

# A nation of fools

Romans 1: 21-22: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful: but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

1. Vain – Strong’s Concordance, no. 3154 – to render foolish, wicked, idolatrous.
2. Imaginations – S.C. no. 1261 – reasoning, thoughts.
3. Foolish – S.C. no. 801 – unintelligent, wicked, without understanding.
4. Heart – S.C. no. 2588 – Thoughts, feelings or (mind).

Verse 22: Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

1. Fools – S.C. no. 3474 – to become insipid; (insipid) – 1828 Webster’s Dictionary – tasteless, dull, heavy, want of wisdom, want of understanding.

Psalms 14:1: The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

1. Fool – S.C. no. 5036 – stupid, wicked, vile person.
2. Abominable – S.C. no. 8581 – to loathe, to abhor.

Now that I have laid the Biblical Foundation of this article, you can research the other scriptures for yourselves. If you do not consider the Bible as a valid source, then quit reading now. No one can help a fool that loves being one! Prov. 23:9 There is an excellent reason why a fool is compared to a hog (swine). Matt. 7:6

Now take a look at Psalms, chapter two. A heathen, fool, humanist, atheist, or agnostic are all in the same category. These “damned” souls despise righteous wisdom, correction, knowledge and instruction! When these ungodly, corrupt and

reprobate children of Satan are allowed to influence society, then the remaining righteous will become a "prey" that needs to be destroyed, according to the fools in charge! Prov. 1:7, 1:22, 15:10, Psalms 50:17, Isaiah 59:15.

The genuine born again, blood bought, spirit-filled called out ones, the church, has been commanded to go into all nations to spread the gospel of Christ! The church was instructed to teach all nations to observe all the commandments Christ gave His church. He also said that all power was given to Him in heaven and in earth. The word power here is Strong's Concordance no. 1849 and means in part, "ability, force, competency, mastery, freedom, magistrate, superhuman, potentate, authority and jurisdiction!"

2- Now, here is, or should be, some very exciting news! In Acts 1:7-8, the same power was and has been given to the blood-bought body of Christ, His church! Yet, with all that has been bestowed on His people to use, and they have miserably failed to fulfill the great commission given to us in Matt. 28!

For brief periods in man's history, including here in America, the great commission was the main thrust of the early settlers, but that desire was soon lost in the carnal drive of mankind to prosper and increase earthly wealth. The once great Christian nation soon fell into wantonness, lust and greed, and as we are witnessing now, chaos, derision, confusion and insanity! Inevitably, total destruction will be our doom! Psalms 2:4, Deut. 28:28, Psalms 9:17

The source and blame for a destroyed society and nation lies squarely in and on the churches of that society and nation! Hos. 4:6-7, Ezek. 33:1-9, Rev. 3:16 When an individual or society denies Christ before man by tolerating or compromising with sin/evil, then that individual or society is denying Christ Himself and will be denied by Christ to His Father! Matt. 10:33 Today's church has come to falsely believe that

all we are required to do today is to preach "love" (a false love) and pursue peace with all men by tolerating and compromising with evil! They believe this in spite of Christ's very clear teaching that He did not come to bring peace to earth, but warfare! Matt. 10:34-39 taken as uncompromising stand for righteousness will divide the good from the evil and the righteous from the unrighteous! You will make enemies! And when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn, and the righteous will be persecuted for their stand! Prov. 29:2

When the wicked are in authority, as they most certainly are now in the U.S., you will discover who the sincere and genuine "Christians" are. Lukewarm "church members" will go silent, and at best "whisper" their opposition to the evil powers! Fear will reign in the hearts of the unsaved and lukewarm Christians. The lukewarm church will deny Christ and damn themselves to Hell! Matt. 24:8-13, Rev. 3:16

Let me warn you, dear readers, that there is no doubt that the righteous will absolutely suffer persecution and even death at the hands of those that hate us! Because the called-out ones did not stay true to Christ's great commission and His commandments, judgment will fall on the church first! I Peter 4:17 But take heart, true believers! We will not be deceived by Satan's trickery if we stay close to our Savior and true to His word. Only evil men and seducers (imposters—false believers) will wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived! II Tim. 3:13 We must continue in the true faith of God's word! vs. 14. Those that endure to the end shall be saved!

1. Endure – S.C. no. 5278 – remain, bear trials, have fortitude, persevere, take patiently, suffer.

Those who are truly born again and remain true to Christ and His commandments will overcome the world and Satan. I John 2:13-14 Fellow believers, stay faithful. Don't give place to the devil or overcome with sin and unbelief. Eph. 4:27, Heb.

12:1-3 Many promises are given to those who overcome. Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 26, 3:5,12,21 21:7

America is reprobate! There is no turning her back to her righteous beginnings. But let us seek our God's face and will for us to lead the remaining remnant to Christ. America's end is prophesied in many places in God's word. The righteous will be delivered, but the land has sinned beyond repentance as Israel did in Ezek. 14:14.

Jesus is Lord!! He will reign with His church for all eternity!

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