Confusion of Faces

Sunday, February 24, 2019 Mike Miller Straight Paths Bible Church

Daniel 9:7-8 O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

Jeremiah 3:25 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

- 1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.
- I. Confusion is disorder and disunity as opposed to peace, which is order and unity.

Webster's 1828 Dictionary confusion

CONFUSION, n.

- 1. In a general sense, a mixture of several things promiscuously; hence, disorder; irregularity;
- 2. Tumult; want of order in society.
- 3. A blending or confounding; indistinct combination; opposed to distinctness or perspicuity; as a confusion of ideas.
- 4. A shameful blending of natures, a shocking crime. Leviticus 18:23, 20:12.

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promiscuously

PROMIS'CUOUSLY, adv. In a crowd or mass without order; with confused mixture; indiscriminately.

1. Without distinction of kinds.

So this word means "anything goes" or basically "no standards."

- A. Confusion is a state of being lost and uncertain about things.
- B. It is also a state of feeling certain about things that are not true and right being wrong, but thinking you are right in other words: deceived.
- C. It is the result undoing of things that are fixed and established as truths and waymarks.
- D. It is the result of removing the fasteners that are holding things together untying the knots that have long been tied.
- E. It is mixing and blurring things together and removing the distinctions
 - 1. Failing to make a difference where there is truly a difference.
 - 2. Proclaiming things equal and the same that are not equal and the same.
- F. It is attempting to make the consequences or rewards equal for everyone regardless of their actions or performance, or faithfulness to what is true.
- G. It is the result of crossing lines and doing things that cause uncertainty and the loss of innocence, virtue, or reputation.

- H. This feeling of being utterly lost and unsure of everything is not what the sinner anticipates entering into his sin.
 - 1. He is deceived in himself that he is enlightened while others are ignorant.
- II. Peace is the putting back together of the pieces making one again.
 - A. Peace is when things work in harmony and there is tranquility.
 - B. There is a common view and understanding that gives rest to the mind and order to the life.
 - C. Peace has these effects on the society, the individual, and the mind.
 - D. Peace can only come by returning to a foundation of fixed laws and facts of life.
 - E. There can be no peace when everything is subject to the corrupt and selfish opinions of ignorant godless people.

III. Our world is full of confusion.

- A. All areas of life in this world are operating in the realm of confusion not peace.
- B. This is NOT the way things used to be there used to be order, because there used to be distinctions and understanding about life and love and husbands and wives and children and servants and masters and God-ordained authority.
 - 1. There used to be authority and people regarded it and honored it or they paid a heavy price.
- C. Now we have a world full of anarchy and tyranny.
- D. Anarchy is lawlessness, which is confusion, and it leads directly and invariably to tyranny, which is absolute monarchy cruelly administered.
- E. Our generation has sat by and watched as the foundations of society have been attacked and bulldozed away one by one.
 - 1. Satan is a master strategist and from where we are now we can see his plan and that he has worked it very well.
- F. The feminists were the first vanguard of Satan's army sent to destroy peace, bring confusion, and finally complete destruction to the human race.
 - 1. He attacked the weakest point, as far as mankind is concerned just like he did in the beginning in the garden.
 - 2. Men have a harder time standing against ungodliness in women than they do anywhere else so this is where the devil always initiates his plans for their demise.
 - 3. The rallying cry of the early feminists was that women were treated unjustly and all they wanted was equal rights.
 - 4. They started with the demand to vote so they could vote against the men, including their husbands.
 - 5. When they accomplished this goal the feminist view then became a part of public policy and foreign policy and therefore changed the direction of everything and the way we defend ourselves and run our country.
 - 6. But the feminists did not stop when they got the right to vote, or laws passed to guarantee them equal rights, or laws passed to give them preference for jobs over men, and a hundred other things that give them the upper hand in all areas of life.
 - 7. Now they openly advocate the annihilation of manhood and masculinity and make it a shameful and stupid thing in men, while honoring the same character traits in women as a sign of their empowerment.
 - 8. Colleges are offering classes on "toxic masculinity" and trying to eradicate manhood from the earth.

- 9. I watched as Kamala Harris interrogated a male candidate for the director of the CIA and demanded that he promise her he would not allow his personal opinions to influence any decision he made if she allowed him to have the job.
- 10. There are radical feminists now who want all men to be done away with.
- 11. They started by simply wanting to be treated fairly, but the end goal was to completely oppress and destroy the distinction God put between male and female and the roles God designed for each one.
- 12. The feminist movement was designed by the devil to destroy the foundation, which is the fact that in the beginning God created them male and female.
- 13. So now we have total confusion concerning the sexes men who think they're women and women who think they're men, and people raising children "genderless."
- 14. We have every sexual perversion that can be imagined and some that can't total confusion.
- G. Out of the confusion caused by the feminist movement the homosexual movement was birthed.
 - 1. They started the same way the feminists did by simply demanding to be free to do what they wanted in private.
 - 2. We can now see that their goal was far more than that.
 - 3. We now see that they are not satisfied with being free to practice their filthy deeds they intend to force us all to bless them for it and participate with them.
 - 4. We are at Lot's door now.
 - 5. They have went so far now as to undo the difference between male and female.
 - 6. A physical fact of nature and they have turned it into a feeling of a perverted confused mind that trumps physical facts.
 - 7. If that isn't confusion, what is?
- H. The civil rights movement started out by demanding equal rights and fair treatment for the black people.
 - 1. Where are we now with all that?
 - 2. Is it really just equal rights they want now?
 - 3. They are marching in the streets calling for the death of all white people.
- IV. The churches are full of confusion.
 - A. The ancient landmarks have been removed and there is hardly anything left of true "Bible-believing" Christianity left in the world.
 - B. Most churches use a variety of modern "versions" of the Bible, which are not the Word of God at all that cannot bring anything but confusion.
 - C. All moral law has been pretty much thrown aside and everything is now determined by what they call "love," but it is not the love described in the Bible.
 - 1. It is much more like the free love of the hippies, where pretty much anything goes.
 - D. Churches have lost their purpose and direction and have become centers of entertainment and feasting, as well as dating services and dens of whoredom.
- V. Individual lives are full of confusion.
 - A. Most people have no foundation in their life at all.

- B. They are doing what is "right in their own eyes."
- C. They have been taught to "follow their heart" and that is exactly what they are doing instead of following the Word of God.
- D. It is like quicksand, though, and these lives of confusion only self-destruct and leave a wide swath of destruction in their wake.
- E. Peace can only be found by putting things in order again and finding a solid foundation to stand and build upon.
- F. That can only be found in Jesus Christ, and He can only be found by what is revealed about Him in his Word.

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

- G. Only living your life according to facts and not fantasy will keep you from confusion of face.
- H. If you feel confused and aren't sure of the way, seek the truth and you will be able to get your bearings and walk with assurance and confidence instead of fear and anxiety.