Get Off the Couch and Out Of the 'Lift Chair!'

Old folks: we NEED you in this battle for the hearts and souls of our children and grandchildren. Never give up. Ask the Lord and He will direct your path, so that YOU can be the minister He's calling you to be. And by the way, our school boards, city councils and county boards need you to show up and speak truth to them too. They need you desperately.

I'm Here to Tell You the Truth

Many parents are waking up to all this and are rightfully outraged when they discover what their public schools are pushing as they brainwash their kids. They've shown up to school board meetings to express their outrage — and so now parents who attend school board meetings are being targeted as "domestic terrorists"...

We're In For a Very Rude Awakening

If you don't yet see where this is all heading, hopefully you will by the time I'm done. First, let me quote an article

written by Mike Adams, titled: "Vaxssassination." Adams writes, "It's all now incredibly clear. Everything we've been watching over the last 20 months has been a globalist-led effort to convince billions of people to exterminate themselves without them knowing it.

Stay Away From Hospitals & Don't Get the Jab!

Friends, DON'T take the jab — and stay out of the hospitals at all costs. Keep your immune system strong with regular supplementation of Vitamin C, Vitamin D3 with K2, Potassium Iodide, Zinc, N Acetyl Cysteine and Quercetin. You can still find these supplements available — get the best quality you can find. But don't wait.

They're Killing People!

They're more than 19 feet tall. The ten messages on the Guidestones have been called "The Ten Commandments of the Antichrist," and are written in English, Spanish, Swahili, Hindi, Hebrew, Arabic, Traditional Chinese, and Russian. The messages deal with human depopulation, earth worship, a One-World Government and New World Order.

You Can No Longer Ignore the Call

I don't know about you, but for me, this has been a tough year. It's been even harder than last year, mentally and emotionally. It's hard to not become depressed when you see what's happening to our country and our world, when you see how the demonic realm seems to have total control now, of the entire planet.

Time For a Serious 'Sit-Down' Discussion

Like small businesses, churches were willing to take the government warnings seriously and err on the side of caution. But weeks and months later, even after the businesses reopened, it seems most of the church doors remained shuttered, the leadership there agreeing with the government that they were, indeed, "non-essential."

God Has Spoken

We brought all this upon ourselves. Once a nation of Christians, we forgot about God and followed our own wicked, carnal desires and the enticements of foreign gods. The shepherds, who should have known better, were content to keep

us all fat and happy with feel-good self-help "talks," and no fear of the Lord at all.

News From the Front Lines

Having said that, it's important that we're also vigilant and understand all that's happening in this world right now. While many prefer to remain ignorant, not able to stand any "bad news," it falls upon God's people to remain informed, and inform others, being wise as serpents, but harmless as doves.

Lawlessness Abounds

So while those who literally burned thousands of businesses and homes to the ground, attacked police all summer long all across the country, while police were told to stand down, citizen patriots in America are now considered the most dangerous people in the world — "patriot terrorists." Matthew 24:12 reads, "Because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold."

It's Now or Never

The world we live in is rapidly changing. We're all being slowly boiled to death like frogs. The mockingbird media,

internet search engines, social media sites, and mainstream internet video sites are working overtime to maintain and drive the official New World Order Globalist agenda. They're scrubbing the truth from view as they censor reality and replace it with lies.

Universal Basic Poverty and Dependence

And everywhere I go, I see signs begging for employees. I've spoken to many business owners and managers over the past few months and their biggest problem right now is finding workers. "Nobody wants to work anymore," they lament.

How About a Little Critical THINKING?

So all seems "quiet" now in the country since the "Commander in Thief" has taken up residence in the White House. Things may seem quiet, but do not be deceived. There's a deep, ugly sludge oozing out across our land and the demoniacs have quietly been having a field day. The reason things seem "quiet" and peaceful now, by the way, is that...

'As Long as We Both Shall Live'

Marriage is meant to be one of God's greatest blessings in this life. A husband and wife, together as one, with Christ at the center of their union, and a home filled with children… and eventually grandchildren, brought up and raised in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

Trust God, Not Man Made Experiments Pushed by Government

The latest "buzz word" from the Left is being used repeatedly in all forms of media propaganda now. It's called "Vaccine Hesitancy." The term is self-explanatory, defining those who are "hesitant" to get the experimental gene-altering, DNA-changing injections...

Peace That Passes All Understanding

After working in full time ministry for the past 22 years, I'm still amazed at the impact this work has had on so many people, and at how God has expanded this mission from what

I had originally envisioned in ways I never imagined would be possible.

Our Redemption Draweth Nigh

We don't watch much television in our house. Hardly any, really. The television is probably the least-used appliance we have. But sometimes we turn it on to watch an educational program, a documentary, one of the "old" classic TV shows or even an occasional movie. What I've noticed over the past year is the constant, never-ending barrage of Leftist propaganda

Guinea Pigs in a World-Wide Experiment

It's often hard to know what's true and what's not true. Even sources we would like to think we could trust often run with stories prior to doing any sort of independent fact checking. We must all work harder than ever to get the real truth because real truth is now censored by the internet conglomerates and social media platforms.

I'm So Old

I guess it's official. I'm officially old. It's not just the multiple mailings I get every month from AARP or the fact that the grocery store checkout clerk routinely asks me if I qualify for the "senior discount." Lately, I've been thinking about the way things used to be and feeling a little like a dinosaur.

The Son of Man Cometh

Some things in this world can simply be chalked up to coincidence. Others, not so much. For those who have studied God's Word and have eyes to see, it's obvious that the words of prophecy in Scripture are coming to pass now, before our very eyes. Let's look at just a few things that have been happening on Planet Earth in just the past month.

Satan's Great Wrath, Because His Time is Short

Sometimes I find myself envying the uninformed. Being so involved in the news tends to weigh heavily on a person. I get a LOT of news. More than you can imagine. It's nearly 24/7 from all parts of the globe, from all types of sources.

Understanding Socialism, Communism and Marxism

There's been a great deal of talk, recently, regarding the coming "Great Reset" and in conservative Christian circles, much talk about the "New World Order" and the coming "One World Government" that's now moving ever closer to complete implementation under totalitarian rule.

The 'White Hats' Are in Exile

This world changed drastically in just one year. It's been unbelievable. There's no telling what the COMING year is going to bring. Let us put on the full armor of God and understand we're here to do battle with the enemies of God, to defeat the works of the devil, just as Jesus did.

Battle Scars

As we endure life in this world, walking by faith and not by sight, walking in the Spirit of God and not in the flesh, seeking to serve the Lord and His Kingdom, doing that which He has commanded us — and entrusted us to do — it can get very lonely sometimes.

Noticeably Different

I do believe, whether America is destined to suffer the horrors of the Babylon of Revelation 18 or not, this nation WILL be justly judged and WILL be destroyed, for our sins have definitely piled up to heaven now. And the world will be amazed that such a nation could perish so quickly, yes, even in a day.

The Coming 'Great Reset'

We've already seen substantial spikes in the gas prices at the pumps, and it's only been a month so far. But the price of gas at your local convenience store will be the least of your problems this year. It's doubtful many will be traveling much of anywhere anyway, given the coming federally-mandated lockdowns, mask and vaccine mandates.

It's Time We Christians Learn About Jesus

Given what we've seen transpire over the past year, and all the wickedness, evil, cheating, lying and deception that's been exposed within our government, our media, our Big Tech Giants, our health officials and pretty much every public sector of our economy, I have to really wonder just HOW LONG IT'S BEEN since we've had a REAL, honest and fair presidential election in this country

Grievous Grievances

I predict that next on the list for the Globalists is a rash of mass shootings, as a way to justify their promised mandatory gun confiscation. In order to create a Communist state, the people must NOT be allowed to communicate ideas freely or have the ability to defend themselves from their oppressors.

Ghosts of Christmas Past

Yes, I am sad for the young people of today because the country our forefathers fought and died for to preserve our freedom, including our freedom OF religion, where once we had BOTH reverence for God AND respect for one another, we've become so intimidated by a spirit of political correctness...

Just Say 'No!'

So what's actually IN the COVID vaccine? Like many others, there's Formaldehyde, which is embalming fluid; then there's Aluminum, shown to cause neurotoxicity, Alzheimer's disease and cancer; next, an ingredient called Nagalase, which is a protein excreted by cancer cells. It's found in patients with cancer, autism, diabetes, immune disorders and viral and bacterial infections.

Much Has Been Revealed

What followed that weekend was unlike anything we could have ever imagined. On Sunday, as I drove one of our presenters back to the Minneapolis airport, things were growing more tense. On Monday morning, I thought it prudent to go to the store and bolster our emergency supplies. What I encountered there was panic, bordering on insanity.

End of Life Care

Over the years, I've personally tried to minister to many people dealing with crippling addictions. It's sad to say, in almost every instance, my efforts were futile. Every effort was made to help, and my counsel was always spiritually focused, because drug addiction is not just physical — it's spiritual warfare taking place within the soul of the individual.

Our Last Chance at Survival

And for those of you who think Fox News is our "fair and balanced" "savior," you need to open your eyes. Because this so-called "conservative" news network has been compromised for many years. You DO realize that it is now part of the Disney Corporation, don't you? Yes, Disney, which has worked tirelessly for years to indoctrinate young children with subtle — and not-so-sublte — Leftist ideologies and propaganda.

Future is Up to Us - But Maybe Not For Long

It's been quite some time now, since our colleges and universities could be called "institutes of higher learning." Indeed, for decades now, their primary purpose has been as liberal, Leftist indoctrination centers, molding each new emerging generation's minds to accept, support and demand the coming socialist New World Order.

The 'Dark Winter' is At the Door

I've been doing a lot of intense study and research, and much of what I've uncovered is startling. With the month of November just around the corner we find ourselves now at the point that we've dreaded all year. Police departments nationwide are on high alert; the Federal government is on high alert; our military is on high alert, and I dare say the majority of Americans who are awake to current world events are, right now, bracing themselves for impact.

Young People: When Would You Want to Know?

My heart is very grieved for the younger generation. I see so many that are so angry — and even filled with rage. So many living in anguish, confusion, and fear. Our children and young adults are being fed lies by just about every institution in our nation, and there are ravenous wolves out there, hungry for the hearts, minds, blood and souls of our young people.

We Don't Get to Go Home Yet

It's going to turn the world upside down — you'll be persecuted and hated of all men for His Names' sake, it will cause the loss of worldly friendships and even in some cases the breakup of families. It may cost you children, grandchildren, and some of your dearest loved ones. Many of you understand and have experienced exactly what I'm talking about.

We Will All Be Tested...Soon

Friends, what I'm saying is that if we expect to hear those words "Well done, thy good and faithful servant," then we must prepare our hearts and minds now for persecution we cannot even imagine — because it WILL be worse than we think. We must determine to lay down our lives for the Lord.

Whosoever Shall Save His Life Will Lose It

Folks, things are worse than you think. Right now. It may not be at your front door — yet. But the sand is quickly running out of the hourglass. There's more I could share with you, but my research is not yet complete. Suffice to say, it's worse — much worse — than you think. We have been softened up over decades by Communist and Leftist indoctrination in our public

Men's Hearts Failing Them for Fear

But the forced compliance and fake pandemic were only the beginning of woes regarding the planned destruction of America. Then came the riots, as the Leftists activated their own private army of anarchists with Black Lives Matter, ANTIFA and others. The name "George Soros" comes up again and again every time such plans are implemented.

Rage and Vain Things

Mere frogs in the pot as the water temperature rose, and we, as the church, enjoyed the warm, comfortable bath water, until we found ourselves boiled. It's our own fault, my friends. We let this happen. We did not fix God's Word in our OWN hearts and minds; we certainly didn't tie them as symbols on our hands or bind them on our foreheads.

The Truth is Out There

Most are so blind that they refuse to even look when you place clear facts, figures and evidence right in front of their noses. It's frustrating to me, because it seems that SO MANY now CHOOSE to believe the lies. The result is the chaos and havoc, fear and submission, blind compliance and obedience to things that are more and more wicked and evil every day.

Perishing For Lack of Knowledge

In Chicago this past weekend, there was more looting, violence and devastation. This time on Michigan Avenue, along the Magnificent Mile, State Street and parts of the Gold Coast neighborhood, South Loop and Near North sides of the city. Thousands of people were involved in breaking windows, looting stores and causing widespread devastation.

What's Coming Next?

I think we all knew that 2020 was going to be a very tumultuous year for our country. But I don't think any of us were prepared for just how dramatic the tyranny and violence would be — not just here in America, but worldwide. I certainly had no idea that things would change so rapidly and so drastically in just a few months. Today, we have...

Perishing For Lack of Knowledge

Chicago Police superintendent David Brown said, "Criminals took to the streets with the confidence that there would be no consequences for their actions." But while more than 400 officers were deployed, only about 100 of these thugs were arrested.

Unmasking the Lies; Unleashing the Truth

I believe it's way past time to UNmask the lies and unleash the TRUTH. First of all, there are a lot of contradictory recommendations being put forth by the so-called "experts" in charge of all this. Recently, in one of my news feeds, I received one story reporting Anthony Fauci's statement that mask-wearing was just "largely symbolic" and that masks were ineffective and unnecessary.

On A Quest For 'Normal'

A few weeks ago, my wife and I took some time off. It was way

overdue and a greatly needed break from our hectic work life. Because while many others have been out of work, or staying at home under "quarantine," we have both been working harder than ever, longer hours than ever, with days that begin before sunrise and rarely ending before midnight.

Casting Down Imaginations

Let's summarize these points: We are born with the knowledge of God and with a desire and PURPOSE to worship and glorify Him. This knowledge of God and desire to worship Him is reinforced as we observe His Creation all around us. We also have His written Word to teach us all we will ever need to know.

It's Time For a Break

The Lord had provided the perfect home for Adam and Eve — they "had it all," — but they chose, instead, to listen to the lying voice of the serpent, the enemy of our souls, the one who hates all those created in the image of God. And as a result, life would be a struggle from now on, and after a lifetime of struggle, toil and hard work, death would come, just as God said it would.

The Enemy is At the Gates

In case you don't know, America is at war, and it's a war for the very survival of our nation, our freedom and our entire way of life. More than that, it's a war for all of Western civilization. This is our last — our FINAL — chance. If we lose this war, life, as we know it, will be gone forever; indeed, it's very likely it already is.

Lies, Ignorance and Anarchy

Very little of what you see and hear in the officially-sanctioned mainstream press is true. We're at a place where we EXPECT our government leaders and "public servants" to lie to us, profit illegally from their positions and exploit their power — all at our expense.

Desolate, Burned and Overthrown

Today in America, many of our cities are burning. Many of our cities look like third-world war zones following riots by Leftist groups like ANTIFA and "Black Lives Matter." One of the saddest things about these riots is that so many Americans feel they're justified, reasonable and to be expected.

Don't Just Blindly Trust! Verify!

Don't just blindly swallow what the media is feeding you; because they're experts at deception. That's their job. Learn to discern — take the time to stop and think, ask questions, pay attention to the "man behind the curtain," and dig for the truth on your own. My advice: DON'T just TRUST. Verify.

'Casting Down Imaginations'

We are seeing a lot of this lately. In fact, I believe we are nearing the close of time, the last days, and people are choosing now to seal their fate, and pick their eternal destinies. It is a scary thing, but know this: God has never condemned a single soul to hell who did not have ample opportunity to know Him and return to His loving arms.

Reason to Grieve

And so we entered the "Anger" stage of grief at the loss of our freedoms, and the quickly coming destruction of our great nation. People around the country began to protest, demanding their constitutional rights and freedoms be restored... demanding a redress of grievances. Patriots rightly argued that it's only common sense to quarantine the SICK — but not the entire country. Let the rest of us get back to work

Their Secret is Out

It seems the natives are getting restless. Over the past week or so, we've seen citizen patriots rally for their freedom in multiple states here in the US. It began in Columbus, Ohio at the Statehouse there on April 13th — one month, to the day, after President Trump declared a national state of emergency regarding the coronavirus.

Rebuilding Babylon

In Genesis, Chapter 11, we read about the descendants of Noah, who were living in the area known as Babylon. After surviving the destruction of the earth and the great flood, perhaps it was just "human nature" that they would become prideful. They considered themselves the "survivors" of something more horiffic the world had ever seen.

It's Not About Your Health

I guess that today, here in America, where we're all supposed to be equal, with equal rights and equal justice for all, SOME are more equal than others. We are witnessing the United States follow the same road as Venezuela, right before our eyes.

Freedom is Essential

This is insane, people. How much longer are we going to tolerate this? I understand that the end-goal of the UN, the WHO, the CDC, Bill Gates, Anthony Fauci, George Soros and other members of the "deep state" is to use this so-called "pandemic" to bring about a One-World government…

What in the World is Happening?

It's been said that a lie can travel half-way around the world while the TRUTH is still putting on it's shoes. We live in a time of great deception, like no other. Some are now coming to understand that, but others are still blind.

Welcome to the New 'Normal'

We don't know what the future holds. We never know what a day may bring. But we do know our Lord is returning one day, and perhaps one day very soon now. We see the signs of the times and know that even amidst the delusion, lies and wickedness in high places, our Creator, GOD is still in control.

A 'Planned-Demic'

I would also advise you to prepare yourselves spiritually, because while the EFFECTS of all this are seen in the physical realm, never forget this is a SPIRITUAL battle as the enemy's forces attack God and His angels and saints. And finally, as we see things get worse and grow darker in this world around us, remember this is not our home, but we ARE to occupy until our Lord returns...

Don't Bury Your Talents

You know, it's been said that after the terror attacks on 9/11 the churches in America were packed with people from coast to coast, all looking for answers. But a month later, those same churches were emptier than they were before. Because the people went there to find God, but He wasn't there.

Why Can't We Be 'One?'

I do believe a great revival is coming to our land in these last days, as the Remnant believers begin assembling themselves together as Jesus intended, truly UNIFIED as ONE Body of Christ. They're tired of biblical illiteracy and they're doing something about it.

The Wisconsin Christian NewsPaper Story

We have more readership than ever before, and God has brought to us some of the best writers in the entire country. We provide information, education and inspiration that you cannot find anywhere else. And we are not "politically correct." We deal with the REAL, hard issues that the mainstream press — and most of the churches today — do not want to touch. And we tell the TRUTH, that so many hunger for.

Coronavirus, Political Correctness, and 20/20 Vision

The time for Political Correctness and non-offensive, ear-

tickling sermons has long since past. The time for willful apathy is over. If you are a true follower of Almighty God, the Holy Spirit MUST be prodding you in your soul to OBEY the words of Jesus and enlist among His Holy army of saints in this spiritual battle for the hearts, minds and souls of mankind… we MUST be working now, while there's still time.

'As Long as We Both Shall Live'

Marriage is meant to be one of God's greatest blessings in this life. A husband and wife, together as one, with Christ at the center of their union, and a home filled with children… and eventually grandchildren, brought up and raised in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

America is 'Going to Pot'

In many areas where pot has been legalized, we're seeing "tent cities" pop up now — communities of homeless people. Some flock to these states and towns from other parts of the country simply BECAUSE they can purchase pot legally there. So they hang out with others in these "tent cities," and the tent cities grow.

Abolition of Abortion and 'Church Repent'

Again: abortion in America will end when the CHURCH in America decides it will end, and not before. Until then, our nation stands under blood guiltiness and under the wrath and judgment of God, because AS A NATION, we have legalized and celebrated this horror — and those who take His name in vain, calling themselves "Christians" stand idly by and do virtually nothing.

"Fear" The Devil's Tool To Silence Critics

It is time for judgment to begin with the house of God. As Christians, it's time for us to "man up." Do we BELIEVE GOD's Word or not? "The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe!"

Stepping Into The New 'Roaring '20s'

As we step into the new "Roaring '20s," I wonder how far we've come in the past 100 years? What was life like — in America and the world — in 1920? Let's take a walk back in time and

take a look. I love to study history and some of the things I learned about 1920 surprised me. You may be astounded too — and see a few similarities between THEN and NOW.

2019 Year in Review

The new year is upon us. So before we get into 2020, let's take a look back at what happened in 2019 — because I'm sure there's a lot we've forgotten already. On January 3rd, Nancy Pelosi regained her power as Speaker of the House after Democrats regained control.

What Comes Out of Our Mouths Reveals What's in Our Hearts

I pray this message has given you something to think about. You may like to share it with someone who needs to ponder all these things as well. And I pray that as we take the name of Christ, as CHRISTIANS, that we're not taking our Lord's name in vain — calling ourselves "Christians" while we really never had any heart-change and have never been born again by the Spirit of God.

Count Your Blessings

We have so much to be thankful for. Yes, the world around us may be dark and growing darker every day. We may very well be at the closing end of days here on this earth, and we may be precariously perched on the precipice of the Great Tribulation, when the wrath of God is unleashed on all those who hate Him.

