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“For this reasons I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you.” (Titus 1:5).

As far as the above message from Titus 1:5 is concerned, there are always *“the things that are lacking”* that we the servant of our Lord Jesus Christ should work upon to set them in order. When they are left without much consideration then everything will go wrong.

While the Apostle Paul slept, a Macedonian appeared to him in vision and begged, *“come over to Macedonian and help us”* (Acts 16:9).

The aid which the man requested was not identified, but Paul knew that the assistance he had to offer was the gospel (Acts 16:10). Paul hastened. The Bible says, early in the morning he was at the dock searching for passage to Macedonia.

In matters concerning going to preach the gospel, Paul did not waste any time unless when circumstances did not allow him to do so. He warned against misusing time available. He said, *“See them that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”* (Eph.5:15-16).

At Galatia, however, things were not going on well when Paul returned there. We do not know certainly how long he had stayed without going back or sending someone there as he had to do by sending Titus to Crete.

But all in all, this is what he had to say when he reached at Galatia, *“I marvel that you are turning away so soon from him who called you in the grace of Christ to a difference gospel.”* (Galatians 1:6). Whatever was happening in Galatian is well explained by Paul; it was not good. He continued *“which is not another, but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.”* (v.7).

It happened during Paul’s time; it is still happening even today. The question is, Do we care?. How many human souls perish every day in blackness of sin? How much do we care that souls are lost? How often does it bother us that millions know nothing about Jesus and his church? Some claim to know Jesus but they do not know about his church. They do not know that you cannot separate Jesus and his church. They do not know the value of his church, that he bought it with his own blood (Acts 20:28). There is confusion even among those already in the Lord’s church. They teach another gospel specifically concerning the Lord’s Table. There are those who insist in the use of many cups. In Kenya they are the majority. The Bible is clear; Jesus himself, while

instituting the Lord's table, "*He took the cup and gave thanks, and said, take this and divide it among yourselves.*" (Luke 22:17). Who will set in order the things that are lacking? It is you and me. We need each other very much in this regard. It is not too late only if we also sacrifice ourselves and our means.

Remember, one day of judgment, millions or billions of untaught people will face the Savior in sin. If the Lord should ask us, "why?", would the true answer be, "They are untaught and lost because we just did not care?"

The Dream Of God is, "*For this good and acceptance in the sight of God our savior; who will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth*" (Tim. 2:3-4).

Who will make the **Dream Of God** to be true? Again, you and I will do it.

Brethren, beloved brethren, please come over to Nakuru Kenya and help us (Acts 16:9). Help us to turn the lost to Christ. Help us to restore the church of Christ, the church of the Bible. Help us to help others also (2 Timothy 2:2).

Help us to help others go back to the true worship, by using one cup instead of many cups, as it is common practice by many so-called churches of Christ in Kenya.

Perhaps Paul's most graphic statement can be of importance to motivate us, he wrote "*therefore seeing we have this ministry, even as we obtained mercy we faint not*".

God bless you.

Yours because Calvary

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