Ephesians 5:27* That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Jesus is coming back for a church that is pure and spiritually complete. An example is under the Law, all sacrifices to God had to be animals with No blemishes.

<u>Leviticus 23:12</u> And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD.

Spiritual SPOT: -- a moral blemish, - something that is difficult to detect. **Example:** Self righteousness or unforgiveness etc.

Spiritual WRINKLE: -- line or fold in something, esp. the skin of the face., -- wrinkles to iron out: **difficulty**, due to problem of sin or unconfessed sin. and unwillingness to surrender or submit to Christ's absolute Lordship.

It's obvious to me that we are living in the very last days of the Church Age. That's why it's important for every Christian to learn how to live by faith -- not just in theory, but in practice... everyday, rubber-meets-the-road practice.

The first church age was reared and raised exclusively by faith since the day of Pentecost. If the Apostles said to the believers, "Have you received since you believed". The believers DIDN'T say, that's stupid or is it necessary, NO, they just received.

This type of faith was short lived as a whole in the early church. And so will this type of faith only function a short while before Christ's return, but the entire true church of Jesus WILL function in undoubting faith, for ALL of their daily walk with the Lord. (sickness, disease, attacks by Satan plus

daily needs)

Psalms 91:5-10 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; (This is the diseases and temptation the devil throws your way)

- 6* Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; (This is ALL common colds, pandemics, flues and all manor of minor afflictions) nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. (This is ALL natural occurrences, Tornadoes, hurricanes etc.)
- 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.
- 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked
- 9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;
- 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

I think it would be safe to say that many believers have no idea how truly important real faith is to their walk with Christ. In fact, you cannot have a walk with Christ without faith!

Hebrews 11:6* But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

What I'm saying is, when you put your trust in Drs or man or denominational traditions, devices, or unforgiveness, self-righteousness etc. This is a SPOT and WRINKLE as far as God is concerned.

In our so called free society, we have become so complacent that when God try's to correct us through his word, like a letter like this. You can bank on very strong opposition from those that are bound by TRADITION.

Colossians 2:8* Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

I will use a statement that was made to me some years ago, it can be for any denomination, but for ease of reporting I will use the original statement.

I was Born a Lutheran, I was raised a Lutheran and I'll die a Lutheran. (so sad,-but the sentiments of so many denominational adherents)

It should be — I was born a Lutheran, I was raised a Lutheran and then I met Jesus and now I'm a believer in the body of Christ.

1Corinthians 12:27* Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

It is a matter of priorities

1st - Jesus and what occurred through the Cross, (grace)
2nd - The instructions in his word, (except them, and do them)

Galatians 3:28* There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither

bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. (there isn't any denominations either)

3 rd - Love the Body of believers, (all that are washed in the blood and put Christ first in their lives)

2Timothy 3:5* Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

You say your just against denominations, NOT REALLY, it is the Traditions they have taught over the years. You ask most members and they will say, Christ is first in my life. I ask, then WHY do you disbelieve so much of Gods word?

Acts 9:17* And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Ephesians 3:19* And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Trust this answers the question

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