You Are Not Alone

These are the true remnant believers in Christ, and yes, they live all over the country — all over the world. And I have no doubt that I could call on any one of them for ANYTHING and they would always be there for me; and I for them. THAT is true brotherly love. What a joy when you find such intimacy, together in Christ.

Are You 'Fed Up' Yet?

The wrath of God is coming to those who harm little children and use them for unspeakable, filthy purposes. DO NOT BELIEVE the lies that this is all about teaching "diversity" or "love." It's about adult perverts getting the "legal right" to sexually abuse kids with impunity. And just like the "homosexual marriage" thing, we never thought it would come to this.

This is Our Last Chance

I have a deep feeling of foreboding — and serious impending doom, as the full wrath of God's judgment is unleashed upon the world — and AMERICA — very soon now. UNLESS America and the WORLD repents (and quickly), I see no way of avoiding it, and no reason God would put up with all this much longer.

Popular, But False

Just because a speaker sounds good to you does not mean he is speaking the truth. Do not trust your heart. God's Word tells us the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. As fallen, sinful human beings, we will always seek validation and permission for our wicked, sinful desires.

Judge Not?

We must proclaim the Word of God, preach the full Gospel — including sin, judgment, repentance, faith and restoration — and we must do all these things with the love of Christ. We must NEVER condone sin or get cozy with it.

300,000 Pulpits Across America Remain Politically Correct And Silent

If Christianity is dying in America — and make no mistake, the REAL THING IS on life support now — it is only because of the cowardice of those charged with leading, teaching, training and discipling God's people.

A Licentious Nation Of Pretend Christians

Let me tell you what happens at one of these events. First there's the parade itself. IN the parade, you will see many so-called "Christian churches" with floats adorned in rainbow colors, near-naked men dancing and gyrating on top of the floats, sometimes simulating sodomite sex, while others walk alongside, holding signs APOLOGIZING for the way "Christians" have treated sodomites.

Our Authority Over The Enemy

Why does our culture and our world continue to spin deeper and deeper down the drain of sewage and depravity? Everywhere we look, good is called "evil" and evil is called "good." Everything is backwards from God's natural order. Everything is a demonic counterfeit of God's perfect plan and design.

'As In The Days Of Noah'

Here we had a modern, ultra-liberal lady pastor, (and very likely a practicing lesbian, based on other things we observed), surrounded by adoring members of her congregation, and she was instilling doubt in the minds of her flock — doubt that the Bible could be trusted, and more than that, she was actually holding Biblical Scripture up for open mockery and ridicule — along with anyone who would believe God's Word.

Be Careful What You Believe

We're being indoctrinated with demonic LIES at an alarming pace. It's been said that if one tells a lie long enough, eventually, even the liar will believe it to be true.

This Is Spiritual Warfare - Dress Appropriately

This is a battle of good versus evil. The devil would have Christians remain apathetic and ignorant of God and His Word, worshiping, instead, a "god" of our own imaginations in our "spectacular" church coffee bars and lounges — but doing very little else.

Battle Scars

As we endure life in this world, walking by faith and not by sight, walking in the Spirit of God and not in the flesh, seeking to serve the Lord and His Kingdom, doing that which He has commanded us — and entrusted us to do — it can get very lonely sometimes.

Be Of One Accord

But when Jesus entered the temple and found it defiled by the religious leaders, who were profiting by God's House being turned into a den of theives, He was righteously indignant.

Outside The Four Walls

I attend a lot of Christian Ministry Conferences — and I also organize and host at least one large event each year. For the past several years, I have put together TWO large Conferences each year. When I plan a Conference or Ministry event, it is not your typical "church conference." Our events have a PURPOSE and a PLAN. It's not a mere exercise in vain religion or a "feel good" experience or a Christian rock concert.

Unequally Yoked



Rob Pue

Today I would like to begin by reading a passage of Scripture from 2nd Corinthians 6. These are verses 14-18: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, 'I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.'

Wherefore, 'come out from among them, and be ye separate,' saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

Let me read this to you again, in another translation, the Holman Christian StandardBible: "Do not be mismatched with unbelievers. For what partnership is there between righteousness and lawlessness? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness? What agreement does Christ have with Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? And what agreement does God's sanctuary have with idols? For we are the sanctuary of the living God, as God said:

'I will dwell among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be My people. Therefore, come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord;

do not touch any unclean thing, and I will welcome you. I will be a Father to you, and you will be sons and daughters to Me, says the Lord Almighty.'"

These are very wise words from Scripture, and the concept of being "unequally yoked" with unbelievers applies to ALL the relationships we have in our lives. We should avoid being unequally yoked in business, with friends, with the companies and stores we shop at, with the people we may hire to do home repairs or car maintenance — always seek to work and interact with brothers and sisters in Christ. But all of these examples pale in comparison to the poor soul that is unequally yoked in MARRIAGE to an unbeliever.

In my work with *Wisconsin Christian News*, and at our Ministry Center here, I do a lot of counseling with people who have many different, but very troubling issues they are dealing with. I also get a great many prayer requests and pray with all who ask. And one of the most frequent problems we deal

with are people who are unequally yoked in marriage. They are married to an unbeliever and I have seen firsthand, many times, the devastation this brings to not only marriages, but FAMILIES. The children suffer as well, and often the horrendous results can linger and multiply for generations.

I've had both women AND men come to me for prayer, in DESPERATION, not knowing what to do, because their spouse is an unbeliever — and in many cases, a HATER of God. This causes severe tension and strife in the relationship. The relationship often becomes abusive and traumatizing. And it's not just the husband and wife relationship. As I mentioned, their children are ALSO scarred for life in situations like these. And don't forget about the parents of the couple who are unequally yoked. The Grandmas and Grandpas who love their grandchildren dearly, but are powerless to speak into their lives the Word of God — or offer good, Godly counsel and a lifetime of acquired wisdom and knowledge — because the unbelieving parent forbids it. Yes, the Grandparents ALSO suffer tremendous heartbreak and loss.

Oftentimes, young people of differing backgrounds get married without even considering the things of God. They may have their wedding in a church, and they may have a "form" of Godliness in front of the Pastor, but their hearts are far from God. It's sad to say that I'm seeing this more and more often today — in fact, it's become the norm in our society Young adults growing up without any knowledge of the Lord... their parents did not bother to train them up or raise them in a Christian home, knowing God. So they don't think about Him at all. In other cases, one of the spouses DOES know the Lord but is lukewarm at the time of the wedding. They don't think it's really any big deal that their fiance' is an unbeliever…all they know — or I SHOULD say, all they THINK they know — is that they are "in love," and nothing else matters at the time. And in the back of their minds they may think, "when the time comes, we will get right with God together.... he (or she) will come around in time."

But friends, it doesn't work that way. God gave us His Word for a reason. Second Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." God doesn't speak just to hear Himself talk. His Word is for OUR benefit.

Young people, if you are at the point in your life where you are "courting," with intentions of marriage, you may not feel that Christianity or God is all that important to you right now, and it MAY NOT BE. But if YOU know the Lord and your "intended" does NOT — or worse yet, is <u>HOSTILE</u> to the things of God — you are headed for certain disaster. Not just in your own lives, but the ripple effect will be devastating to many others as well.

Even people with STRONG faith — but DIFFERING faiths — need to beware. Consider marriages between Christians and Jewish people. All the young couple knows or cares about at the time is that they are "in love." But they have not considered what will happen down the road, when children come into the picture. How will the children be raised? Christian or Jewish? What about Catholic people who marry Protestants? How will THOSE children be raised? What about the young man, raised in a Christian home but who has become lukewarm and apathetic about his faith, and marries a pagan "earth worshiper?" How will THEIR children be raised?

And consider the effects on this young man's parents — the GRANDPARENTS of these children. They are STRONG believers in Christ. They have the Holy Spirit within them and they love the Lord with all their hearts. They have prayed with their children and FOR their children all their lives. But now, their son has decided to marry a pagan. And maybe even worse than that — a young woman who is hostile and HATES the one true God of Creation. Those grandparents will end up

absolutely devastated and broken hearted when the pagan wife refuses to allow the Christian grandparents to speak into their grandkids' lives the things of God, or share their many years of wisdom, or show them the REAL LOVE of Christ. I guarantee you, you have no idea the level of devastation this will cause the loving Grandma and Grandpa to know their grandkids are living in a godless, pagan home.

Yes, this is serious business. One man I counseled with, has been married for many years, to a wife who seriously HATES even the mention of the name "Jesus." She cannot tolerate it and gets extremely and unreasonably angry when her husband simply reads his Bible, alone in a corner of the room. Suffice to say, they are NEVER able to pray together or attend a church together, or share the same friends. And this faithful Christian man's home is FILLED with the demons — invited in by the pagan wife, and so there is an ongoing battle between darkness and light, in the relationship and in the entire ATMOSPHERE of the home. This is NO PLACE and NO WAY to raise children.

When I was a young man, looking for a wife, I courted several young ladies. None of them took their Christian faith seriously. And yes, I even dated a young woman who was NOT a Christian and had ZERO interest in God. But I, in my ignorance, thought it might be possible to convert her, to win her to Christ. Suffice to say, that never happened. I spent a lot of time in my early twenties searching for the wife the Lord had created for me. And then I found her, and we have been happily married now for 29 years. I thank the Lord God Almighty EVERY DAY that I was not stupid enough to marry any of those other young women — it would have ended in sheer disaster.

But I kept on praying for a real, GODLY wife. One who took her faith as seriously as I did. One who wanted the things of God as much as I did. One who was seeking a Christian husband as fervently as I was seeking a Christian wife. Yes, I grew impatient and even began to doubt such a woman existed anymore... But then one day, when I LEAST expected it, by God's grace, and by what can only be described as a true MIRACLE, God brought us together — in HIS TIMING.

I understand how badly people need love. But we must also consider God in that equation because God IS love. Meanwhile, the Bible tells us that our hearts are deceitful above all things. Nothing can be more deceptive and deceitful than what we perceive to be "love." How many young women have given their bodies and their virginity away to men who told them they "loved" them — only to discover a short time later, they were only being used for sexual gratification? Listen, people of God: you MUST take EVERY word of Scripture seriously. You MUST take EVERY thought captive to the obedience of Christ. To do otherwise, to FORGET God, is to invite certain calamity, which will have repercussions on your family and your lineage for generations to come. For what fellowship can there be between righteousness and unrighteousness? Darkness and light cannot coexist peacefully.

Marriage is not to be entered into lightly. When a couple is joined together in Holy Matrimony, God is essentially creating a new FAMILY unit where there wasn't one before. this the right way, with GOD at the CENTER of your marriage, you and your spouse will be a TEAM, with God on your side. A cord of three strands is not easily broken. You will then have a GODLY marriage, be able to pray WITH and FOR one another, and be of the same mindset when it comes to raising up God-honoring children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. A family of THIS sort will reap eternal rewards and the "ripple effect" of a marriage like this will be pure blessing and love. Yes, there will still be difficult times in the marriage, as there are in all of life. But you will have the Lord Jesus Christ there among you, the Holy Spirit within you, and God the Father as the Designer and Author of your family; and no matter what happens, you cannot fail.

But if you're a young person who currently has knowledge and faith in God even the size of a mustard seed, KNOW THIS: He who began a good work in you WILL SEE it through to completion until the day of Christ Jesus! There WILL come a day, perhaps when you begin having children, that all this is going to be a LOT more important to you than it is today. And if you are then married to an unbelieving — or worse yet — a God-hating spouse, then instead of pulling together as a TEAM, you will be pulling in opposite directions, and eventually, pulling your family apart at the seams.

So what now? What if you have MADE the mistake of becoming unequally yoked with a non-believer? No, I do not advocate for divorce or separation, unless there is infidelity in the marriage or unless you or your children are in danger. If you're a Bible-believing Christ-follower, then no matter how hopeless the situation may SEEM, there is always hope. First, I would suggest that you humbly repent before the Lord for your youthful rebeillion, and ask for His guidance, along with forgiveness, for going your own way, rather than what you KNEW was right. You had hoped you could change your spouse after the wedding, or when it became important to you, and now you see you were mistaken. Repent of that, and seek the Lord. Continue in constant, fervent prayer for your unbelieving spouse as well.

First Peter 3 also suggests that unbelieving spouses MAY come to know the Lord by observing the example of the Christian spouse's life. So as you live each day of your marriage, MODEL TRUE CHRISTIANITY for them. Let them see Jesus IN YOU. This, coupled with fervent prayer, and seeking the Lord in your OWN life will help you. Make sure the Holy Spirit resides in YOU, and do not resist the Holy Spirit, but rather, take counsel from Him. He is your Comforter and the Bible tells us the Spirit will lead us into all truth.

And if you're the husband in the marriage, know that YOU are to be the spiritual leader, the PRIEST of your home. DO YOUR

JOB WELL! If you're married to an unbelieving wife, surrounding herself with false gods and idols, you have the authority to get rid of them, cast them out, along with all the demons that are attached to them. Cleanse your home of all the devils your wife has allowed in, and then, continue to pray and model Christian love.

Friends, it's NOT easy. I know, I counsel MANY people in these situations and it is heartbreaking. As Christians, we are to be a peculiar people, set apart for service to the We are here for God's glory. There is nothing more beautiful than two believers united in Holy Matrimony, with Christ at the center, raising up a quiver FULL of Godly But there is also nothing more heart-wrenching than two people pulling in opposite directions in the most intimate of relationships there is...marriage. Light simply cannot coexist with darkness; righteousness cannot be in harmony with sin; and God's children will not "play well" with the devil's kids. If you are unequally yoked today, I urge you to repent of your rebellion, seek the Lord, pray hard and model Christ for your lost spouse. And it is MY prayer that God will answer those prayers and bring you together, in one accord, to worship and glorify Him - 'til death do you part in this life, and forever in eternity. Amen.

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The Lie Of 'Toxic Masculinity'

There's a new "buzz phrase" going around these days — and it's catching on; becoming another MOVEMENT — promoted by Leftist, "Progressive," feminist activists. I'm sure you've heard of it. It's called "Toxic Masculinity." "Toxic Masculinity" is a new mindset these "progressive" feminists are attempting to force into the cultural talking points, which vilifies traditional manhood and all things "masculine."

The Leftists have been incredibly successful over the past few years in pushing their crazy ideas. What was once UNTHINKABLE in America has now become the "norm." Good has become "bad," and BAD has become "good." While most of these ideas are only accepted now by a small, but VOCAL minority, if things do not change, it won't be long before this nonsense is embraced by an overwhelming majority...like everything else they've come up with.

So what IS 'Toxic Masculinity?' According to FEM Magazine, "toxic masculinity harms all genders. It promotes sexism, misogyny, violence and rape culture, while enforcing dangerous sterotypes of masculinity and femininity. It is a fundamental pillar in the patriarchy and its normalization throughout cultures demands action. Next time you hear comments that promote toxic masculinity, remember to call them out; taking actions to disband this mentality are necessary in order to dismantle the patriarchal structure."

There you have it, in their own words.... the ultimate goal is the demise of manhood, the dismantling of what they call the 'patriarchal structure." In other words, "Men BAD, women GOOD." More division. You see, the Left is not content to divide us by ethnicity, religion, or political ideology. Now they must ALSO divide us by gender, which I find ironic,

because it is these same Leftists who want us to accept as fact that there are now as many as 13 different "genders" — an insane idea which they insist we must all embrace as truth. And WOE to the poor soul who makes the "mistake" of calling someone by the "wrong" pronoun!

FEM Magazine goes even further in their fight to destroy manhood. In an article from December of 2016, they wrote, "Machismo leads to homophobia, sexual harassment and murder, as violence becomes a channel through which to acquire control." And so these radical feminists are now portraying men as sexists, misogynists, rapists and murderers. It was not long ago that it would have been unthinkable for people to accept the idea of "transgenderism," much less the idea that there are now THIRTEEN distinctly, different "genders." But now, "transgenderism" is being forced upon an unsuspecting, but largely apathetic populace under the force of law... "Get your mind 'right' and accept all these different genders or you will pay the consequences."

Isn't it interesting, though, that the same people who want to vilify males as rapists and murderers are the same ones who want to do away with the TRUTH of the matter, which is, there REALLY ARE only TWO genders: male and female. For goodness' sake, even the ANIMAL world understands this. You do not see male dogs confused over their gender. You don't see male birds confused over their genders. God made all created things male and female. One is not "better" or "worse" than the other. On the contrary, the TWO (and there ARE only TWO) different genders were designed by God to COMPLIMENT one another.

Are there men who abuse women and act wickedly? Absolutely, and that is behavior that we have NEVER accepted in civilized society. Abusers of women and children and those who are bullies have NEVER been considered "good" men. They have been looked at as the rude, crude JERKS that they are. But the same can be said of women. If you have any doubt, just look

at the recent Womens' marches that have been taking place around the nation, ostensibly to support "womens' rights." Consider the foul-mouthed speakers at their rallies and the mean-spirited hateful vitriol that flows from their mouths as they proudly wear their "vagina hats!" Most of these feminist activists are more vulgar than any men I have ever known. Yet THEIR actions are considered just fine — simply because they are female....

But wait a minute: I thought we were not supposed to focus on gender. I thought there were 13 different "genders," and all of them were "equally good." But it turns out, I guess, TWELVE of them are "good," but ONE is very, very BAD. It is very, very BAD to be male or "masculine." That just cannot be tolerated any longer. Masculinity, they say, MUST BE DISMANTLED, along with our "traditional patriarchal structure." The clear and obvious hypocrisy of the Left never ceases to amaze me.

There is no question that manhood is under full assault in America today. Just like the LGBT movement, the idea of "toxic masculinity" is now becoming more and more widely accepted. And as usual, it starts with the indoctrination of young boys in preschool, grade-school, middle school, high school... and then this idea that masculinity is a horrible, awful thing is solidified in their young minds in college. This is why we are seeing more and more young "men" embracing feminism; dressing —and acting — more and more like women. I dare say that MANY young men in our public colleges today are, in many cases, more feminine in their behavior than the young women are. They have been indoctrinated WELL by the propaganda that has been drilled into their heads all their lives.

Let me ask you a question: if you wanted to bring down a nation; if you wanted to DESTROY a nation from within, how would you start? By destroying the natural family. By twisting the truth and deceiving the minds of milllions of

young people over a period of just 12-16 years, the time it takes for a child to go through public school and college. Drill your lies into their heads for just 16 years and you can fundamentally change an entire culture and society. Mission accomplished.

This is what has taken place in America. The first step in destroying the natural family was to bring down the HEAD of the family, the Dad. And so, not so long ago, we began seeing fathers portrayed in TV sitcoms and movies as bumbling fools and idiots. Not so long ago, we began drugging our children — mostly young BOYS — to alleviate the "problem" of ADHD. (By the way, have you noticed there aren't many young GIRLS who have ADHD and must be drugged with Ritalin?) No... it's always the BOYS who suffer from this malady. If they act too masculine or display too many male traits in school, that is simply unacceptable. And "for the good of the child," they tell us, "they must be treated for ADHD." And so we drug our children, on the advice of the so-called "professionals."

We've been lied to, folks. We've turned our children over to the mercy of the almighty State and after 12 years of public school and 4 years of college, and much medication, our boys finally manage to "get their minds right." Now our young men eagerly join the Womens' marches, the "pride" parades, and embrace transgenderism. Not to mention the holocaust known as "a woman's right to choose." Now they dress like women, act like women, speak like women. These are not the young men of that Greatest Generation that fought for freedom in World War II. My own Dad left school at the age of 17 and enlisted in the US Navy. He was among our fighting men in the South Pacific and HE WAS THERE when we liberated the Phillipines. Can you imagine a 17-year-old boy doing such a thing today? Or, are they more likely to join ANTIFA and wreak havoc on their own country? Or simply sit at home and watch porn and play video games in their Mom's basement while wearing their "skinny jeans," painting their toenails and poofing up their

hair? You tell me.

It goes without saying, they have also abandoned the God of the Bible. If they have any "faith" at all, it's in some weird religion. Many young people today worship the Earth. Many worship the pagan "goddess" of feminism — or as they are now calling it, the "Gynarchy." Many seek out satanism, eastern mysticism or ancient demons masquerading as "angels." And many are simply atheist or agnostic. This is the easiest route, because it gives them the perceived "freedom" to do as they please. Like the satanist Aleister Crowley wrote, inspired by the devil himself, "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law."

So to bring down a nation without firing a shot, first you destroy the family, and you start that by destroying the head of the family — the Dad. Then you feminize the boys, and confuse their minds, so that many of them actually believe they were meant to be girls. Those who still have a little common sense left find themselves in deep, dark turmoil in their souls. They instinctively KNOW they are male, yet they are not allowed to BE male. Everything all around them in the culture tells them: "masculinity is BAD!" They are so conflicted in their spirits.... and then we wonder why we've seen such a dramatic spike in the suicide rate — especially among young men and boys.

