

The 'synagogue of Satan'

The Bible makes mention of a group called the 'synagogue of Satan'. Two scriptures in the Bible specifically mention this group by name while many other scriptures peppered throughout the scriptures strongly allude to this group and their work. Notice:

"...I know the *blasphemy* of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the **synagogue of Satan**" (Rev. 2:9).

And,

"Behold, I will make them of the **synagogue of Satan**, which say they are Jews, and are not, *but do lie*; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee" (Rev. 3:9).

Some few begotten members of God's Church carelessly assume and teach that the 'synagogue of Satan' is made up of the members attending the various 300+ split and splintered groups. Others believe that the 'synagogue of Satan' was the Laodicean Church in embryo, while others claim the 'synagogue of Satan' to be worldly churches.

When the Bible speaks of the 'synagogue of Satan', who is it really referring to? Who makes up this group of people referred to by God as the 'synagogue of Satan'?

Let us take a close look at the title 'synagogue of Satan' to better understand who this group of people really are. It is now time to understand!

The word 'synagogue' is 4864 in Strongs and literally means 'church, assembly or congregation', while the word 'Satan' is 4567 and means 'the accuser, the devil, Satan'. Therefore, the term "*Synagogue*^{G4864} *of Satan*^{G4567}" literally means "church, assembly or congregation^{G4864}" of "Satan the devil^{G4567}". Evidently the "synagogue of Satan" refers to a group of people who, whether wittingly or unwittingly, worship (reverence, adulate, venerate) Satan the devil. This must be the case, otherwise they wouldn't be *his* congregation! What God is telling us through the title of 'synagogue of Satan' is simply that this group is made up of individuals who have been adulterated by Satan's doctrines or the doctrines of this World. These people are either deceived by Satan the devil or are a group (or clusters of people coming under different corporate names) that pretend, profess, or even masquerade themselves to be God's people and are not. Either way, and to one degree or another, they come under the influence and worship of Satan (Rev. 2:9; 3:9). These people are liars because they profess to be Jews or followers of God but are not. Because of this, God calls these people a 'blasphemous' people (Rev. 2:9).

It should be clear that people who are today scattered through the many split and splintered groups in no way make up the 'synagogue of Satan' (please ask for our article entitled "The group of people referred to as 'virgins'")! However, the individuals who were part of God's true Church and left, and have meanwhile taken on the doctrines of Satan such as the trinity, Sunday worship, Xmas, Easter and other non-Biblical rituals and holidays have fallen into the category of 'synagogue of Satan' along with the Roman Catholic Church, and its protestant daughters. Other worldly groups would obviously also fall into this category. Those of the Church that left and have turned to the doctrines of this world need to be very careful indeed! These individuals may fall into the trap of quenching the spirit (1 Thess. 5:19). Whoever blasphemes the Holy Spirit is guilty of eternal sin which will never be forgiven (Mk. 3:29). All those who are a part of the 'synagogue of Satan' are spiritually very far from God (Ezek. 8:16). Those in the worldly churches who have never known God or His Truth will

have their opportunity to come to know God in the future – those who come out of the Great Tribulation and are Israelites will have their turn in the millennium while the rest of mankind will have their turn in the Great White Throne judgment. These people will one day in the future come to worship God at our feet when we are actually spirit born children of God, the Wife of Christ (Rev. 3:9)!