religions, the second is by far the much larger religion. It is often characterized by pride, arrogance, laziness, self-worship, greed, selfishness, untrustworthiness, unfaithfulness, and self-indulgence. The articles of faith of this religion are self-justification, doubt, skepticism, cynicism, and looking out for number one. This religion seeks to tear down anything that is not in its own image. It promotes giving into weaknesses, rather than overcoming them. It teaches that all truth is relative, so really anything goes, or at least anything that we can get away with. This is the natural religion of mankind. It is the religion of the natural man.

The other, much smaller religion, is characterized by love, kindness, compassion, self-sacrifice, self-control, service, and obedience to eternal law. The members of this religion build up, rather than tear down. They seek to overcome weaknesses, rather than give into them. The watch words of this religion are faith, humility, obedience, sacrifice, loyalty, repentance, forgiveness, and hope. The purest expression of this religion is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We are sent into this world to decide, without coercion, to which religion we ultimately want to belong. In other words, who we really want to become. Do we want to be trapped within the suffocating walls of the natural man, or are we willing to do the incredibly hard work of allowing ourselves to be set free to become a person of love, beauty, and light like the Savior? This is a decision that is born of millions of choices made over a life time.

As I ponder on the influence and spirit that I have felt from our sweet sister Nada Greer, the words that most strongly come to my mind are: long-suffering, patience, gentleness, meekness, kindness, love, self-sacrifice, devotion, and faithfulness. I feel enormously blessed to have known and associated with her for even a short amount of time. I think it is abundantly clear to which religion *she* belonged. I pray that it may be just as clear with each of *us*, as we work our way through the remainder of our lives.

I testify that such a life and destiny are only possible as we devote ourselves to the principles, teachings, and commandments of the Lord Jesus Christ, as we take His name upon us, and utilize the power of His atoning sacrifice. I testify that His teachings and commandments are to be found, taught, and administered in their purest form in the restored gospel of Jesus Christ, even the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I testify that Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. And I do so in His sacred name, Jesus Christ. Amen.