There is NO SUCH THING as 'Toxic Masculinity,' friends. God made us male and female. And make no mistake: there are only TWO genders, designed by God Himself to compliment one another. Even our physical anatomy proves this out. DIFFERENT, but equal... and BOTH ARE NEEDED to procreate AND to raise spiritually, mentally and physically healthy children to be responsible, well rounded adults. When my children were young, they would walk BETWEEN my wife and I and each of us would hold one of their hands. My wife would hold our kids' left hand, and I would hold their right. Because a child NEEDS BOTH PARENTS to feel safe and secure, and to grow up

healthy in mind, body and spirit. Two men cannot do that. Nor can two women. It takes a Mom AND a Dad.

"Toxic Masculinity" is a lie from the pits of hell. It is so sad for our young men. They are ashamed of themselves, just because they are male... and if they happen to be WHITE males, then they're even more ashamed, because as we all know now, the Leftist mantra has been: "white males are BAD, 'people of color' — especially 'WOMEN of color' — are oppressed victims, who must be PROFUSELY apologized to and then celebrated, worshiped and adored."

Meanwhile, our families disintegrate, relationships between fathers and sons are destroyed, the minds of our young people are radically confused and twisted, and suicide rates are increasing exponentially. 'Toxic Masculinity' is a lie. It's just another brick in the wall the Leftists are building to further divide us and separate us from the truth, from rational thinking, from God's natural order and design. When a nation no longer accepts and follows God's natural design, it reaps the consequences, which are too many to mention, but suffice to say, we are seeing all those consequences play out in living color before our very eyes this very day. So how's that working for us?

But what IS true masculinity? What is the role of the man in God's natural order? First, the man is to submit to God, his Creator, follow His commandments, and with the guidance and counsel of the Holy Spirit, take up his cross daily and follow Christ. He's to be the husband of one wife, taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. Once united to his wife in Holy Matrimony, he is then to be the MINISTER of his home — the spiritual leader. He is to SERVE his wife, protect his wife, and provide for her. He is NOT to use his authority as head of the household as a tyrant, but rather as a SERVANT.

Then, together, the husband and wife are to be fruitful and

multiply. As the wife follows her husband as he follows Christ, the children then see modeled for them how to "do life right." They grow up with a Mom and a Dad in the home, actively involved, guiding, nurturing and training them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord... as Jesus said, "teaching them to obey all He commanded." THIS, my friends, is what makes for a strong, solid FAMILY, and the family is the FOUNDATION of a civilized nation. Destroy the family and you've destroyed the nation. The first step is taking down the head of the home, the man... the husband and father.

So men: do not let the agenda of pop culture shame you because of your gender. STAND UP! <u>BE the MAN God created you to be</u>, with all the attributes and virtues of a REAL man of God. Remember, it only took 12 men — Jesus' 12 disciples — to turn the whole world upside down. So embrace the freedom you have in Christ — or perhaps a better way to state it — <u>embrace the DUTY you have been given by God Himself, to be counter-cultural, world changers, watchmen on the walls and truth tellers.</u>

I can tell you, this will not make you "popular" or well-liked by most; especially those in your own home, your own church. But as you life out and model true masculinity, those around you will begin to "get it." Real men love babies, real men stand up for those unjustly led to slaughter. Real men push back and fight evil. Real men protect, lead, provide for — and SERVE — their wives and families. Real men have a PURPOSE, ordained by God. Be a REAL man.

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Smell That Storm Coming?

We are living, today, in a time like no other in the history of our nation. If you look back just over RECENT history—like me, you are probably AMAZED at just how far our country has fallen in just a few years. Today, we are on the breach of the "perfect storm." You can SMELL it coming. It appears that all the pieces of the puzzle are coming together to launch America into an all-out civil war.

This couldn't have happened this way just a few years ago. But today, I see no way to avoid it. Our nation is more divided now than it has ever been, or at least since the FIRST civil war. And it did NOT have to be this way. But nefarious, diabolical forces have been at work. And make no mistake: they have been working TIRELESSLY, focused INTENSELY and NON-STOP — like a laser beam — toward their ultimate goal of America's total destruction.

I have said before that something supernaturally EVIL was taking place when Barack Hussein Obama was "elected" to be president. Here was a junior senator from Illinois, someone, who just a couple years earlier, no one had ever even HEARD of, now being hailed by the media in what can only be described as a "coronation" as America's new "messiah." YES — in case you don't remember, that was the word that was being used to describe Obama at the time of the election. Our new "messiah." It literally gave me goosebumps.

On that first election night, I watched in amazement as MILLIONS gathered around the world to join in the ecstatic celebration when Obama ostensibly "won" the presidential race. It was nothing short of WORSHIP of this man, who promised to "fundamentally CHANGE America." Again — someone

who seemingly came out of NOWHERE and took control of the highest office in our land.

I have many doubts that Obama was EVER "elected" fairly even one time, much less twice. There is a lot of evidence of massive voter fraud — all of which was quickly and quietly dismissed with little to no objections from anyone — and it seems clear to me that these were not so much "elections" as they were "appointments." SOMEBODY or some THING APPOINTED this man — I believe it was predetermined.

Let me refer back to an article published by World Net Daily in 2012. The article featured information from an interview with a man named Allen Hulton, who gave a sworn affidavit to investigators commissioned by Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who was investigating Obama's qualifications for the office on the basis of not being a United States citizen.

Hulton, who worked for the US Postal Service for 39 years, delivered mail to Tom and Mary Ayers in a Chicago suburb in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Hulton firmly believed that the parents of former "Weather Underground" terrorist Bill Ayers helped finance Obama's Harvard education; that Ayers' mother knew Obama was a FOREIGN student, and that Obama HIMSELF, was convinced at that time — long before he even entered politics — that he was GOING to become president of the United States.

This postal carrier spoke with Mrs. Ayers on at least 20 different occasions and she was very proud of her sponsorship of this "foreign" student, which Hulton understood was from either Kenya or Indonesia. On one occasion, he met the young Obama himself outside the Ayers' home, and when he asked the young man what he was studying and what he planned to do after college, Obama looked him straight in the eye and said with dead CERTAINTY, "I'm going to be president of the United States." He was in his early 20s, and he had NO DOUBT — he WOULD be president. Like I said, supernaturally evil.

And so he was. And in just 8 short years, he turned this country on it's head — and greatly confused the minds of an entire generation of young people, which I believe has led us to where we are today: on the brink of the "perfect storm." Consider this:

The 18-year-olds graduating high school this spring were between 8 years old and 16 years old during the Obama years... so they spent their most impressionable, most formative years of their lives under the Obama reign. Those who are now graduating college were between the ages of 10 and 18 during the Obama years; perhaps an even MORE impressionable age. And what did they see and experience during those most formative years?

First they saw the first black man seated in the Oval Office, which in itself was considered a wonderful and "progressive" move by Americans, because we were now willing to make racism a thing of the past. But if racism was to be a thing of the past, why was his skin color constantly brought to our attention? Then they saw this man travel the globe, bowing down to foreign leaders — ENEMIES of our country — and APOLOGIZING on behalf of the United States.

And for eight years, everything that was evil was called "good" and all things good were called "evil." Islam — Obama's religion — was hailed as "peaceful" and "loving" — even amidst <u>DAILY</u> horrific terrorist attacks all around the world. Even here in THIS country, we had FREQUENT attacks by Muslims. In fact, as far as I can recall, EVERY terror attack on our shores — from the woman beheaded by a co-worker in Oklahoma to the people stabbed in the neck in a St. Cloud, Minnesota shopping mall, and every attack in between — were ALL perpetrated by Muslims. Yet the so-called "president," and his willing accomplices in the media REFUSED to admit that Islam was a wicked and violent ideology.

On the contrary, it was CONSTANTLY drilled into our heads that

Islam is a "religion of peace." Overseas, we saw this "religion of peace" lock Christians in cages and set them on fire, drown them, or tie them up in groups, place explosives on their necks and set them off. Daily beheadings. Lest we forget, all of this was CONSTANTLY in the news during the Obama years, yet Islam was CONSTANTLY touted as "peaceful." It was just a "FEW RADICALS," we were told, that were the bad eggs. Europe opened its borders to the so-called "migrants," who flooded in from Islamic countries and once again, terrorism reigned everywhere Islam went. Yet it was still considered a very GOOD thing for them to be taking over western nations. And Obama rolled out the red carpet for as many Muslims as he could possibly import here to America.

Meanwhile, our young people witnessed racial division and strife like we have never seen in my lifetime. They were told: "White people BAD, Black people GOOD!" "Police BAD — gangsters and thugs 'misunderstood.'" "Men BAD, women 'oppressed.'" "Muslims GOOD, Christians... 'hateful bigots.'" And then, "sodomites GOOD, normal people: again, 'narrow minded, hateful bigots.'" Obama even lit up the White House in rainbow colors after forcing sodomite marriage down our throats, wiping out dozens of states' constitutional amendments protecting the sanctity of marriage in one fell swoop.

And all this evil and wickedness was considered "GOOD." This is what our young people grew up with. In their public schools, history was re-written, showing just how AWFUL the United States was. Many of our national historic monuments were torn down on the basis that they were "racist." The abortion industry received a massive influx of federal dollars — and we EXPORTED abortion overseas to fund baby-killing in other countries — PAID FOR by you and me through our tax dollars. And all this was considered WONDERFUL PROGRESS by the Leftists in power.

THIS is what our young people grew up with, this is what they

experienced during their most impressionable, formative years. They learned to hate their country, and love all things evil. And during these years, do you think they heard a SINGLE WORD to the contrary from their pastors or churches? Not. One. Word. God's TRUTH was abandoned in favor of "feel good," phony "love gospel" and "social justice" sermons. Christianity became irrelevant, silly and powerless.... "a waste of time." Young people and adults alike were trained to look to Government — specifically LIBERAL and LEFTIST Government as their god.

The devil had cornered the market on lies. He had the Oval Office; he had the media; he had the teachers and public schools; he had the Hollywood, music and sports celebrities; he had the social media giants; he EVEN had the churches and pastors — to the point that today, polls vary from between 57% and 74% of both Evangelicals and Catholics now accepting sodomite "marriage" as absolutely fine. After all, "who are WE to judge?" "Love wins," ...right?

In 2016, Hillary Clinton was "supposed" to carry on the so-called "progressive" work started by Obama. Nobody thought Donald Trump would win the election. I hate to be so cynical, but today, I have to wonder if even THAT election was a setup... could it be that the powers behind the scenes built up everyone's expectations so highly for a Hillary "win" that when she LOST the election, (perhaps by design?) that the outrage would be just THAT MUCH MORE VIOLENT? And it WAS and IS violent, in case you forgot.

You see, the Leftists, like their father, the devil, THRIVE on division, hatred and violence. And that is what we have in America today. It's what our young people have grown up with. They've been trained well.

In the mid 1940s, a document called the "Communist Rules for Revolution" surfaced. Of course, all the fact-checking websites call it a hoax — "fake news." But regardless of it's

origin, it HAS been around since the '40s. Listen to a few of the points this document covers, then YOU decide:

- "Corrupt the young, get them away from religion, get them interested in sex. Make them superficial, destroy their ruggedness." (Can you say "toxic masculinity?") It goes on:
- "Get control of all means of publicity, thereby, get the peoples' minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays and other trivialities." (Today we have 'social media,' and free porn on every kid's smart phone).
- Also: "Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance." How about this one?
- "Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view toward confiscating them and leaving the population helpless." And one more:
- "Cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues of honesty, sobriety, confidence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness."

These are just a few of the points in the "Communist Rules for Revolution," and whether you want to call that document a fake or not, no one can argue all of these points have already been accomplished here in America, and in most of the world. But those who would destroy our country have been even more successful than that. For example, who would have thought, when Obama pledged to "fundamentally change America" that today we would be embracing "Drag Queen Story Time" in our pre-schools, kindergartens and public libraries? Who would have thought that today men would be legally allowed to "marry" other men, and women to "marry" other women?

Who would have thought that COUNSELING for those who WANT to come out of the sodomite lifestyle would be <u>FORBIDDEN</u> and that such counseling would be punishable by LAW? Today it IS. Who would have thought that parents would be allowed to

"transform" their little boys into "girls" with hormone treatments and radical surgeries? That public schools would be forcing girls to share shower, locker room and restroom facilities with boys? And that those SAME public schools would be teaching DEVIANT sexual perversion to kids as young as 4 years old?!

Who would have thought that on the 46th anniversary of Roe v Wade, in the state of New York that a law would be signed and celebrated allowing you to kill your own baby right up to the time of natural birth — with no consequences whatsoever, and you could call that "Womens Healthcare?" Of course, MEANWHILE in New York, you can't legally purchase a large soda. And in California, it's against the law to posess a plastic straw...

We have lost our collective minds. Satan has taken control of our minds, twisted God's Word and truth and we have watched it happen and if the truth be told, we have LET it happen and we've really done NOTHING of any significance about it. Let's face it: The churches have retreated and become nothing more than vain Religious Service Providers.

It's a sad state of affairs. And it happened so fast, we were pretty much blind-sided. But we would NOT have been blind-sided had the Watchmen on the walls been listened to. Because, as one of them, we WERE shouting from the rooftops! But instead, the Watchmen were shunned. And today, the church cannot be bothered to actually DO anything. They've waved the white flag; they have given up.

I haven't given up. I DO believe we are headed for some serious, SERIOUS troubling times in the not too distant future. The storm's coming. Do you smell that storm coming? You know, SOME of those who have no time for God today are going to be seeking His answers — AND His mercy and grace — very soon. I hope the Remnant Believers receiving my message today will be ready, willing, able <u>and unashamed of their Lord</u> to BOLDLY provide those answers. Because we HAVE the answers

in God's Word and His Holy law. We've just been trained to keep our mouths shut... Well, I think it's time we take back the ground the enemy has stolen in the name of Jesus. Are you ready to DO something yet? Or are you going to wait for the storm to wipe you out?

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Persuasive, Pervasive, Progressive, Perverted And Persistent

In my message last week I discussed the problem of pornography, so rampant in our culture and society today. It was difficult to elaborate on all the issues this sin entails in just one message, so today, I will continue on the topic.

The use of pornography is a serious issue, and a serious PROBLEM for many in America — and around the world today. I dare say it is the worst it has ever been now, because it is so easily accessible — just a click away on any smart phone. Pornography is <u>persuasive</u>. It is <u>pervasive</u>. It is <u>pervasive</u>. It is <u>persistent</u>.

How serious is the problem? According to one study, over 30,000 people are watching porn at any given second. Approximately 40 million people in the US alone are sexually

involved with the internet. 25% of all search requests (that's 68 million) and 35% of all downloads on the internet involve pornography.

The study goes on to further show that as much as some may try to avoid porn at all costs, still over 20% of adults and over 80% of children get exposed to porn *unintentionally*. And 20% of men and 13% of women admitted to accessing pornography while at work.

But what are the "benefits" of porn? Perhaps we should ask, what does pornography DO for you? Well, here is just a partial list of the effects porn users admit to:

- Feelings of shame, guilt and self-hatred
- Emptiness, loneliness and depression
- Creating emotional attachment with an artificial world
- Having troubled relationships
- Divorce
- Risks of unhealthy sexual activity
- Intimacy is lost in the marriage relationship
- As well as legal and financial problems.

For many today, pornography is more addicting than drugs, and more damaging to the soul than just about any other activity. Our enemy and his demons must LOVE this stuff. The above statistics are true of all who use pornography; but for the Christian ensnared by porn, it also has the effect of ruining our relationship with God, as it becomes a "besetting sin" — one we find nearly impossible to cast out of our lives, once we become "hooked."

And lest you think Christians are immune to this sin, think again: studies show that 50% of Christian men and 20% of Christian women are currently addicted to pornography. The same study showed that 54% of Christian PASTORS admitted to deliberately using porn "at least several times" in the last year.

A few days after I published my last message on pornography, I received an email from a man who is desperate to escape this trap. I won't share the entire email, but here is just a bit of it:

He said, "I feel unworthy to claim to be a Christian or a servant of the Lord. I struggle with a battle against porn and through that, selfishness. Lusting after another woman is selfish and sinful. I know, because I believe and read the The thing I hate so much about it is that it makes me ashamed of myself so much to the point that I stop praying or talking to my Father in heaven. It makes me feel hopless and alone like a prisoner locked in a cage far away from everyone. The most horrible part of it, is that it has made me and my wife distant and I can't even tell her that the sin in my heart has made me not want her as much as I should, as a I fight this battle every day. I have repented lots of times and rebuked Satan in the name of Jesus but still, I struggle. I really hate myself because I am worse than a nonbeliever, because I know Jesus and a fair amount about His Word, yet I still struggle with sin that He hates. been crying and broken over two battles: the battle against the sin of the flesh and me and my wife are falling apart as a married couple."

Like all traps of the devil, it starts out subtly. The enemy whispers in your ear, "It's not so bad... everybody does it. God will surely understand, you're only human. It isn't hurting anyone. Go ahead, you know you want to." This is how all besetting sins begin in our lives... we are persuaded by the evil one to just TRY it. Sort of like how he trapped Adam and Eve in the garden by whispering in their ears, "Did God REALLY say?..."

Let's look at James, chapter 1. "Each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death." Yes, it all begins with just one look, and soon we are PERSUADED to look again, and again, and again...

Soon, it is all you can think about. The weed of pornography fills our minds and hearts. Philippians tells us, "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, think on these things." But with our minds filled with pornographic images we cannot seem to forget, there is no room left for anything good or Godly. Our addiction has become PERVASIVE.

As studies show, many people cannot even stop looking at porn while they are at work. And as I already stated, over 30,000 people are watching it right this very second. Instead of the intimacy God designed between a man and a woman, consecrated in the covenant of marriage, this evil pervades every area of our lives. The marriage relationship is destroyed, and once that foundation is gone, the family begins to crumble as well. Yes, pornography is PERVASIVE, destroying everything in its path.

But it's also progressive. Many people using the internet today stumble across an enticing image on their screens, even though they had no intention of looking at pornography... but again... they are PERSUADED, and soon find their minds and hearts PERVADED with this stuff. And once a person gets a taste, just like a drug, it takes more and more of the drug to achieve the same "high." They begin seeking out even more filthy images, which leads to PERVERSION. No longer does "normal" sex "do it" for them. Now they need something riskier, something heavier, something MORE. Thus, they find themselves looking at — and fantasizing about — perverted sexual acts. One study indicated that 30% of porn users admitted to seeking out CHILD porn. I will not go into the "other" types of images people search for. Suffice to say, it is PERVERSION.

And like the writer of the email I shared found out, the demon of pornography is PERSISTENT. This poor man feels trapped, he DOES NOT WANT to do what he does, but he cannot seem to help himself. He knows he is committing adultery of the heart, he knows he is hurting his dear wife and their marriage. He knows he is destroying his family. He knows he is deliberately sinning against the Lord, yet he cannot seem to stop it. He has cried out to the Lord for deliverance and even rebuked the enemy in Jesus' name. Yet the temptation — and the sin persists.

Someone once said that "sin will take you farther than you want to go, cost you more than you want to pay and keep you longer than you want to stay." How true. Yet, God is faithful to rescue us. In Matthew 17, Jesus was approached by a distraught father whose son was overcome by a demon that made him fall into the fire and into the water. Jesus' disciples couldn't cast the demon out, but the Lord rebuked the devil and the child was cured.

Starting in Verse 19 we read, "Then came the disciples to Jesus apart and said, 'why could not we cast him out?' And Jesus said unto them, 'because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain, 'remove hence to yonder place,' and it shall remove; and NOTHING shall be impossible for you. But, this kind goeth NOT out, but by prayer and fasting."

Prayer and fasting. Jesus knew a little bit about prayer and fasting. Right after His baptism, before He began His earthly ministry, Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness, where He fasted and prayed. This is how Christ, Himself, dealt with the temptations when the enemy tried to persuade Him, and pervert God's Word. Jesus gained the victory over the devil through prayer and fasting, and He tells us in Matthew 17, that we, too, can cast out even the worst of demons if we only have the faith of a mustard seed

and spend time in fervent prayer, and fasting.

We need to be intentional, and we need to be deadly serious about removing this besetting sin from our lives. In addition to prayer and fasting, we often times need to completely REMOVE ourselves from the temptation. Matthew 5 seems especially appropriate on this subject. There, Jesus said, "You have heard it said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." And THEN He added: "If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell."

I'm not suggesting you disfigure yourself. There is a much simpler answer: since MOST of the pornographic images we seek out are on the internet, get yourself OFF the internet. Protect yourself with easily-accessible software that blocks unwanted content. This will ALSO protect your children. As we discussed last week, the average age of a child encountering pornography for the first time is just 7 years old. Chances are, if your kids have not ALREADY seen this stuff, they WILL, if you do not protect them. And once exposed to this "virus," as we all KNOW, it becomes persuasive, pervasive, progressive, perverted and persistent. Better to cut yourself off from exposure than allow yourself – and your kids – that temptation.

Still, many find themselves "torn" over the decision to put a stop to their porn addiction. On one hand, they hate it. On the other, they ENJOY it. Some think they are incapable of ever stopping their addiction completely. But 1st Corinthians tells us, "NO temptation has overtaken you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted,

He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it." YES, you WILL continue to be tempted, because this thing is PERSISTENT. But if you truly want out, you need look no further than God. He PROMISES to provide the way out, and we KNOW that continuing to indulge this besetting sin is NOT God's will. His will is for you to have life, and life more abundantly. His will is a good, solid, marriage, with your mind — and your marriage bed — undefiled by this perversion. It is HIS WILL that you be free of this demon. So have no doubt: HE WILL HELP YOU!

One final tip: you may be under the impression that in order to do away with this in your life, you need to use willpower. That is not the case. You simply need to look at things logically. What is pornography use actually DOING FOR YOU? Here's a little "secret:" you do not have to use willpower to stop doing something you do not want to do.

For example, you don't have to use willpower <u>not</u> to sit down and drink a glass of bleach. Why not? Because you DON'T WANT to drink a glass of bleach! Doing so would offer you nothing of any value. The same is true of this — or any harmful addiction. When you realize that it is offering you NOTHING GOOD, nothing of any value, it will not take willpower to stop doing it, because you will not WANT to do it anymore.

Consider the benefits you're currently getting from pornography: Feelings of shame, guilt and self-hatred; Emptiness, loneliness and depression; you're creating an emotional attachment with an artificial world; Having troubled relationships, the possibility of divorce; you're at risk for unhealthy sexual activity; Intimacy is lost in your marriage relationship; not to mention legal and financial problems.

Stop believing the lies the enemy has been whispering in your ear. The grass is not greener on the other side — you already know that, and that TRUTH will never change. God has made a way for you to escape the snares of this enemy, and He will

deliver you. But you must do your part. Be intentional about defeating this enemy. Fast, pray, seek the Lord, think on all the GOODNESS of God and His kingdom, instead of the trash you've been filling your mind and heart with. Replace all THAT with God's Holy Spirit and then let the Spirit guide you into all truth.

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When Are Christians Going To Care About This?

I am wondering, today, how much more of this LGBTQP+ NONSENSE we are going to tolerate before church people, pastors and church leadership will FINALLY speak up about this demonic and deadly deception that is raping the minds and hearts — and stealing the souls — of our young people. When are CHRISTIANS going to CARE about this? When are CHRISTIANS going to fight back? Or are we just going to roll over and let the devil have his way with our communities, our culture and our kids?

Sadly, MANY pastors and church goers are not even aware of the extent of what is REALLY going on all across the country and the world — and right in their own back yards in some cases. Not only that, but if they ARE aware, they remain absolutely SILENT on the issue; pastors refusing to properly teach and preach on the subject, and therefore the people are left to

make up their own minds. And having no input whatsoever from their "spiritual leaders," and most not bothering to read their Bibles for themselves anymore either — most people are making their minds up based on what is popular in the media. Exactly what the devil had hoped for. Sheep without shepherds, tossed to the wolves, following the vain imaginations of their minds, with their "moral compass" being whatever "feels" and "sounds" "nice." We are SO lost.

Well, let me tell you, it's even worse than that. Because many in church leadership ARE VERY WELL INFORMED on these things — AND they are COMPLICIT in these abominations, serving as LGBT "allies" in their "open and affirming" so-called "churches."

Let me make it very easy for you: if your church has any fellowship with the World Council of Churches, the Wisconsin Council of Churches, or the "Council of Churches" in YOUR state, you can be certain then, that YOUR CHURCH is one of those apostate synogogues of Satan that is leading people straight to hell under the guise of being "loving," "inclusive" and "tolerant." Sorry to be so blunt, but that's the plain and simple truth.

This "Council of Churches" not only serves as a willing accomplice to the LGBTQP+ militant agenda, they also embrace eastern mysticism, all forms of paganism, and they welcome Muslims with open arms — even as guest speakers to teach their congregations, because, they claim, "we all worship the same god." No. We do not. There is ONE God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These people worship none of them. They worship satan, as they join him in masquerading as angels of light.

But your church doesn't have to be associated with the World Council of Churches to be apostate. Nowadays, it seems to be rare, indeed, to be able to locate a so-called "Christian church" that DOES STILL believe, preach and speak the truth of God's Word ANYWHERE. The seeker-friendly movement that became

so popular back in the 1990s has morphed into a hideous souldevouring monster, brainwashing followers to accept all manner of sin and debauchery as "just fine." Honestly, if I hear one more professing Christian tell me it is not for US to "judge," I'm likely to make myself a whip and start overturning some tables.

But you can't really blame them. For decades now, 300,000 pulpits in our nation have remained absolutely SILENT on the most vital and critical issues impacting the family and God's natural laws. Most of our pastors are SO weak in their preaching, so as not to offend ANYONE, they have left their congregations with no "meat" of the Word at all, and just a thimble-full of 2% "milk." Everything now has become emotion-If I had to guess, I'd say 90% or more of those sitting next to you in church on Sunday never once even open their Bibles at home, if they even know where it is. they rely on the few bits of hand-picked Scriptures projected up on the screen to support the pastor's opinion, and if they DO follow along, it's not with a real BIBLE - it's with smart phones and other devices, that many times, just the night before were into porn. Again, sorry to be so blunt here, but SOMEBODY needs to call out the "elephant in the room!" For goodness' sake, do we not CARE AT ALL about the future of our children and grandchildren?!

Indeed, we seem to "major" on the "minors" today: we look down our long, legalistic noses on those who smoke, drink or use drugs. Let me ask you: would we, as church-goers, embrace, accept and "AFFIRM" heroin addicts in our midst — and CELEBRATE their addictions with them? Of course not. True Christ-followers would do all we could to help them come out of such bondage. Yet the most deadly of all abominations unto the Lord, that which Romans tells us SPECIFICALLY that men will reap within their own bodies the due penalty for their sin — the sin of SODOMY — THAT sin we LOVE. What is WRONG with us?!

Recently, as you may have heard, another professing Christian rock star, Lauren Daigle, has basically given affirmation to the sodomite lifestyle, when she went on the Ellen Degeneres show. Ellen, a well-known and outspoken lesbian, asked this singer if she thought homosexuality is a sin. Lauren Daigle responded, "I can't honestly answer on that," and added: "I have too many people that I love that they are homosexual. I don't know. I actually had a conversation with someone last night about it. I can't say one way or the other. I'm not God.... I just say read the Bible and find out for yourself. And when you find out let me know."

Honestly. You couldn't make this stuff up. Here is a young woman, followed by millions of adoring teens and young adults as a "Christian" singer. OBVIOUSLY, as we seem to do with ALL celebrities, these young people look up to people like this for guidance, and they follow their lead... and if the truth be told, if they GO to church at all, most of their PASTORS would likely give a very similar answer as well. But WHAT a SHAME. What a missed opportunity to speak the truth of the God she claims to praise in her music. But then, to speak the truth would mean losing fans, losing money, losing the admiration of PEOPLE. She chose the approval of men over service to the King.

When I posted this news article on our Wisconsin Christian News Facebook page, even I was surprised at how many professing "Christians" are SO LOST, SO deluded. You'd have thought I'd committed bloody murder just to post the news article on our site. I was told it is not for us to judge. I was told it is unChristian to not "love" everyone. I was called a "hateful bigot." I was told "we are all sinners and none of us have any right to declare what is right or wrong." I was told that I was the reason that Christians get such a "bad name." And of course, there were countless "hate the sin but love the sinner" comments. WHICH, in case you don't know, is NOT in the Bible — it was a saying of Gandhi. But if you

read your Bible you'd know that. No, friends, God does not cast the SIN into hell. The unrepentant SINNER goes there by his or her own choosing...sadly because so many church-goers are too afraid to offend them in this life. So they "love" them straight into eternal separation from God. And hell is enlarged daily as so many, deceiving themselves in the vain imaginations of their own minds do what they FEEL is right in their own eyes.

Now, I don't know who Lauren Daigel is. I've never heard her music. She may have a voice as beautiful as the Heavenly Host itself; but as a Christian "leader" — and make no mistake, you don't need to be a "pastor" to be a leader, because she is a "pied piper," and she has a huge following — mostly young people, and she IS LEADING them... and as a Christian leader, it is her responsibility to KNOW what the Bible says, especially about THIS topic, which is so prevalent and spreading like a deadly cancer worldwide now. Instead, she said, "I don't know. You read the Bible for yourself and when you find out, tell me." If that is not the epitome of laziness, I don't know what is. But that is the state of the American church today. Lazy, apathetic and carnal...

Satan has turned what God created to be a beautiful thing: the act of sexual relations within marriage into a hideous form of recreation and entertainment, that is, MOST OFTEN, DEADLY anytime it is engaged in outside of Holy Matrimony. It's ESPECIALLY deadly when the unnatural acts of sodomy are practiced. And how we have TWISTED God's gift of sex and perverted it today into something foul and rotten and disgusting.

Everywhere you look, everywhere you turn today, it's all about sex. Unnatural, TWISTED and PERVERTED sex. They are teaching sodomy and "transgenderism" as a normal way of life in pre-schools and public schools with "Drag Queen Story Time" — where a man, dressed as a female whore not only reads a story to innocent young children, they also perform lewd,

disgusting dances, called "twerking" in front of these poor kids — AND THE PARENTS BRING THEIR KIDS to these things!

In Texas, a six year old boy is being forced to "transition" to a girl by his mother. While at his mother's house, he must dress as a girl, is called by a female name and is taken to a psychiatrist who specializes in "gender dysphoria." Soon he will be forced to take female hormones. But the boy doesn't WANT to be a girl. When at his father's house, he willingly dresses as a boy, acts as a boy and goes by his given name. BUT NOW the father is being SUED for "child abuse." How much more outrageous can we get in this world?!

Well, let me tell you. According to LifeNews, a feminist ELCA Lutheran "pastor" is "making fun of Christians who take a serious decison to be abstinent from sex until marriage and to remain faithful to their partner in marriage." Here's what she is doing: she is calling for Christian girls and young women to send her the "purity rings" given to them by their parents as a symbol of their vow to remain virgins until marriage. This so-called "pastor" plans to melt them down and create a statue of a vagina, to be unveiled at a Conference she is hosting next year. Those who send their purity rings to this devil will receive a "Certificate of Impurity" as well as a "SHAMELESS IMpurity ring."

This demon's name is Nadia Bolz-Weber, and she is in Denver, Colorado where she founded the ELCA "House For All Sinners and Saints." She recently resigned from leadership at this House For All Sinners so that she can have a greater influence in the culture by acquiring what she calls a "larger stage." She advocates for church-goers to use pornography, she embraces sodomy and "transgenderism" and is known for preaching sermons filled with profanity. Upon leaving the "church" she founded, she was replaced by a sodomite male, married to a "drag queen." This is called "Church" in America today, folks.

Does it not concern you that a school nurse is forbidden to give a student an aspirin without parental permission, but can take that same student to Planned Parenthood for an abortion without even informing the parents? Does it not concern you that kids under the age of 13 cannot go to a PG-13 movie, but kids under 3 can go watch a Drag Queen gyrate all over the floor and read them a story, all the while encouraging them to explore their sexuality and try sodomy out for themselves?

Consider this: wherever you find children, whether it be public schools, libraries, or even churches, you will find sodomite indoctrination, rainbow symbols and the LGBTQP+ agenda celebrated and embraced. But you won't find such things at your local nursing home. Why is that? Because these demons are after your children, that's why! They MUST recruit them into the lifestyle. They must snare and entrap as many as possible as young as possible. But WOE to them. It would be better, Jesus said, for them to have a millstone tied around their neck and be thrown into the depths of the sea.

And woe to the lazy, apathetic professing Christians who should know better too — even though their cowardly leaders will not lead and teach on these things. If they truly followed Jesus as they claim, they ought to know better. And some of them do. They just don't care. Yes, indeed. WOE to them, as Paul writes in Romans, "who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the very same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

So I ask you again, as I did at the start: how much more of this are we going to put up with before Christ's remnant believers RISE UP and put a stop to it? Because you see, if that is to be, it is up to us. Most of today's professing "church" has joined the other side — the devil's side. And you'd better be extremely careful of those who refuse to rightly divide the Word of Truth, lead as true shepherds of

God's people, or worse yet, celebrate this abomination and teach others to do likewise, all in the name of "love." Because God IS love. But He is also the Way, the Truth and the Life. But our adversary, the devil, masquerades as an angel of light, and he too, uses the word "love" — but beware the father of lies and all who follow him. LISTEN TO ME PEOPLE: voting "Republican" and then going back to your favorite TV sitcom, conveniently overlooking the nice, cute homosexuals it features is not going to solve this. This is spiritual warfare — the DEVIL is highly organized and well funded, while, at the same time, it seems, GOD's people couldn't care less. I'M TELLING YOU: We had BETTER start caring. Or YOUR OWN child or grandchild will be the enemy's next victim. What will you do then?

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Sharing God's Truth With Those We Love

It seems like every week I hear from several of our newspaper readers and radio listeners, contacting me about their grief and concern over loved ones who are wayward and lost. They want my prayers and my advice on how they can reach them for Christ.

In every instance, they have been praying for their loved ones

for a very long time... their kids, their spouses, their extended family and friends. These are serious, true Christians, saved by the blood of Jesus and filled with the Holy Spirit, and their hearts GRIEVE for those they love so much, but cannot seem to "get through to" concerning spiritual matters.

In many cases, these are parents and grandparents whose children and grandchildren grew up attending church, youth groups and have HEARD the Word of God their whole lives, yet when they come of age, they reject their faith. In other cases I hear from folks who are concerned about their parents, now reaching the end of their lives, and still seem to have no time and no interest in eternal matters.

I understand just what they are going through, because I, too, have those I dearly love that just will NOT listen or care about God, their Creator. They live their lives according to their own will, and suffer lives of heartbreak, mistakes and constant ills. Others I love seem to have no problems in life at all — everything is fine for them, and these are even tougher nuts to crack, because since all is going so well for them, the feel they have no need or "use" for God.

It's all so very sad. I have heard it said that witnessing to your own family and loved ones is the hardest and toughest type of evangelism there is. Perhaps because we are so close to the situation... these are not just folks we meet on the street or at work or at a cafe, somewhere between "coincidence and God's will," — these are our dearest loved ones, and it is very personal to us. Maybe it is because we just seem to have a harder time saying what really NEEDS to be said to those closest to us. Seems like satan is always able to silence our tongues and it is frustrating. We don't want to turn them away further, we don't want to come across as "holier than thou," and so instead, we often times just say nothing at all. It just seems "too hard" to speak.

The Bible tells us, "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." That is God's Word and promise to us, and therefore, we can be assured that it is absolutely, irrefutably true. But we must examine what this Scripture is really saying. It's saying "Train up your children to know the things of the Lord. Let them come to know and understand WHO their Creator is, what SIN actually is, how we are so predisposed to it and separated from God, but also how the Father loved us so much that He made a way for us to put the enemy of our souls under our feet, because Christ has already done that, and if we are truly His children, we have the authority in Jesus to do the very same.

The Scripture means we TRAIN our kids... get that: WE train our kids... they see our faith, our genuine faith, lived out in front of their eyes all the years they are growing up in our homes as we prepare them to leave the nest and go out on their own.

One thing I hear a lot is that "we took them to church every Sunday. They GREW UP in the church. They attended youth group regularly. So WHAT in the world happened?"

Sadly, THAT MAY BE the very problem. You see, we are two — and possibly three — generations away now, from when attending church really meant something. And attending church is only a small PART of the Christian life.

You see, nowadays, here in America, "attending church" is often the WHOLE of one's Christian experience. And things in most churches today are not good. In many cases, they are not even biblical. Christianity has become something we "add on" to our busy lives, it is no longer our LIVES. It has become an ACTIVITY we take part in; no longer is it WHO WE ARE.

The messages preached in most churches for the past few generations has been less than genuine, and instead of Christlikeness being modeled, it is hypocrisy. Youth group activities consist mainly of silly entertainment, with a little "Bible" thrown in to make it look legitimate. But it's really about keeping the kids busy, entertained and "fun enough" to hold their interest for an hour or two. The same is true of Sunday School, and "Childrens' Church." I guess what I'm saying is, if that was the case, where you simply raised your kids "in the church," as they say, there's a good chance it may have done more harm than good.

If your kids did not see the true Christian life modeled for them every day in your home; if the Father in the home did not lead as the spiritual minister, but instead left those duties up to Mom and the church; if the whole of their Christian lives consisted of a couple hours on Sunday and Wednesday night, but never went any deeper than that, then sadly, you may have inadvertently set them up for failure.

We are so busy these days. I understand. It's hard to carve out time in our hectic schedules for regular time with God in our homes. For parents of young children, I would advise that it is NOT too late for you. IF you make this a priority now. But it has to be a REAL priority; a primary concern. In fact, it needs to be THE primary concern, above all else. Above sports activities, above extra curricular school activities, above watching TV, playing video games and all other forms of entertainment. And especially, it needs to be FAR above "screen time" on your phones, tablets and computers. The things of God need to take front and center priority in our entire lives... everything else must be WAY down the list.

So what DOES it mean to "train up a child in the way he should go?" Moses spoke the most important message of his life at the end of his days, as he knew his life was coming to a close, and he needed to impart the most essential information to his people before he died. Look at Deuteronomy 6:

"These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when

you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." That sounds pretty important to me.... We ought to take heed. The things of the Lord our God need to be first and foremost in every aspect of our lives. When our children SEE us living out our professed faith in God FOR REAL... THAT is what impacts them. When they see the power of the Holy Spirit working in every situation we encounter; when they see how we respond in Godly, biblical ways to even the most desperate and seemingly hopeless crises we all go through — THAT is what impacts them. FAR MORE than a pizza party and a movie at their weekly youth group.

But what if we have DONE that and our kids and grandkids have still chosen to go astray? What if we have been praying for them 'til we can pray no more and still those we love so dearly remain hard hearted and calloused to the things of God? Well, Scripture does not lie.... those seeds HAVE been planted. It is up to God to give the increase. The Word says, "when he is old, he will not depart from it." Very true. But what it does NOT say is "how old is OLD?" It may be early adulthood. It may be when THEY begin having children. It may be on their deathbed, long after you're gone. But we can be assured that God's Word remains steadfastly true. If we have trained them up in the true fear and admonition of the Lord, then when they are old, they will remember. This should encourage us.

Still, it is a tough battle. It's a very EMOTIONAL battle, as we are forced to watch those we love struggle and continue to reject the Lord. And maybe in your case, it's not your kids. Maybe it's your spouse. Maybe it's your son's wife. Maybe it's your sister, who has a form of godliness but denies the power thereof, because she is stuck in "churchianity" and refuses to ever come out of that safe space, that "BOX" that

the modern American church uses to contain the sheep and keep them fat and happy and oblivious to the WHOLE counsel of God's Word. Maybe it's a friend who is quite content living in sin and debauchery, and is unwilling to seek the Lord because he KNOWS he is going to hell because of the way he's lived for 70 years and he really believes there's no hope for him. Or, maybe he just can't be bothered to "change."

We ALL have loved ones in all of these situations. We all know SOMEONE we deeply care about that we want to reach for Christ. And again, it seems to be those closest to us that are the most difficult to witness to.

I would suggest that we do three things: 1) Pray and ask the Lord to guide you, through His Holy Spirit, as to how to approach that person, because each person is different and each will respond with whatever sort of method resonates with them the most. 2) Live out your own life and model for them what a true Christ-follower IS and DOES. Often times how you spend your free time, how you respond to crisis situations, what they see you value the most in life will speak volumes to them and Lord willing, they will come to a point where they want what you have.

This has happened to me more than once, and my wife has experienced the same. People we work with, those who are mere acquaintences, who live absolutely Godless lives, who WE may think there is "no hope for," will eventually come to a place where they need someone to talk to, and THEY will come to YOU for advice on something deeply troubling to them... This is your opportunity to speak LIFE to them in Jesus' name. Don't let the enemy keep you from boldly sharing your "secret." Because the Gospel should NEVER be a secret to those around you. They should be able to look at you and see JESUS.

And 3) do not be ASHAMED of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes. Remember the words of Revelation: we overcome the enemy "by the blood of the Lamb, the word of our testimony, and loving not our own lives, even unto death." Life can change in a heartbeat, for all of us. Tomorrow is promised to none of us. But one thing remains true: the blood of the Lamb, our Savior, Jesus Christ, has already overcome the enemy, and all power is given unto Jesus both in heaven and on Earth. And our Lord said that we would do even greater things than He, if we follow His commands and stay connected as a branch to His tree of Life.

Now remember, we were instructed to not cast our pearls before swine. Pretty strong language, but essentially, that means simply that the worldly, carnal person CANNOT comprehend spiritual things, because they are spiritually discerned, and they do not have (or in many cases want) the Holy Spirit. It is too scary for them at first... so do not think it some great accomplishment if you manage to get your lost loved one or friend to go to church with you and listen to a sermon. Because chances are great that that will just fall of deaf ears, like it always has. Jesus sent US — HIS children — to do the work, personally, one on one. We don't drag people to church and expect them to get saved. WE are the ones who have to do the heavy lifting and hard work, and get our hands dirty, risk getting our pride hurt... WE are the ones who need to be vulnerable enough to share all that we know.

This comes, as Revelation tells us, through the word of our testimony. Our personal testimony is a VERY STRONG tool. When God gives you the opportunity, do not hesitate for a second, because you may never get another one, and if you miss it, you'll regret it forever. Always be ready to share YOUR testimony. We all have one. Don't preach complicated theology they cannot understand, since it's spiritually discerned. Just tell them what God did for YOU. How YOUR heart, mind and life were transformed in Christ. How God gave you all the desires of your heart — not by giving you everything you ever asked Him for, but rather by transforming

YOUR desires to fall into line with HIS desires. HIS desires became yours, and thereby YOU were transformed, in the renewing of your mind. You were born again, and filled with the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, who is always with you.

And lastly, again, do not be afraid to speak. Do not let the enemy silence you. Revelation 12:11 concludes, "...loving not our own lives, even unto death." Put away your pride and fear of rejection. The word "minister" means "servant," and as God's children, we are to be servants of all, ministering to all, especially those we love the most... therefore, our job is to minister, regardless of what it may cost us. Let's be honest. Sharing your testimony with your loved ones is NOT going to cost you your life. But even if it did, what is the worst that could happen? You'd simply be ushered into the throneroom and hear those words, "well done, thy good and faithful servant!" You see, we literally have NOTHING to be afraid of! Also remember: God does NOT want ANYTHING from you that doesn't cost you SOMETHING!

Having done all of this, if our loved ones continue to reject God and His Word, then we have done all we are called to do. But let us remain steadfast and not grow weary in well doing. Let us remain faithful to the call. I have struggled with this with a loved one a very long time. And I believe the Lord has shown me that this person WILL indeed come to the Lord's table — but perhaps not until the day of my own funeral. And if that is the case, if that is God's will, then Lord, let it be. I pray those we have a burden in our hearts for will respond to all our efforts. But let us always remember… one plants the seed, another waters, but it is GOD Himself who gives the increase. Amen.

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God Calls On The Faithful, Not The Fancy

It must have been quite the scandal. A young, 14 year old girl, Mary, engaged to be married, had just returned from a visit to her relatives, Elizabeth and Zechariah who lived in the hill country of Judah. She had been gone for three months, and when she returned, she was pregnant.

She had not seen her fiance' Joseph in all that time. We can assume that Joseph knew nothing of Mary's delicate condition; as a carpenter by trade, he had likely been busy working, perhaps building a house for himself and Mary to live in after they were married. In those days, a young man would not marry until he was well established, with a way to provide for his new wife and a place for them to live and raise a family. Joseph was looking forward to the wedding day, and doing his best to make everything ready to receive Mary as his bride.

Imagine his shock and dismay when Mary returned to town. Imagine what HE must have thought... his hopes and dreams dashed; all he had been working for these many months, seemingly gone. He may have thought to himself, "Well, at least I found out what sort of girl she is BEFORE we got married." But he did not know what he was about to find out.

We can only imagine the buzz around town. You know how people talk, especially in small towns. Mary takes off for three months and comes back pregnant. Obviously the child was not Joseph's... how her reputation must have been dragged through the mud among the townspeople. She perhaps went from being a

"nobody" to being despised.

And her STORY! "The child she was bearing was not by the act of fornication, but of the Holy Spirit!" She may as well have claimed she'd been abducted by a UFO. How the people must have whispered and gossipped behind her back. Her parents, also, must have had doubts. Often times we read the story of Jesus' conception and birth, but do not really think much about what the people involved endured through it all.

Yes, surely, Mary was the target of much controversy in her little village. And surely most people expected Joseph to call off the wedding, and abandon her in her "sin." "She made her bed," they likely said, "and now she'll have to sleep in it."

Things were different in those days. Premarital sex was absolutely off limits. Fornication was perhaps the greatest sin one could commit, other than murder. Sex outside of Holy Matrimony just was NOT acceptable. And Mary, they thought, had committed that horrendous crime. There could be no forgiveness for her, at least among the townspeople, to say nothing of the religious leaders of her day.

But Mary knew something no one else did. And she had no doubts. Because three months earlier, she had seen something no one else in town ever had: she saw for herself the angel Gabriel. He came to her in person — in her home town of Nazareth in Galilee. Mary was not only pure of heart and innocent of the crime people accused her of. But Gabriel declared, in Luke 1, "Hail, thou art highly favored. The Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women."

The Holman Standard version of the Bible continues, "But she was deeply troubled by this statement, wondering what kind of greeting this could be." Obviously. Here was an angelic being, the angel Gabriel, standing before her, calling her "highly favored" and "blessed among women." She must have

been shaking in her shoes... but then imagine how much more disturbing the news must have been for young Mary, as Gabriel went on to explain: "Do not be afraid, Mary. For you have found favor with God. Now listen: you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

Can you imagine YOUR response in such a situation? Luke simply states, "But Mary asked the angel, 'How can this be, since I have not been intimate with a man?'" ABSOLUTELY she would ask that. But the mere words do not convey the emotions and doubts and fears this young maiden must have been experiencing... on top of that, these were the words of an angel. Angels didn't just go around appearing to EVERYONE in those days, anymore than they appear to us today. This was something truly fantastic and supernatural. And it was happening to HER!

Gabriel explained, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God."

What would YOU have done in Mary's situation? I can only imagine. But likely still trembling in fear and excitement, Mary responded, "I am the Lord's slave. May it be done to me according to your word." By the way, Gabriel also let Mary know that her relative Elizabeth had ALSO conceived a son — even in her old age — and was at that very moment, six months pregnant. And he added, "For nothing will be impossible with God!"

Immediately Mary set out to visit Elizabeth and Zechariah... and when Elizabeth heard Mary's voice in greeting, the baby inside her lept for joy! Elizabeth then CONFIRMED what the angel had told Mary: "You are the most blessed of women, and

your Child will be blessed!" Elizabeth went on, with sheer joy: "How could this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For you see, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped for joy inside me! She who has believed is blessed because what was spoken to her by the Lord will be fulfilled!"

Such joy, such excitement. And such wonder! How could all this BE? Yet it WAS. And it was happening to Mary, just 14 years old, some say, and not yet even married.

Mary must have wondered what her fiance' Joseph was going to think of all this. Would he believe her story about the angel's visit? And the confirmation from Elizabeth? Yet she had great faith, and great obedience to the Lord. Luke goes on in verses 46-55 with Mary's song of praise because of what the Lord was doing in her life. Unbelievable, yet very, very true.

And what about Joseph? We don't know a lot about him, but we can surmise what HE must have been going through as well. After a three month visit away from home, Mary returned, pregnant. He KNEW the baby was not his. Matthew tells us only, "When Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost."

We know from Scripture that Joseph was a "just" man, an honorable man, and a Godly man. He was a FAITHFUL man, one the Lord knew He could count on to provide for Mary and the baby Jesus, to protect and defend them. Yet, Joseph could not wrap his mind around the situation. After all, he was only human, and this was the first he had heard of the situation. He could have joined the rest of the townspeople in their derision and slander. He could have accused her of sleeping around and he could have made it public record that this baby was NOT his — HE was not a fornicator! He could have defended his own pride and reputation. Imagine Joseph's turmoil. The sleepless nights, the anguish as all his hopes and dreams had

been dashed, yet he knew he had to do the right thing. He loved Mary, still, regardless of what she might have done. But what would he do now? Matthew tells us, "Being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately."

But then we read, "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife. For that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. She shall bring forth a Son, and thou shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins."

Matthew reminds us that all these things were foretold by the prophet Isaiah... which Joseph likely was familiar with, being a Godly man. You, too, can read about it in Isaiah 7. But still: how INCREDIBLE that the Lord had chosen HIM as the husband of that virgin, foretold in the Scriptures so long ago. But Joseph was a good man. When he awoke, the Bible tells us, without a second thought, he did as the angel had told him, and took Mary as his wife. Yet Mary and Joseph did not consummate their marriage until after Jesus had been born.

We all know the rest of the story of the birth of the Savior, how the entire heavenly host of angels praised the God of Creation, how the shepherds came and, in awesome faith, worshiped the baby Savior, as He lay sleeping — in of all places, an animal's feeding trough in a barn. We also know what took place after. Joseph proved himself to be a faithful man, a good provider and protector of his family. When Herod sought to kill the infant Jesus, he again did as the angel of the Lord instructed him: with NO hesitation and with no doubt in his mind, he immediately took his family to safety and settled in Egypt until after Herod's death. Then, again following the Lord's instructions, he returned his family back home to Nazareth.

It's a beautiful story. But it is also a TRUE story. It is

HISTORY, not a fairy tale. It's the miraculous story of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The ENTIRE story of Jesus' birth, childhood, ministry, death, resurrection and His soon return is indeed, the greatest story ever told. And depending on where YOU stand with God, it's either real GOOD news or real BAD NEWS for you.

As the song says, "Wonderful, Merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend; who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?"

Such is the love of our Heavenly Father for His children. Jesus said, "There is no greater love than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends." But second to that, as a father myself, I can tell you there is no greater love than a parent for their precious child. I cannot imagine the INFINITE love it must take to sacrifice your own Son to save the souls of those that are born predisposed to hate you. Scripture tells us, "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Jesus came to show us Who God is, and like His Father, during His earthly ministry, He called the "least in the Kingdom" — men and women of no reputation to be His followers, ministers and disciples. Imagine, a 14 year old girl and a carpenter, from the middle of nowhere, bearing and raising the very Son of God Himself… because God knew, these were FAITHFUL people He could trust. These were His true servants. They BELIEVED God and they OBEYED Him, without hesitation. That's real faith.

It is the same today. God calls those who love Him, those He can count on to be faithful to Him, who believe Him. He calls faithful men and women to be His servants, His hands and feet in this world, and those who are the MOST faithful you will probably never hear of in this life. To the world, they are "nobodys." But the prideful, the "high and mighty," the famous — those He has little use for, and in fact, Jesus

Himself most often had to condemn the religious leaders, the Priests, Scribes and Pharisees — as well as the rich people — for their hypocrisy. Those He made examples of, for us NOT to follow.

It's sad that so many today follow and worship the celebrities, the fancy folks who we see on TV, in movies, in politics, in popular music, in the media... even many church leaders. Worldly people LOVE the rich and famous. those rich and famous ones may have made a name for themselves here in THIS world, but unless they repent and turn to Jesus Christ as their LORD, and not JUST their pseudo-Savior, life on this earth is the only heaven they will ever Because it doesn't matter that they know who Jesus IS. What matters is, does Jesus know YOU. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world but loses his soul? God doesn't care if you're a 'nobody' in this world. fact, that's usually who He chooses to do His best and most important work. In the Kingdom of God, the first become last and the last become first and the greatest is servant of all. These are the ones who honor Him with their HEARTS AND LIVES, not just with their lips. Those who BELIEVE and OBEY.

So let us each examine our own hearts today. Do we truly BELIEVE and OBEY God, or do we just know OF Him? Could YOU have done what Mary did? WOULD YOU have done as Joseph did? Or would your response — today — be drastically different?

You may not be seeing angels, but God has still given you His Word. Will you believe? Will you obey? Jesus commanded us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, teaching them to OBEY all He had commanded. Not just the "nice" parts — not just the warm and fuzzy parts, those parts of God's Word that make us and other feel GOOD — but the HARD parts too. You see, Truth is often a hard pill to swallow, but it's always what we need. If we neglect to preach ALL Jesus commanded, in order to be popular and well-liked in this world, we are not good and faithful, nor are we

servants to those who need Jesus' saving grace the most. So let us be faithful. Let us be servants to all. Let us always tell the WHOLE truth, protect and provide for the helpless and innocent. Be about His Kingdom business, occupying until He returns. Let us judge with righteous judgment, never afraid or ashamed of the only One Who offers a transformed heart and mind, and everlasting life, for all who will forsake the world, lay down their lives and humbly seek the Savior. And then, when our time on this earth is through, we may hear those amazing words that Mary heard: "you are highly favored; you are blessed. Enter into the joy of your Lord."

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ABC's New Kind Of Family

My family and I no longer waste money on cable TV, but when we did, one of the only "Christian" programs I could find was the 700 Club, aired locally on a channel called "ABC Family." Now, I don't agree with everything you see on the 700 Club, and I have some real questions about some of it. But overall, I enjoy the news presented from a Christian perspective, and I

enjoy some of the testimonies and appreciate the fact that you can find people praying to the one true God in the name of Jesus Christ on television.

Desus Christ on television.

But what bothers me most about watching the 700 Club on "ABC Family" is that before the program starts, this network feels the need to run a disclaimer stating, "The views and opinions expressed in the following program are not those of ABC

Family." After the program is finished, they do this again, with a similar statement.

I know this should be expected, but this really bothers me. Because for a channel that calls itself "Family," "ABC Family" is anything but. I was shocked when I first discovered this channel, thinking this would be good family entertainment, and yet, the movie they broadcast that night was so racy I couldn't continue watching it. The movie featured a family that was the epitome of dysfunction: adulterous parents, a promiscuous teenage daughter dancing in strip bars, engaging in premarital sex while in high school, drug use, etc. Other shows on this channel promote sitcoms featuring inept fathers, unwed mothers, divorced parents, homosexual and bisexual relationships, adultery, blasphemy, you name it.

Yet none of this content includes a disclaimer at the top and bottom of the show. Only the "Christian" programming. Should we take this to mean that while the 700 Club does not reflect the values of ABC Family, all these other programs DO reflect their values? Most likely, yes.

Indeed, the tag line on this channel is "ABC Family, a New Kind of Family." So if you watch this programming, you should be aware that YOU are being programmed to accept the New World Order's "New Kind of Family" — one in which homosexual marriage is normal, drug use is normal, witchcraft is normal, strip bars are normal, all manner of blasphemy and perversion is normal. But the God of the Bible is NOT.

Most people would not catch this. But with a modest amount of discernment, you can see how we're being slowly brainwashed to accept the perverse as normal and to reject the things of God. In fact, it is not all that subtle anymore. It is pretty obvious.

This is just another example of how I know the Bible is true, and how I know Jesus Christ is the one true God. Because you can list off thousands of arguments to answer the skeptics — But to me, the truths of our faith are basic and easy enough for even the simplest mind to comprehend.

Consider this for instance: why is it that in America today, we can speak about any topic in just about any social situation, and that is just fine? We can talk about politics. We can talk about sodomy and "gay marriage." We can talk about global warming. We can talk about the war on drugs. We can

even talk about other world religions. BUT...walk into a group of people and say, "let's talk about Jesus," and that simple phrase will make peoples' skin crawl. "Let's talk about JESUS." You may as well have tossed a snake on the table. They'll roll their eyes, consider you a nut and write you off. Still, they have a knot in the pit of their stomachs, and a profound uneasy feeling. Simply because you said, "Let's

Now why is it that this same group of people will be more than open to discussing Islam, Yoga, UFOs — anything at all — yet the mere mention of the name "Jesus" makes their skin crawl? Where does that knot in the pit of their stomach come from? The answer is that Jesus is REAL — the one true Son of God and their God-given consciences are convicted. Jesus is alive and active and REAL. And in our fallen world, a world ruled by Satan, the name of God's Son is offensive to those who are perishing.

Would you like another example? Consider the unsaved, unrepentant sinner. When he experiences his worst times of frustration — being stuck in a thick traffic jam, being cut off by a rude driver, or working on a home project and striking his thumb with a hammer — what does this unbelieving, non-Christian shout? Dare I say, he yells the name of God's Son, the name of the Son of the one true God — "Jesus Christ." Now why would he do that? He does not believe in Jesus Christ anymore than he believes in Allah, Buddha, or Zeus. Yet it is the name of Jesus that he shouts.

The answer is that Satan, the enemy of us all, and the evil ruler of this world, loves it when the precious name of our Savior is used as a curse word. It is blasphemy and degrades the Son of God and cheapens His sacrifice for us. The fact is, Allah, Buddha and Zeus are not real. Shouting their names would be meaningless. But shouting the name of Jesus, that means something — even to those who refuse to believe in Him. Because although their hearts are hardened to Him, and although they refuse to believe in Him, still they shout His name. It's because they are controlled by their "god" — Satan, whether they know it or believe it — or not.

Why is it that Christianity is the main target of groups such as the Freedom From Religion Foundation and the ACLU? Why do these groups want the Ten Commandments removed from society? Why do they fight to have prayers in the name of Jesus Christ removed from public? Mind you, they don't necessarily fight to remove ALL prayer. But it is when people pray "in Jesus' name" that they begin to panic. Yes, they claim they are fighting to prevent a public endorsement of one particular religion. Yet, when schools in New York mandated students to memorize and recite Islamic prayers as part of a public school curriculum, where was the outrage then? There WAS NO outrage. Why? Because Islam is a false religion. It's meaningless. The god of Islam is not real, thus poses no threat to Satan. It is only Jesus Christ and His followers who must be attacked.

Folks, as I survey our modern world, it is the worst I've seen it my whole life, and continuing on a downward spiral at an alarming pace. It's not just America either. In London, England, city buses were recently adorned with large signs that read, "There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life." Why do these anti-God groups invest so much time, effort and money — and make it their life's work to drag people into hell? When one Christian bus driver stood up and told his supervisor he could not, in good conscience, operate a vehicle with a sign like that, he lost his job.

I've given a few examples here of how even the simplest mind can grasp the facts that the Bible is true. But the ultimate truth can be found in God's Word, because the Scriptures were God-breathed, written outside the laws of time. In other words, He sees the end from the beginning. He does not predict the future. He knows the future like He knows the past. So we can read His Word with confidence that it is true. If anyone still doubts, let him read the following and then ask if this does not perfectly describe the tribulations our world is experiencing this very day: "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities - His eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

"For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools..." (Romans 1:18-22).

"Therefore, God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts...

"Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts...Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to a depraved mind...They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, Godhaters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

"Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them." (Romans 1: 24-32).

Those are haunting words that should terrify us: "God gave them over..." The Lord is patient and does not want any of us to perish. Yet even He has a breaking point.

Many, like sheep, are being led astray by the brainwashing of the world. Many are hypnotized by the mind-control programming of television, accepting the world's "New Kind of Family."

Many can blaspheme the name of the Savior and think nothing of it, and rather than be convicted in their spirit at the name of Christ, they simply get angry and lash out at anyone proclaiming — or bearing — His name.

But if what you have heard here makes sense to you, consider that God is calling you to a new life. Repent of your old, worldly ways and choose God's way. Jesus said that those who take up their cross and follow Him, and those who stand firm to the end will be saved. Be aware of the brainwashing of the world. Be discerning. Know good and bad, right and wrong. Using your God-given free will, choose righteousness.

"Prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled, set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do." (I Peter 1:13-15).

"I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God..." (1 Peter 2: 11-12).

"...in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, 'where is this coming He promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation..." (2 Peter 3:3-4). I really sense an urgency now like never before. I feel some real trials and tribulations are headed our way, sooner rather

real trials and tribulations are headed our way, sooner rather than later. There is now a great dividing of God's people vs. Satan's — as men and women, young and old make their final, eternal decisions. What side will you be on? Will your faith endure until the end? When Christ returns, will He find you faithful? May we all be prepared. May we all be ready.

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Demons Unrestrained On The Earth

The seasons are changing again... here we are at the end of October already, and there's no doubt, summer is over... in fact, as the beautiful leaves continue to drop from the trees, leaving behind only skeleton branches, clearly, Old Man Winter is on his way, at least here in Wisconsin. I enjoy the fall, even the fall yard cleanup, as we close up our outdoor activities, gather and stack firewood, mow the lawn one last time, and then put away the rakes and bring out the shovels.

Sometimes, my wife and I have even decorated our yard for fall with harvest time themes; a hay bale or two, a cute scarecrow, a few pumpkins. We enjoy the fall colors and harvest time themes, but we have never gone in for the Halloween stuff.

This year, however, I couldn't help but notice that Halloween

seems to be a bigger holiday than ever. Of course, most people celebrate this day innocently enough, and see it as just a day for the neighborhood kids to dress up and go door to door for sugary treats. Grown ups enjoy seeing all the kids out and greeting their neighbors. And most kids are just in it for the candy. I dare say that for the vast majority of people, there is no dark side to Halloween — they don't think of it that way, and don't celebrate it that way.

Still, the imagery we see surrounding Halloween today is darker than ever… and it's everywhere. And… these images of death and gore prevail all year long…. it's not just for October 31st anymore. Take a walk through your local Walmart, and just have a look. You'll see T shirts, hats and other clothing adorned with skulls and other death imagery, all year long. You'll see "Monster" energy drinks, posters with vampires, knives with dripping blood, imaginary animals or creatures with fangs and claws, and again, dripping blood.

Television, books and movies are growing increasingly dark. Once upon a time vampires and werewolves were feared... today, young girls are in love with them as these "creatures of the night" are romanticized. Some of the most popular programs on television have to do with death. "The Walking Dead," is a popular show about zombies. Of course, we all remember the Twilight books and movies, with helped to make vampirism so popular.

Some TV channels air nonstop horror movies the entire month of October. Recently, I learned there is a cable TV channel devoted exclusively to horror, called "Chill." People love these things.

So popular are these scenes of death, that young people — and even the not-so-young — are no longer satisfied just reading about death, evil, and monsters… now they are tattooing their bodies with gory images, skulls, gothic crosses, and satanic symbols, so they can keep the death symbolism with them

always. In some of the larger cities there are actually "Vampire Clubs," — night clubs where people dress up and go to party, many actually participating in blood-shedding rituals. Of course, we have all seen the "Goth" style of dress — all black clothing, usually adorned with chains, faces coverd in pale, white makeup, with eyes, nose and mouth outlined and accentuated heavily in black.

There does, indeed, seem to be a very real and growing interest in death — and especially with the UNdead; by that I mean zombies, vampires and things like that — people who USED to be dead, but somehow, whether by some sort of virus or satanic curse have now been raised from the dead, raised from the grave to walk the earth again. They are technically still dead and usually appear with rotting flesh, sunken eyes and tattered clothing, but now, able to move and walk again, are somehow inbued with supernatural strength and abilities to wreak havoc, kill, destroy, and create MORE UNdead, ungodly, cursed creatures like themselves.

But even those who truly believe such creatures are only imaginary or fictional, still have a strong interest in death, life after death, and communicating with the dead. In October of last year, the movie "Ouija" came out. The motion picture website imDb.com describes the movie this way: "A group of friends must confront their most terrifying fears when they awaken the dark powers of an ancient spirit board." This movie brought in more than \$50 million in profits in its first two months in theaters... to say nothing of the profits from DVD and streaming movie rentals, DVD sales, and of course, the huge new profits Hasbro enjoyed with a renewed interest in Ouija Board games.

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Hope For The Next Generation

The news can often be quite depressing — and distressing — especially when we see what has become of the young people of this nation. We are seeing pre-school age children indoctrinated by public libraries and public schools with the LGBT agenda, as they disguise their nefarious plans with a "happy fun time" they call "Drag Queen Story Hour." As children go through Elementary School, then middle and high school, their minds are further molded by the likes of Planned Parenthood, CAIR, and countless sodomite groups, that have wormed their way into the good graces of the school boards, city councils and even churches.

Even the parents' minds are being persuaded now to accept as normal that which God calls an abomination. And so you'll see the parents happily embracing "Drag Queen Story Time," and mandatory teaching of Islam in public schools, under the auspices of so-called "diversity" and "inclusiveness." Not to mention the pro-death agenda of Planned Parenthood being taught as "Sex Ed."

Things only get worse when young people reach college age and go off to a state-run University campus. There, the professors and teachers seem to have two main objectives for incoming freshmen: 1) Get the kids to reject their Christian faith (if they have any left at all), and 2) Get the kids to question their gender or sexual orientation. It is all indoctrination.

What's equally disturbing, is that today, the public schools and Universities are re-writing the textbooks, eliminating civics and history classes, and spewing anti-American propaganda in every grade, in every classroom, so that by the time most young adults graduate college, they are so ill-prepared for life in the real world, they often return home to live with their parents, who don't even recognize their own kids anymore.

"What in the world has happened?" they wonder. "We took them to church, we sent them to Youth Group. So why, now, do they no longer believe in God, or for that matter, any moral absolutes whatsoever?"

Friends, the devil is after our children, and he comes in many disguises. Have you ever noticed that EVERYTHING the liberal leftists introduce has a sweet-sounding name, but what it actually promotes and does is the exact opposite of what the name implies? Think of "Planned Parenthood." No... it's not PARENTHOOD they are helping your children to plan... it's the opposite: planning to NOT become parents...but STILL engage in perverted sex of all kinds.

Think of "The Affordable Healthcare Act," better known as Obamacare. They promised we would get better insurance coverage for about the same price as our monthly cell phone bill. We all know that there is nothing "affordable" about it... in fact, insurance premiums have skyrocketed beyond what most people can afford — in most instances, far beyond what one pays for their home mortgage, property taxes and insurance combined, every month. To maintain an "Affordable Healthcare" plan is quite similar to purchasing a second home... except you don't get anything of value for all that money. Because the deductibles are so high most people are never able to actually USE the insurance.

Think of the "Patriot Act." Sounds quite Patriotic, doesn't it? But in reality, it simply opened a Pandora's box of more

government intrusion and spying on all of us ordinary citizens.

Then there's CAIR — the Council on American/Islamic Relations, — ostensibly to build bridges toward multiculturalism and understanding between two completely opposing worldviews. But in reality, this organization is set up to indoctrinate our young people with lies about the true intentions of Islam in America, and to begin preparing our kids for coming Sharia Law.

How about the term "Marriage Equality?" Who wouldn't be for "Equality?" But the reality is, those who pushed this through have tossed out the laws of God and nature, and redefined marriage from what USED to be "Holy Matrimony" — the union of one man and one woman for life — to "whatever feels good, do it." This sounds an awful lot like the words of the famous Satanist Alister Crowley, when he stated, "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law." "Love is love," they say. But sodomy has nothing whatsoever to DO with love. It has to do with unbridled, unnatural lust. And they are grooming our children to embrace it completely, without question.

Today we have kids who are so confused they are committing suicide in record numbers. Even their parents are so full of the LGBT "koolaide" they take their little pre-school kids to celebrate the "pride" parades and they think nothing of it.

And what of the Church in America today? Do we hear any truth about ANY of these issues from our pulpits? No. Today it's all about OUR feelings, OUR emotions, OUR happiness. "God thinks you're fabulous," was the sign posted on one of the parade floats in the homosexual "pride" parade — a float proudly sponsored by the United Methodist Church, a float replete with near-naked men gyrating and simulating sodomite sex acts with one another, all while flying the banner of "God loves us just as we are."

After years of this indoctrination and brainwashing in the public schools and universities — bolstered by pop culture on television, in movies, in modern "music," and even in our churches — our kids return to us from college HATING America, ANGRY at the world, and suffering from an epidemic of anxiety and depression. It is no wonder that such a thing as ANTIFA exists. For many, paid-protesting is the only job they really enjoy, because they get to take their rage out in public, burning, looting, destroying, beating people up in the streets - people who still believe in God and Country; people who have a working moral compass. "ANTIFA," by the way, stands for "Anti-Fascist." But the REAL fascists are the thugs out on the streets with ANTIFA - their faces covered in black masks as they lob Molotov Cocktails into crowds of police officers and through the windows of the stores on Main Street and shut down traffic on major highways. Such are the ones who advocate for what they call "Democratic Socialism." Another misnomer, because that, in reality, is the recipe for MOBOCRACY.... MOB RULE.

In many cities in America today, the LGBT agenda has been S0 well accepted and embraced that city councils have painted crosswalks in rainbow colors, and you dare not GO to those neighborhoods if you're a practicing Christian or if you're politically conservative. You'll be taking your life in your own hands. You will find no one "tolerant" or "accepting" of YOU there.

So much deception. So many lies. It is no wonder so many of our young people are so confused. It's all they have ever known. They have grown up, literally from birth, having all these lies force-fed to them by the State, by the powerful Powers-That-Be, all with the end-game of fundamentally changing America into something the devil can be proud of.

This is not the same country I grew up in. I doubt it is the same country YOU grew up in. From marriage and family to race relations to a healthy work ethic... everywhere you look,

things have taken a drastic downward spiral into depravity, lust and decadence.

Well, ALMOST everywhere you look. Because I have been greatly encouraged recently by some of the younger generation I have come to know. They see THROUGH the deception. They see THROUGH the lies, and they're not buying any of it. the contrary, they are courageously pushing back against the forces of evil in our land, taking ownership of their own futures and by the grace of God, standing up for His Word and Unashamed of the Gospel.... and this DESPITE whatever "church" they may have grown up in. Because as we all know, MOST (I dare say more than 99%) of the pastors and churches in America today will never say a single word or give any comment or teach or lead their people properly on ANY of the aforementioned issues that are so destroying so many souls. To do so would be just "too offensive," and God forbid the pastors offend anyone. Much better, they reason, to remain well liked and popular among the people. Much better to never make any waves or draw attention to what God's Word REALLY says about all these things. "Just show them the love of Jesus," they reason. Unfortunately, it's not the love of Jesus they are showing, it is the cowardice instilled in them by the seminaries they have attended, because the seminaries, too, have been infiltrated long ago by the leftist, "social justice" crowd... just another phony name for the transforming of our once God-fearing Representative Republic to a Communist nation, where God is only welcome (for now) inside the four walls of the churches — and only IF the pastors are "smart" enough to keep their mouths shut. And so I will dare say once again, I would estimate that more than 99% of the pastors and churches in every town - yes, even YOUR town - are simply "loving" people straight to hell.

But praise the Lord, because as I said, MANY young people are starting to "get it." They understand there is something drastically, terribly wrong going on, and they're not afraid

to fight it. Like Jeremiah Thomas, who you read about earlier in this edition of *Wisconsin Christian News*, a true modern day hero of the faith. Or Lexie Hall, who gave her testimony as she came out of the vain religion of "churchianity," and has come to know REAL CHRISTIANITY.

But all this is DESPITE the fact that they have attended church growing up. On the contrary, what they have come to know and understand, they have learned OUTSIDE the churches. They've learned it from Godly, faithful parents, who have trained them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Parents who have lived their faith out in real life, every day. Parents for whom being a Christian is who they ARE, not just what they DO once a week. Parents who truly LOVE their kids enough to tell them the truth, rather than leave them floundering to make up their own minds about what's right and wrong. Parents who CARE more about their kids than they do Facebook. Parents who are involved. Parents who have sanctified their children for the Lord even as God Himself was knitting them together in their mothers' wombs.

In many instances, these kids that are becoming bold, strong leaders for the Kingdom of God have been homeschooled and raised in REAL ministry families... trained to know the truth from birth. While the church kids struggle to see through the scales on their eyes, THESE KIDS see right through the schemes of the devil. They see the lies and deception, and the vanity of all the glitter and delusion of pop culture. They live for something bigger than themselves. They live for Christ.

And they STUDY — to show themselves approved, workmen that need not be ashamed. They know the Bible, God's Holy Word, and they're not afraid to share the Gospel, even with strangers on the street, because they understand, peoples' eternal souls are at stake. Many, who labor alongside those who work to abolish abortion in our land also know that for the most helpless among us — the precious pre-born BABIES — their very LIVES are at stake, and they mourn for those killed

and they cry out for God's mercy, that even one little baby might be rescued from death.

I am proud of these kids. They have more courage in their little fingers than a hundred seeker-friendly "pastors" will ever muster in their whole bodies their entire lives. These young people — the next generation — are such an encouragement to me. Because if ANYTHING is going to change, it is going to be up to THEM. They are the ones who can reach others their own age who are so deceived, so brainwashed, so lost. These lost souls may not listen to us old folks, but they just MAY listen to someone of their generation, when they see how DIFFERENT they are in the way they act, the way they speak, the way they live, the things they value and the things they don't.

I remember when I was in high school, (that was a long time ago), someone noticed that I was "different." I remember one day, a guy in my class asked me, "What's wrong with you? You never swear. EVERYBODY swears. Why don't you ever swear?" And I had the opportunity to tell him about how I was living for Jesus. But I didn't have the courage. Instead, all I said was, "I don't know, I just never learned to swear."

Well, now that I'm older, I would never let an opportunity like that slip past me again. And I would admonish the young people reading this to heed that advice. For some, you may only get ONE opportunity to tell them WHY you are the way you are. Only one opportunity to tell them about your Creator and the God your serve. Don't miss out on that opportunity!

I believe a revival is coming to our land, and I believe our young people may very well be the ones leading it. It seems most of us old folks are just too set in our ways, too "tamed," too "feminized" and too afraid of what others might think of us. Not so with some of the young people I have met, the kids of Operation Save America, Missionaries to the

Preborn, Students For Life, Created Equal, the Salt and Light Brigade, and many other ministries that serve God with all they have.

In Acts 2, the words of the prophet Joel are repeated, starting in verse 17: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh. And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams. And on My servants and on My handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

In these verses, the word "prophesy" does not mean to predict the future. It means speaking the WORD OF GOD, boldly, as the prophets of old; despite opposition, despite being countercultural. Despite persecution and ridicule, these young people will prophesy, speaking the truth of God's Word, so that those who have ears to hear will call upon the name of the Lord and thereby shall be saved.

But friends, these kids cannot do it all on their own. Surely they will be filled with God's Holy Spirit, empowering them with courage to speak. But as parents, we MUST diligently TEACH our children in the wisdom and knowledge of the Lord. We must MODEL what TRUE Christianity really is. And it is NOT stupid Youth Group "fun time" or pizza parties. It is NOT "Christian Rock" concerts. And it most certainly is NOT dragging your kids to a dead church with a cowardly pastor and never doing YOUR part as a parent to truly LOVE your kids enough to diligently model for them the TRUE Christian life.

So I challenge you parents to consider all these things and

ask yourself: what is more important in your life than raising your children to know and LOVE Jesus, serving Him with humble spirits? Do you want to raise up warriors for Christ? Or angry ANTIFA wimps? And I also challenge you young people: be done with the foolish things of this world. Question what the world is pushing, and compare it to what God's Word says. Then ACT on what you KNOW to be true. May Christ be praised!

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'Well Done, Good And Faithful Servant'

Those of you who know me, know that I have a deep concern for the cultural, social and moral issues of our day. The depths of depravity that our nation and world have fallen to, the likes of which we have never seen before. And I have an especially sorrowful heart for our young people, growing up in a world of mass confusion.

Many of us often ask in desperation: "What is the world coming to?" When men claim to be women; when men "marry" other men; when one's gender is said to be "fluid;" when our tax dollars are used to murder innocent premature babies in the womb; when we roll out the red carpet for foreign invaders seeking to take over our country and we kowtow to their demands, while many of our own citizens remain homeless and starving. When we allow violent thugs to overtake our streets, their faces covered in masks as they loot, burn and destroy our cities, and violently beat those they disagree with bloody — and they are not only ALLOWED to do this, they

are ENCOURAGED to do this, by those whose job it is to maintain law and order.

We have become desensitized to all the wickedness and evil in our world, and sadly, while all this is going on, 300,000 pulpits in America remain silent on every ONE of these issues.

I grew up in the church and came to know the Lord at an early age and I knew, even as a youngster, that He had called me for service. I have studied God's Word my whole life. I have served in nearly every area inside the Institutional Churches.

But it wasn't until just a few years ago that the scales were lifted from my eyes, and I came to see something very profound. After faithfully attending and supporting the churches I belonged to for years, it became obvious that we were really NOT following Scripture. Oh, we were studying it, alright. But it never went beyond the four walls of the building. Then one day, while sitting in church, a thought came to me: it was as if we were all in SCHOOL, listening and "learning" every week, but it became obvious that we were never going to "graduate" to anything more substantial. It was all vain religion.

Church had become a place we WENT to, an activity we DID. But we were never taught to BE the Church. Jesus said we were to GO OUT into all the world and MAKE DISCIPLES, teaching them to obey all He had commanded. Jesus said we were to be salt and light. He told us to take up our cross and FOLLOW Him. But we were not doing that. It was all inward-focused, all about US and OUR personal salvation and happiness.

Shortly after starting full time ministry work, I began to meet some remarkable servants of God — people who actually FOLLOWED, and actually DID what I had been reading about all my life in God's Word. These were men and women of God who took their faith beyond the four walls and were actually DOING something, instead of just being "spectator Christians."

These people were DIFFERENT. And you could tell that from the moment you met them. Yet these people were also spurned and ostracized by most churches — some so badly that they had left the Institutional Church and had never returned, because, as they found out, the Spirit had departed those places. God was no longer there, and hadn't been in quite some time.

But let me tell you a story about one man I have come to greatly admire. Truly, he is a modern-day hero of the faith. His name is Rusty Thomas, and he is the head of an organization called Operation Save America, or "OSA," based in Texas. Their mission is to ABOLISH abortion — not just regulate it. Not to just incrementally curtail it. But rather, to ABOLISH it altogether, for it is the most heinous crime against our own children, bringing what the Bible calls "Blood Guiltiness" down upon our nation. Rusty also leads the Kingdom Leadership Institute, training up the young people of our next generation to be bold, courageous servant leaders for the Kingdom of God.

I first learned of Rusty and OSA in the summer of 2017. They were holding their annual national gathering in Louisville, Kentucky, and I followed their mission trip to Louisville via live videos on Facebook. There, I saw hundreds of committed Christians — all part of the OSA team, from all over America — who had come together to take part in the national event. The mission was to shine the light of truth on the darkness and evil of the abortion industry at the last remaining surgical abortion center in Kentucky.

Entire families had committed to a week-long mission trip (many far from home) to stand up and speak the truth about this evil — and share the GOSPEL of JESUS CHRIST to the lost and perishing on the streets of Louisville. Whole families, spending their summer "vacation" time doing something SUBSTANTIAL for the Lord. Yes, I was impressed. This was no mere "vain religion."

I was further impressed at the mercy and grace the OSA team members showed to even those who attacked them — sometimes physically. And when the Spirit of the Lord fell upon the young people at this gathering, the young people rose up — without any prompting by their parents, and began preaching, praying, praising and worshiping all on their own. This became even MORE significant when these young people were assaulted by a large group of satanists who had come to curse and attack them. Some of these kids were literally trembling in fear, yet they stood their ground for Christ. Instead of fleeing, and instead of cursing back, they knelt and offered up genuine, tearful prayers for the satanists, even as those evil ones were screaming perverted profanities at them.

Afterwards, during the church service that followed, Rusty was asked by one young man if he could be baptized... and Rusty did not leave that baptismal pool until three hours later, as one young person after another committed their lives to Christ and left the dirt and filth of their former worldly lives in that pool. Among those being baptized that day was his 15-year-old son, Jeremiah, whose life was DRAMATICALLY TRANSFORMED that day, in that place. As he came up out of the water, he beat his chest in triumph — a NEW CREATURE, transformed by the Holy Spirit of Christ.

I was further impressed as I watched the videos coming out of Louisville, when Rusty and a few others, determined to save the lives of God's precious little ones, sat down, peacefully, in front of the door of the abortion center. Yes, blocking that doorway — to the very gates of hell. Let me describe the picture for you: HUNDREDS of committed Christian families gathering to worship, praise, preach the Gospel and stand in the gap for the most helpless among us. Dozens of young people, POWERFULLY MOVED by the Holy Spirit to pray for those who were cursing them. And a few brave men and women willing to risk arrest and jail time in order to save the lives of precious babies.

Coach Dave Daubenmire got on the PA system and gave a message to the police officers that were present. He pointed out the STARK CONTRAST between the satanists, who continued to violently curse and swear and scream profanities at these young children — and the young children on their knees, crying out to the Lord for the souls of those who were cursing them. And he asked the police, "What do you see here? You see the kingdom of darkness on one side, and the kingdom of light on the other. Who or what do you want ruling in America today?" THIS was REAL Christianity. Not vain religion. And I never saw it portrayed so beautifully ever before in my life.

And then Rusty and those sitting peacefully and praying in front of the doors to the killing center were arrested and hauled off to jail. They were found not guilty in the local court — but they still face years of jail time in federal prison, for PEACEFULLY praying and standing in intercession for babies about to be murdered. And so the police, instead of arresting the murderers, arrested those trying to stop the killing. Such is the state of lawlessness in America today.

When OSA held their regional event in Indiana last November, my wife and I joined them and it was an honor to meet Rusty in person and all those who are part of OSA. This past March, I invited Rusty to speak at our annual Ministry Expo and Conference in Wisconsin, and he graciously accepted. He gave the most passionate, tearful message, pleading for Christians to WAKE UP and SEE what 45 years of child murder has done to our nation. Two weeks later, Rusty called to ask me to speak at this year's national OSA gathering in Indiana this past July, and it was an honor to be among those wonderful speakers and those faithful, true servants of Christ that week.



But a week after he called me, life for the Thomas family changed forever. Their son, Jeremiah, who was baptized in Louisville, and who **FULLY** now was committed to Christ like no young person I'd ever known, had been having pains in his chest... in the same exact spot where he "beat" his chest after from rising

baptismal pool. Jeremiah was a "star" player on his high school football team, and they all thought it was just a minor football injury... But they went to see the doctor. And then they learned it was NOT just a minor injury. It turned out to be a rare form of bone cancer that attacks teenagers, and Jeremiah had it.

The doctors gave the prognosis: only 10% of those with this type of cancer survive. The doctors said there was really nothing they could do for him. The Thomas' sought alternative and natural treatments, and then chemotherapy, and some of these treatments seemed to be helping. Jeremiah boldly preached the sermon on Easter Sunday at his church. But then, he lost his ability to walk, and with that, his dream of ever playing football again. His response? "It's ok. I'll just preach from my wheelchair!"

And preach he did — every chance he got, Jeremiah and several other young people from OSA had been out on the street preaching the Word of God at every opportunity since that incredible transformation in Louisville 8 months earlier. The

cancer didn't stop him. In fact, it only emboldened him, and Jeremiah was determined that whether he lived or died, he would spend the rest of his life serving the Lord with everything he had. And so he did.

When the Make a Wish Foundation heard about Jeremiah, they offered him anything he wanted. He could have gone to Disneyland. He could have met a celebrity. He could have taken the "trip of a lifetime." But Jeremiah's wish was different. He wanted to speak to the Governor of Texas to ask that he abolish abortion in that state. The Make a Wish Foundation couldn't make that happen. But GOD could. Governor Abbott called Jeremiah on the phone and the two had a long conversation; Jeremiah, just waking from sleep and heavily medicated, was remarkably articulate as he spoke with the governor. And the governer promised to make Jeremiah's wish come true. "Your wish is granted," he said, promising to make abolition of abortion a priority in the next legislative session in Texas.

Over the next several months, Jeremiah's story went world-wide. Literally hundreds of thousands of Christians around the globe were praying for him. And Jeremiah continued to preach out on the streets as often as he could, pressing on, even through tremendous pain, and paralyzed from the chest down.

Meanwhile, the curses of the God-haters continued. He received thousands of hateful comments on social media and elsewhere, wishing him dead, bidding "good riddance," and even callously calling his situation a "late term abortion." But Jeremiah responded in love, asking, "How can I pray for you?" Such grace, such maturity, such selflessness... I have never seen before — not in any adult, and certainly not in any 16-year-old young man. Truly, he WAS filled with the Holy Spirit, and his story touched more hearts and lives in a few months than any I've ever known — and his legacy is one that will likely remain unmatched by anyone in my lifetime.

On the evening of August 25th, I was wakened in the middle of the night and prompted to pray for Jeremiah, as I had been doing for months. But this night was different. This night, I later learned, I was just one of thousands who had been wakened also — joining in an all-night vigil. And then the next evening, we got word that Jeremiah had completed the race, and he finished it well. My wife and I attended his funeral in Texas this past weekend. What a tremendous outpouring of love and what a celebration of a life well lived, by a courageous young man, for his Savior. Truly, he lived by one of his Dad's favorite Scriptures found in Revelation 12: "And they overcame by the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony and loving not their own lives, even unto death."

Near the end of the funeral service, Rusty took the podium and called all the young people in attendance forward. He charged them with the duty to pick up where Jeremiah had left off. To put away the frivolous things of this world, pick up the baton and continue running the race. To dedicate their lives to serving their Savior. And later he made sure they "Jeremiah is not to become an 'idol,' but he IS to be an example" of a good and faithful servant. He has now entered in to the joy of His Lord. Jeremiah and the other young people of OSA give me hope for the next generation. You see, it's not about "playing church" once a week. a life transformed. You can have that too, if you want it. Time does not permit me to share more here, but you can find out PLENTY MORE online, as his story is one that has literally touched MILLIONS world wide.

Rusty will be joining us again back here in Wisconsin for an event we are calling "CHURCH ARISE, OPERATION SAVE WISCONSIN," — in Marshfield October 17 and 18 and in Milwaukee October 19 and 20. I encourage you to come and meet Rusty and our other great speakers, and learn more about how YOU, too, can be a part of something bigger, living your life and running the

race well as a good and faithful servant to your Savior. Call me for more details.

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Worshiping God Or Our Emotions?

Today's message may seem insignificant, at first, because of the myriad of very serious issues and assaults we're facing on our true Christian faith in America and around the world. Normally, we discuss these topics in detail here, which admittedly, are very concerning and require our immediate attention and action.

But today I would like to talk about something else, which has been a real concern with ME for a long time now. It has to do with REVERENCE, or perhaps better stated, the LACK of reverence we have in our churches for our Lord and Savior, and our Heavenly Father.

The "seeker friendly" movement crept into our churches a few decades ago, and it has continued that way, as more and more churches have followed the concept of "just give the people what they want." Pastors and Elders attend "church-building conferences," to learn how to get more numbers — more people in the seats. Seminaries now teach new ministers how to be

non-offensive, politically correct, and to provide a "worship experience" that will appeal to the EMOTIONS of the people, make them "feel good," and at the end of the "service," leave with a feeling of satisfaction and comfort.

Part of this equation is music. Music has always been a part of worshiping God. Perhaps the most notable was David, who worshiped God through music and many of his Psalms were sung in worship to the Lord. In the "old days," as I was growing up, we sang the timeless hymns of the faith, so richly filled with biblical doctrine and reverence for God. I didn't really appreciate them at the time, at least not as much as I appreciate them now. I guess you don't know what you have until it's gone.

And those old hymns of the faith ARE all but GONE now, from MOST of our evangelical churches. They have been replaced by "praise and worship" choruses, most of which are comprised of very "shallow" lyrics, which are repeated over and over, ad nauseum. As a case in point, if I hear "Open The Eyes Of Our Heart, Lord," one more time, I think I'm going to be sick. Indeed, that seems to be a "staple" of modern church "praise and worship time" in just about every church I've attended for the past decade, at least.

The song goes like this:

"Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You. I want to see You. Open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You. I want to see You.

"To see You high and lifted up; Shinin' in the light of Your glory. Pour out Your power and love as we sing 'holy, holy,'"

That's all there is. But the song is endless... the "worship team" repeats these verses over and over and over again. It almost seems as if they feel the longer they play and the more

they repeat it, the more the "Holy Spirit" will descend upon the people and "move" among them. In reality, I fear a better analysis is that the music and words tend to do one of two things: 1) either lull people into an emotional "trance," or 2) make people so bored they stop singing altogether. Neither one is true "worship." And I believe neither one is truly honoring to the Lord.

You see, nowadays, "church" seems to be all about US... OUR feelings, OUR emotions, OUR needs, OUR wants, OUR desires. The words of this song, to me, have really become meaningless babble. Like the prayers Jesus warned about in Matthew 6 when He said, "when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words..."

To me, most of these modern day "praise and worship choruses" are really just vain repetitions designed to bring people into an emotional state of mindlessness. This is not biblical. In fact, it's heathen, in my opinion.

Now don't get me wrong: I DO appreciate and enjoy some of the modern Christian music. There are some very wonderful musical artists out there today who create beautiful, God-honoring songs of praise. But sadly, those are not what we're singing in most of our churches today.

Today, MOST of the churches have tossed the hymnals in the dumpster. In fact, at our Ministry Center in Marshfield, Wisconsin, we rescued some of those old hymnals from the dumpsters of several churches and we're glad to have them.

Let's compare, for a few minutes, what is sung today with what USED to be Christian worship music. "Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You; I want to see You." Now remember, you have to sing this AT LEAST six or seven times before the Spirit "moves!" Then you go on: "To see You high and lifted up; Shinin' in the light

of Your glory. Pour out Your power and love; As we sing 'holy, holy, holy...'"

Then you sing the whole thing over again, six or seven more times, and HOPEFULLY the Spirit will fall upon the people.

I attended one church where most of the music consisted of these modern "praise and worship" choruses. But then they would include **ONE** of the old hymns in each service. As I looked around at the room, I noticed something. During the modern songs, about 10, maybe 20% of the people were actually singing. But when they did the old hymns of the Christian faith, the room literally SHOOK with the volume from the sheer number of EVERYONE singing in unison.

Let me make a few points here: if you're hoping to "mesmerize" people into a state of emotional bliss (one pastor explained it as: "giving time for people to 'ENTER IN' to worship,") and thereby bringing the "Holy Spirit" into your meeting, then WHATEVER it is that descends on your meeting is NOT the Holy Spirit — and those in attendance are not Spirit-filled to begin with. If you have to "call down" the Spirit" from the heavens, it seems to me that it ain't HIM! No, as Christians, the Holy Spirit resides INSIDE us. We don't need the vain ritual of endlessly repeating shallow choruses to "feel" the Spirit. The Spirit is with us always, guiding us into all truth.

Now let's look at some of the old hymns, those that have been tossed in the dumpsters of so many churches today. "O Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder, Consider all the works Thy Hand hath made.... I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy power throughout the Universe displayed.... Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee. How great Thou art! How great Thou art!" THAT song begins with the wonder of God's creation, as described in Genesis. It goes on to talk about Christ's return, and how we will bow, in our humble adoration of Him. The problem is, we don't WANT to "bow" to ANYONE

today, not even God, because we're so prideful. We love ourselves too much!

Another old hymn talks about contentment in Christ, in all circumstances. "When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll. Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, 'It is well, it is well with my soul!'" THIS one goes on to talk about the buffeting of Satan that will surely come to the Christian's life; the blessed assurance we have in Jesus, how helpless we are without Him, and how He rescued us from sin (yes SIN — a novel topic today), through His blood, shed for us on the cross. And because of that, it is WELL with my soul!

Another that talks about our sin, our desperate situation and our need for the Savior. It starts: "Would you be free from the burden of sin? There's power in the blood, power in the blood. Would you, over evil, a victory win? There's wonderful power in the blood." This song goes on to talk about the Lamb of God, the ability for us to be free from worldly passions and pride, and how to be cleansed, through Jesus.

How about "Amazing Grace, that saved a wretch like me?!" I wonder, how many seeker-friendly church-goers today consider themselves to be wretches? No, nowadays, we all think we're pretty special to God, just the way we are. But Amazing Grace declares the truth that "I once was lost but now am found. Was blind, but now I see!"

God calls us to a new life in Christ, upon our salvation. But modern day theology tends to teach that we are fine just the way we are, and we can just "add Jesus in" to the life we're already living. A "Get Out of Hell Free" card, if we just repeat a simple prayer. And the music we sing today in most churches reflects that ignorance. If we are not wretches, hopelessly lost in our sin and depravity, why then, did Jesus have to be the perfect sacrifice to rescue those who call upon

His name? If we don't understand WHY we NEED a Savior, we will never truly come to know Him and we will never really honor Him as our Lord.

Once saved, we are then to GO OUT and do as Jesus commanded: to be salt and light in a dark and dying world. To fight evil, to do the Lord's work, to make disciples, teaching them to obey all Jesus commanded. We are to be "Christian Soldiers." And SOLDIERS don't just sit there once a week, or stand and raise their hands to look "holy" while repeating vain words that really, if we are honest, mean nothing to us. We're to go OUT. We're to move ONWARD. Now I'm going to give you the entirety of one song in particular, which describes the spiritual battle we are in. After all, if we are NOT truly in a spiritual battle, if we are not TRULY supposed to be <u>Christian soldiers</u> in this battle, why then, do we have such an in-depth description of the Armor of God we are all supposed to be putting on? Are we supposed to be wearing our Armor of God to protect us as we go out to our favorite restaurant after the service? No. We are to engage the enemy in battle, and the gates of hell shall not prevail. So listen to THESE words:

"Onward Christian soldiers! Marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before. Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe; Forward into battle, see His banners go! Onward, Christian soldiers! Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus, going on before.

"At the name of Jesus, satan's host doth flee; On then, Christian soldiers, on to victory! Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise: Brothers, lift your voices, Loud your anthems raise!

"Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane; But the Church of Jesus constant will remain. Gates of hell can never 'Gainst the Church prevail; We have Christ's own promise, Which can never fail. "Onward, then, ye people! Join our happy throng; Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song. Glory, laud and honor unto Christ, the King; This through countless ages Men and angels sing."

THAT is a Church I want to belong to.... God's REMNANT believers, standing up for His righteousness amidst a world of death, decay and destruction; a world destined for damnation apart of Christ our King. I'd much rather be among those saints of God than the shallow, feel-good, seeker-sensitive emotionally-laden spiritual eunichs that inhabit most of Evangelicalism today.

Let me close with these words of encouragement to you:

"Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross; lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss. From victory unto victory His army shall He lead, 'til every foe is vanguished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

"Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey; forth to the mighty conflict, in this His glorious day. Ye that are brave now serve Him against unnumbered foes; let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

"Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in HIS strength alone; the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own. Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer; where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

"Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long; this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song. To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be; they with the King of Glory shall reign eternally."

What POWER when we KNOW biblical doctrine and celebrate it and sing it to our Lord in song. When we sing the words of Scripture, when we have the HOLY SPIRIT inside us, rather than

waiting for it to magically "fall on us" because of our many empty words!" PLEASE, friends, don't ask the Lord to "Open the eyes of your heart" if you're not willing to see!

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Now They're Coming For Our Children

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16, which USED to be the most well-known verse of the Bible, until the Leftists started quoting "Judge not." Now, that seems to be the only "Bible" anyone knows anymore.

For those who are unaware, in addition to these radio broadcasts, my main ministry work is Wisconsin Christian News, which is now a NATIONAL Christian newspaper, based in Wisconsin. We have subscribers in nearly all fifty states, and some larger distribution in other states as well. In addition, we maintain an active and well-visited website AND, since we are a monthly newspaper, we utilize our Wisconsin Christian News Facebook page to post late-breaking news stories and items of interest on a daily basis as well — and THERE we have an opportunity to interact with our readers.

Last night, I posted an article about "Drag Queen Story Time" - now expanding from public libraries to the public SCHOOLS. I am always amazed that SO MANY Christians are completely UNAWARE that these things are happening. Because this is not "new" news — it's actually OLD news. It's been going on for some time. For those who don't know, "Drag Queen Story Time" is a program which is now taking place nationwide, in which men dress up in full female regalia, loaded with makeup and then they read stories to little pre-school and kindergartenage children about how being a homosexual is "fun," a way to "express your individuality," and that there is "no such thing as "boy" things and "girl" things. "Children," they say, "should feel free and open to choose whichever gender they would like..." Even if they would like to be a boy one day and a girl the next. And they're doing this to four and five-yearolds.

This is all part of the LGBTQP+ agenda (note the "P" they have now added at the end, which stands for Pedophilia — the NEXT thing they want us to embrace, normalize and celebrate). In fact, pedophilia has been their ultimate goal all along. If you don't believe me, you can research a document from 1987 entitled "The Gay Revolutionary," and specifically, "The Homosexual Agenda." I will quote the first paragraph of that for you here:

"We shall sodomize your sons, emblems of your feeble masculinity, of your shallow dreams and vulgar lies. We shall seduce them in your schools, in your dormitories, in your gymnasiums, in your locker rooms, in your sports arenas, in your seminaries, in your youth groups, in your movie theater bathrooms, in your army bunkhouses, in your truck stops, in your all-male clubs, in your houses of Congress, wherever men are with men together. Your sons shall become our minions and do our bidding. They will be recast in our image. They will come to crave and adore us."

Yes, this has been their goal all along. But they began with

acceptance of homosexuality, then they demanded "partner benefits." Then they demanded sodomite so-called "marriage," then they introduced us to "transgenderism" and "gender fluidity," and then all this was FORCED upon the rest of us under penalty of so-called "law." Now, today, to speak against sodomy is considered "hate speech," and you will readily find yourself banned from social media outlets, and in some areas, even face stiff fines or even jail time if you happen to use the wrong pronoun when addressing a "transgender" person. Counseling for those who struggle with the sin of homosexuality has also been forbidden — again, punishable by law — even if the person WANTS such counseling.

So, I posted this article about "Drag Queen Story Time" and many were utterly shocked that such a thing existed. Many questioned if this was even "real." You know, as Christians, we live in a "Christian Bubble," and most church-goers have utterly NO IDEA what is happening in the real world. It's a spiritual battle out there, and the church is fat and happy, playing stupid games and holding potluck dinners — asleep at the wheel, while the devil and his demons run wild. The demons are now fervently running after our children, and even the parents are going along with this "Alphabet Soup" nonsense.

One young woman in particular, engaged me in conversation on my Facebook post. She started out by saying she was shocked and appalled to find out this was going on. She stated, "While I accept and love everyone for who they are, what they do in the privacy of their own bedroom is one thing, but teaching this to kids is a whole other ball game."

When I gently instructed her that as Christians, we are NOT to just "accept and love everyone for who they are," and that doing so is actually the OPPOSITE of what a Christian is SUPPOSED to do, things began to heat up in our discussion. I told her that contrary to what she may have been taught, <u>God does NOT love everyone</u>. God's love is <u>AVAILABLE</u> to everyone,

but unless we repent and make Jesus Christ our Lord (not just our Savior), we are NOT His children, and we remain His enemies. I also explained that God HATES all workers of iniquity.

She shot back that it is impossible for God to hate anyone. That God is only pure LOVE, and that He does, in fact, love everyone just as they are. This went on for some time, with me providing Scripture verse after Scripture verse to back up my position. She responded by simply regurgitating what she has been taught by her local church.

She knows John 3:16. But she does not know the verses that follow, John 3:17-20, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed."

Of course, we went through the "thou shall not judge" argument they always toss out at you, and many other things. I tried to explain that God DOES INDEED have the capacity to hate, and He hates many things. In addition to ALL WORKERS OF INIQUITY, which we know from Psalm 5:5, I gave her Proverbs 6 to chew on: "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto Him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood. A heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief; A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

What do all these things have in common? They are all body parts of PEOPLE.... He doesn't just hate the eyes with a proud

look. He doesn't just hate the tongue that lies, and He doesn't just hand the HANDS of those who shed innocent blood.... He hates those children of the devil that engage in these things. PLEASE UNDERSTAND: we are NOT all God's children. God has HIS children, and the devil has HIS children. In fact, Jesus called the Scribes and Pharisees "snakes," "a brood of vipers," and "whitewashed tombs." THEN He specifically stated, "You are of YOUR FATHER, the devil." Yes, the devil has kids too. And God DOES NOT LOVE the devil's children.

In Romans 1, we read how God even turns such people over to depraved, reprobate minds. In 2nd Thessalonians 2 we read, "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." That does not sound like God loves EVERYONE to me. What say YOU?

Then this young woman quoted John 13, but out of context. Verse 34, where Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." This, as she understood it, meant that we are to love EVERYONE because God loves everyone just the way they are. I tried to explain that this was something Jesus told His disciples privately during the Last Supper. He MEANT that we are to love our Christian brethren — not the world. I also explained that friendship with the world makes us enemies of God. I doubt very much that Jesus would EVER instruct His followers to "love" those who harm little children. In fact, this might be a very good time for us all to invest in MILLSTONES.

She just couldn't comprehend it. I finally gave up on the conversation, but first I challenged her to not simply accept what someone else told her, but to study her Bible for herself and see if what I was saying was true or not. But I warned her, MOST people are too lazy to study Scripture. They would

rather just believe what they believe, go to church for an hour a week, or maybe an hour every other month, and leave it at that. After all, <u>like this young woman, most believe they are "good people."</u> I also warned her about what Jesus said in Matthew 7: "Enter ye in at the straight gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat. Because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." And "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

Not to mention the part where Jesus warns that MANY will hear on judgment day, "Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity. I never knew you!"

But again, she just did not "get it." She remained convinced that God is incapable of hatred. In the end, she told me, maybe it was CHRISTIANITY that had it wrong... and MAYBE if we were more "open and affirming" of people, and not so judgmental, and that MAYBE if we were more "LOVING to people who are different from us, more people would choose "that path," (meaning Christianity). (As if there are MANY paths to God).

Our friend, David Arthur, who lived for thirty years as a transgender prostitute, and who was rescued from that life of abomination, and who now ministers the TRUTH of God's Word to those caught up in this demonic deception has a real problem with that concept. When people make the argument to HIM that Christians need to be more accepting and "loving" of sodomites, he very firmly states: "DON'T YOU EVER TRY TO LOVE ME INTO HELL AGAIN!" He has lived that life. He knows. To "accept" and "affirm" and "love" someone IN THEIR SIN is NOT love. It is nothing more than cowardice and being ashamed of the Lord God Almighty and His precious Word.

Late in the evening, after praying for her eyes to be opened,

I decided to look this young woman up and view her Facebook profile, to try to get an idea of where she was coming from. Sadly, what I found on her profile was not surprising. The things she "likes" and posts portray a life of utter confusion and contradiction. She attends one of the cotton-candy, "love gospel" churches in town. But she is also into horror movies, vampires, a half dozen different bars and night clubs, an online adult sex toy store, paganism, witchcraft, Wicca, the movie "50 Shades of Gray," a thing called "Kinky Couples," and much more. Yet she claims to be a Christian and know the Bible.

Friends, I am more convinced than ever that the current explosion of sexual perversion of all kinds — and now the OPENLY preying upon children and the push for legalizing pedophilia is the greatest threat we are facing as a nation. Look at all the Leftist, Socialist protestors who violently attack Christians and anyone that holds to the idea of traditional marriage and family. Look at all the FOUL, FILTHY language people use today — in everyday conversation. how the sodomites are actively stealing our childrens' minds and even their very souls — with the consent, approval and celebration of the parents. They have all chosen to believe the lie that "love is love," that sodomy is "normal," that God MAKES people that way when they're born... and under the guise of "love," we are "loving" people straight to hell. And our pastors and preachers and professional Christians who SHOULD know better, either DON'T know better or are too afraid to offend anyone, and so they remain silent and simply continue their "God is love" mantra... leading their flock to damnation.

They are supposed to be the watchmen over the sheep. But they are traitors to the cause of Christ… and this is nothing new. Read Isaiah 56: "His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber." Indeed, many of our pastors don't even KNOW this stuff is going on, they are so tuned out,

asleep at their watch post! Nor do they care.

Isaiah goes on: "Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. 'Come ye,' say they, 'I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.'"

The professional Christians just give us happy talk, intoxicate us with sweet wine and sweet lies.... and we buy it all because it's what our itching ears want to hear. The gate that leads to life is quite narrow, indeed. And few there be that will find it.

So it is up to YOU, my friend, to study deeper, to learn the WHOLE counsel of God for YOURSELF. Don't rely on what you have always been taught or always heard and always believed. Study and learn to rightly divide the Word of Truth, lest you be led astray by those evil men who have crept in unawares. There IS an LGBTQP+ agenda, and the minds, hearts and souls of our children are at stake here. It is time we get serious. It is time we push back the forces of darkness and start standing up — unashamedly — for God's Word and TRUTH.

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The Legacy We Leave Behind

This message is going to be a bit more personal than usual. You see, as I am about to turn fifty-three years old on August 21st, I confess, I am starting to feel my age and doing a bit more reflection lately. Emotionally and spiritually, I don't really "feel" fifty-three. In fact, it seems like only yesterday that I was a teenager or a young adult, vibrant and strong and full of ambition. I'm still full of ambition and I will probably always be what people call a "driven" person... but the reflection in the mirror is not what it used to be.

It's probably around this time that a lot of people begin to think about their legacy...their accomplishments, and wonder if they have made any sort of positive difference in the world. Is the world better off for us having been here? Or has our existence been completely in vain? Have we touched any lives? Has our life had any meaning, or if we had never been born, would anyone have noticed? I don't mean to get off on any narcissistic tangent here, but I hope you'll indulge a few personal thoughts.

One of my hobbies is studying our family history. I find it fascinating to learn about my ancestors, where they came from, what they did, what sort of legacy they left after they were gone. The Pue family comes from Northern Ireland. Our family had the first printing press, and thus the first newspaper ever published there, starting in the 1600s. In every generation since, there has always been at least one person working in newspaper publishing and at least one in full time Christian ministry. It seems in my generation, I have combined both endeavors into one.

I don't remember my grandfather; he died when I was just two



yearsold, buthevesagreetmen. His parents raised eight boys and three girls in a small Irish cottage near the seacoast. My grandfather's name was Alexander Pue, or "Alec" as he

was called. He left home as a young man and traveled to Scotland, where he learned a trade as an architect, builder and stone cutter. I believe he was about 20 years old when he left the old country for good and emigrated to Canada... he never saw his mother again. He started a business there, and in 1910, at age 28, he married my grandmother. Several of his brothers also followed him to Canada. His sister Margaret came over in April of 1912. In her memoirs, she writes about sailing in the path where the Titanic disaster occurred just a week before, and seeing all the debris still floating in the water. Her ship stopped there, and they held a Christian memorial service in honor of those who lost their lives on Titanic.

Some time later, my grandparents moved to Chicago where my grandfather continued his business. He built many of the huge, ornate buildings in that city, many of them still standing, some historic landmarks.

My Dad was born in August of 1925. He was four years old when the Great Depression hit. Though the country was in turmoil, my Grandfather, a devoted Christian, weathered the storm and kept food on the table for his family, even as a self-employed builder. I'm blessed to have as keepsakes some of the tools he used in his business. My grandparents raised two daughters as well as my Dad, and sadly, a fourth child, my Dad's young brother, died in 1917 at just four months of age. Life must

have been tough. I can't imagine it. But they made it, as they kept God at the center of their family. My Grandfather insisted on it.

He was also an Elder at Chicago's well known Moody Church for many years. He even preached the sermons there on occasion. My Dad attended there as a child and recalls when a young Billy Graham came to teach them as their youth pastor. Moody's Senior Pastor at the time was Dr. Harry Ironside, one of the most prolific Christian writers of the 20th Century, having published more than 80 books, a number of which are still in print. On my office wall, I have my Dad's Sunday School Diploma, dated 1939 and signed by Dr. H.A. Ironside.

I never found out, until after my father's death, that he had never completed high school. Instead, at age 17, he joined the US Navy and went to fight in World War II in the South Pacific. When you watch the old documentaries and newsreels about the war, and see our servicemen on those ships, and see those planes on life-and-death missions…and the amphibious vehicles landing as the Philippines were liberated by the Allies in 1944… my Dad was actually there. He did that.

I believe it was the highlight of his life, and of course, it would be. Few of us will ever be involved in anything quite that significant.

As all Americans during that time worked together for the one common goal of freedom and liberty, and ending the bitter tyranny our enemies were bringing upon the whole world, my mother, too, joined in the efforts. Raised in a tiny, rural town in northern Wisconsin, she grew up studying in a one-room schoolhouse a mile or so down the road from her home. When she and her siblings did not walk to school, my grandpa would take them there in a horse-drawn wagon, or a sleigh in the winter. I cannot even begin to imagine what that sort of life was like. She grew up in a time and place where electricity was not commonplace, going to a one-room

schoolhouse, heated by a wood stove. Telephones were rare, radio was the tool for mass communication, if you were fortunate enough to have electricity. TVs did not exist.

After leaving school, she went off to Chicago to join in the war effort, building war planes for McDonnell Douglas Corporation. When you see those old newsreels of ladies building airplanes for the war effort — (they called them "Rosie the Riveters") — my Mom was one of them. I can't imagine the intensity of it all. The work must have been extremely hard, and the pay, not much. It took a toll on her later in life, as she ended up with severe hearing loss, undoubtedly caused by the work she did as a young lady, serving our country.

My parents left Chicago with their four kids before I was born. Knowing nothing about country life or farming, my Dad bought a farm near Marshfield, Wisconsin and moved his family there. That's where I was born, and five years later, my youngest brother.

I'm blessed in that we have a few old silent movies of those days, and lots of pictures remain, showing what our family life was like. We think our winters now are harsh... but I remember snow storms on a regular basis that completely covered the cars and drifted as high as the garage rooftops. Our family farmed, but my Dad also took another job working for Sears as a repairman, where he was employed for more than 30 years. He had a hard time retiring.

It was March of 2007 when my Dad had an episode with his heart and was having severe blood pressure issues. My sister and her husband came and took him in to the Emergency Room that night. He had no idea as he left home for the hospital, that he would never come home again. Complications happened. We can second-guess the doctors and the procedures that were done, but they can never be reversed. My Dad went from the hospital to a nursing home, then to Palliative Care... and four

months after his visit to the ER, he passed away. My Mom changed dramatically and quickly after that. It was as if she suddenly realized her job on this earth was done, no one left to take care of, no more work to do… she followed him into eternity just four months later.

We do not know the number of our days, none of us does. Our end can come quickly, like a thief in the night. Or we may experience some health issue that will come upon us suddenly, and nothing will ever be the same ever again... we, too, may one day go to the Emergency Room and never again return home. We don't know. God knows.

And so as I grow older, my kids now all gone from home... one about to become a father to his SECOND child, (making ME a Grandfather again!!), and my two daughters now graduated from college, my life has changed as well. My wife and I are adjusting to this "Empty Nest" business. We're doing fine, but it's a different life than when we had little ones at home every day.

So I look back on my own life, and wonder what I've accomplished. I've never left my home and family and sailed to a new country by steamship, starting a new business and a new life in a foreign land. I didn't leave school at 17 years old and go off to fight for my country in wartime. I have survived many challenges, but I've never lived through the Great Depression, or moved my family to a different state to live a lifestyle I've never known before. And while I'm honored to be working in full time ministry in service to the Lord, I've never studied under the likes of Billy Graham or Dr. Ironside.

I DID accomplish quite a bit as a young person. Even from the age of 12 I was very industrious... in fact, as I have lamented the fact that today's youth often seem to lack motivation and focus, my wife has informed me that, "Rob, you are not normal. It is not normal for a kid to do the things you did.

You did things that most kids would never dream of attempting." I won't go into those accomplishments, but suffice to say, I probably wasn't normal, and probably still am not normal. I did start two businesses from scratch and (praise the Lord) they were successful and helpful to people; I did start a Christian newspaper in a place there wasn't one before, but then GOD did that, He just did it THROUGH me. But regardless, I still seem to fall way short of the accomplishments of those who came before me.

I'm very proud of my own kids too, the things they have and are accomplishing, the things they're doing with their lives. It's a different world now, with new challenges, things I never dealt with at their age. But I look back at my parents and grandparents in awe... truly, I don't think I could ever have done the things they did... and I wonder where our future generations are headed, given the way our country's leadership has changed our collective worldview.

It seems the age of industriousness, innovation, and self responsibility is just a fading memory in the rearview mirror. I look at my grandfather, sailing across the Atlantic to a whole New World at 20 years of age, and wonder... what are 20 year-olds doing today? I think of my Dad, leaving the comfort of home and family and all he ever knew and going to fight a brutal enemy in a very foreign land, at 17 years of age... and I wonder, what are 17-year-old kids doing nowadays? Will any of us ever measure up to that Greatest Generation?

Today, as our country is in decline, we are not united as a nation. Many of us support our enemies and defend their religion, while vilifying our allies and denigrating the one true God who created us and who provides all our needs every day. On our college campuses, privileged kids, many of whom have never known what it's like to work a day in their lives, sit under the tutelage of liberal teachers and professors with even Communistic worldviews, as they learn to hate their country. Most of us, even most Christians, no longer attend

church or have any regular connection to a church home or family. And for that matter, I dare say that today, MOST of the churches have engaged in the Great Falling Away. We have cell phones, tablets and smart boxes with the world at our fingertips, but we can't carry on a human-being to human-being conversation anymore. We cannot even agree what Marriage is or what makes up a family.

As I look around my community, and all across our state, I see there are job openings nearly everywhere. Even part time employees at a fast food place or gas station start out at \$12 an hour. When I was a kid, \$12 an hour was a dream — something I could only hope to achieve in my life...someday. But today, employers cannot find people to fill the jobs. And workers are in a tough situation too. Today in America, the official full time work week is 30 hours. Our government has so arranged things that if business owners have full time employees, they are penalized and regulated to the point that they cannot afford to keep them. So they keep their employees on as part-timers.

On the employees' side of things, many survive only because they're able to receive subsidies and gifts from the government... but if they work more than 29 hours a week, or if they work two jobs equaling more than that, then the government considers them "too wealthy" to continue receiving aid. So the hardworking individual who wants to make something of himself and provide a better life for his family is relegated to a part time job and partial gifts from "On High." If he dare work more, assuming an employer would be willing to get taxed and regulated into bloody submission by the government by providing a full time job, then the poor soul actually LOSES money and his situation is worse for having a chance and wanting to work harder. We cannot win with these kinds of rules. But I digress...

Each of us has but one life to live on this planet, and then we meet our Creator. I pray that each of you is prepared for

that eventuality, for we never know when that day will come. It may even be today. But what will our legacy be, when our life here is over? Legacies are made moment by moment, by the little choices and decisions we make each day.... you can't throw together a "legacy" at the last minute and expect it to simply "look good." A legacy is borne out of character, and something that can never be faked.

So how will we be remembered? Are we doing our best to make the world a better place for us having been here? Are we putting God first in our lives, being good examples, role models, and providers for those whose lives the Lord has entrusted us to care for and nurture? Are we influencing the world around us, leading the lost and lonely back to God? Are we standing in the gap for the most helpless among us? Are we pushing back against the forces of the evil one? Are we doing GOD's work as we live our lives each day? If we are, then the legacy we eventually leave behind will be truly something future generations can look back on with admiration, joy and love. There will be smiles, and people will be proud for having known us. If we are not going about the Lord's work and living righteous, holy, admirable lives, our legacy will be quite different.

We only get one chance here in this world, and then comes the judgement. A life is a terrible thing to waste, but how much more awful the wasting of a precious soul? How are you doing today?

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The Grace Of God That Brings Salvation

They stood on the other side of the street from us, singing loudly, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." But these were not sinners, saved by grace. These were unrepentant, carnal reprobates, using a familiar old Sunday School song to justify their rebellion before Almighty God.

This was at the homosexual "pride" parade in Columbus, Ohio in June... one of the largest such parades in the nation, with a half million people in attendance. That's 1/4 the population of that city. Also in the parade were dozens of professing "Christian" churches, marching WITH the sodomites and celebrating their sin along with them. They carried signs on their floats and as they marched, APOLOGIZING for God... apologizing for the true Christians who came out to preach the WHOLE counsel of God and to rebuke their prideful rebellion. Some of the signs read, "God thinks you're FABULOUS," "LGBT Families for Jesus," and of course, "Thou shall not judge."

And those on the sidelines sang and chanted louder: "Jesus loves me, this I know." Sadly, they seem to "know" so much that simply isn't true. In conversations with some of these LGBT allies and professing Christians, we learned that they believe God loves everyone, no matter what. That Jesus does not condemn sodomy or same-sex "marriage," or even "transgenderism," but rather, they believe God MADE them that way, and that God Himself gives them the GRACE to live any way they want.

There's that word, so often abused by so many whose foolish

hearts are darkened. "Grace." There is a growing movement among Christianity, especially among the "Social Justice" crowd, that God gives grace to EVERYONE, universally, and that that grace to live any way you like is just how Jesus is, and what Christianity is REALLY all about. As if the God of the Old Testament was an "angry old man," but then Jesus came and God got "born again," into Mr. Rogers.

Friends, this is a very dangerous course. It is the deception of our enemy, Satan, STILL whispering in our ears, "Did God REALLY say?..." Our enemy, the evil one, knows Scripture quite well, and twists it very effectively in his efforts to deceive the whole world. If possible, even the elect of God. Indeed, there are MANY regular church-goers who believe in this concept of unlimited, unending, universal grace to all. But this is a gross, irresponsible mishandling of the gift of grace and this is the reason that so many who BELIEVE they are truly saved "Christians" will one day hear those horrible words, "Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity; I never knew you!"

If we go back to Noah Webster's dictionary from 1828, we read the definition of "Grace." It says, "The free, unmerited love and favor of God, the spring and source of all the benefits men receive from Him." And: "Favorable influence of God; divine influence or the influence of the Spirit, in renewing the heart and restrainging from sin." And: "The application of Christ's righteousness to the sinner." And: "A state of reconciliation to God."

Interestingly, if you go to a modern dictionary, such as the online "Dictionary.com," you will find virtually all references to God removed from the definition of Grace. Today, "grace" is defined as, "elegance or beauty of form, manner, motion or action." "A pleasing or attractive quality or endowment." "Favor or goodwill." "Mercy, clemency, pardon," and "a manifestation of favor, especially by a superior."

How we have abused the grace of God today! Let's go back to the Bible and see what God's Word says about Grace.

One of my favorite verses about grace is found in Titus 2. "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldy lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present age; looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

I love this passage of Scripture. It explains grace so well. First of all, "the GRACE of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men." That would be Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, Who dwells inside each believer in Christ. Jesus has appeared to ALL men, this is true. As Romans tells us, "for what can be known about God has been made plain to them, because God MADE it plain to them. For since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities, His eternal power and divine nature, have been CLEARLY SEEN, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse."

Truly this is GRACE in itself. God allowing us mere, puny people to know Him. But GOD IS SO GOOD. In His GRACE, Jesus left His heavenly dwelling place and came to earth and appeared to us, as ONE of us, bringing with Him, through His sacrifice on the cross, SALVATION for those who believe, repent and trust in Him as their LORD — not just their Savior. Let me be clear here: God's love is AVAILABLE to all of us. But not all of us accept it; and until we make Him our Lord, the Bible tells us, we remain His enemies. And when we pridefully despise Him — especially blaspheming His grace by continuing in our sin, even though we KNOW instinctively that we are continuing in sin, we become workers of iniquity.

And what does the GRACE of God that brings salvation DO? He

teaches us that: "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present age." SOBERLY, RIGHTEOUSLY AND GODLY. Sadly, so many today have been taught by our "seeker friendly," "God loves everyone," "Universal Salvation," "Your Best Life Now," cotton candy-preaching churches that God loves us — and SAVES US — just the way we are, and there is no need for us to change. They believe we are never to be judged, as long as we try our hardest to be "good" people.

Biblical illiteracy — or deliberate deception from their pastors and preachers. Probably both. When was the last time you heard a sermon teaching that we are to live soberly, righteously and Godly — in this present age? That means TODAY, folks. We are not supposed to plan to "get right with God" later, when it's more convenient, perhaps on our death beds. We are to live soberly, righteously and Godly NOW. And Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who is the Grace of God that brings salvation, teaches us how, if we will hearken to His voice through the Holy Spirit that indwells all true believers.

And as we live in this present age, here on earth, in our earthly bodies, enjoying the Grace of God and thanking Him for His WONDERFUL grace toward us, we look forward to that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ... but AGAIN, ONLY those who are truly saved by grace. Only the sheep — not the goats. Only the wheat, not the tares. Only the truly saved, not the evil men who have crept in unawares. For them, the glorious appear of our great God and Savior will not be so glorious, as He returns with a sword to bring righteous and just judgment. Again, as Romans tells us, we are without excuse.

Because as this Scripture in Titus concludes, we read, that Jesus, when He suffered and died on the cross so that we might live, "gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." And so those whose names are written in the

Lamb's Book of Life have been redeemed from all iniquity, all sin. Upon our confession of Christ as Lord and Savior, upon our repentance from the darkness of this world and our former lives as sinners... once we are saved — BY HIS GRACE, we become purified, a peculiar people, zealous for good works.

It is no longer WE who live, but Christ, who lives IN us, through His Holy Spirit. We cannot walk an aisle, say a prayer and then continue on our path of our old sinful lifestyles, doing as we please, living to gratify the desires of our flesh, while quoting tidbits of Scripture out of context and thinking we are Christians. There needs to be that REPENTANCE, that TRANSFORMATION — that renewing of our hearts and minds. If it does not exist in your life, then by calling yourself a "Christian," you are taking the Lord's name in vain. And you are living a life of delusion.

The precious grace of God has been SO abused by so many in our modern world. It is very, very sad indeed. False teachers have told us that we need simply come and worship Him (in THEIR synagogues of satan). They've told us that we can just "add Jesus on" to the life we are already living. Such lies. Titus goes on, in Chapter 3 to say, "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving diverse lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

THAT, my friends, is grace. We WERE foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving all manner of lusts and pleasures, full of malice and envy; filled with hate. But GOD IS SO GOOD! He showed kindness toward us, undeserving as we were. And He showed mercy, even though we were so sinful, our hearts so

dark and filthy. He showed MERCY. And after He saved us, we were washed clean, regenerated, renewed and filled with His Holy Spirit. We were BORN AGAIN. THIS, my friends, is what makes eternal life in Christ possible.

We have done nothing to earn His mercy and grace. Because He loved us — while we were yet sinners.... BUT: (and here is the POINT).... though He loves us and does not want any to perish, IF WE CONTINUE to flaunt our sin in His face, if we continue to justify our carnal lusts, even though in our hearts we KNOW better (and all of us DO).... if we take the grace of God and spit on it, and toss it in the gutter, continuing in our lawlessness, then His mercy and grace does not apply to us.

The Christian life is not an easy one. It involves denying ourselves, forsaking our fleshly, carnal desires and CHOOSING to follow Him, even when we know it will lead to persecution in this life. God's love, mercy and grace is AVAILABLE to all men. But if we do not respond, if our hearts are not washed clean by the blood of the Lamb, then we remain His enemies, and we will remain His enemies for all eternity.

Please understand: God does not send anyone to hell. CHOOSE to go there by the way we respond to His wonderful offer of mercy and grace. In order for us to go to hell, we have to ignore EVERY single message, every single attempt God makes to save us. You have to ignore and despise every one of your Grandmother's prayers, all the prayers of your parents, every Christmas carol you've ever heard, every Easter service, every time a street evangelist tried to hand you a tract or start a discussion, every broadcast on Christian radio, everything you've ever read or heard about the REAL God of Creation in the Bible, you have to ignore all those invitations to church, all the pleadings of your loved ones to simply LISTEN. You have to literally jump through every hoop, every obstacle and warning sign God has placed in your path throughout your entire life until you come to the end of it, and the Lamb's Book of Life is opened... only then to find

that your name is not recorded...

You refused to listen. You CHOSE hell. You CHOSE to listen, instead, to the false, lying "love gospel" preachers you heaped up for yourselves to tell you what you wanted to hear: that you could remain in your sinful lifestyle and that nothing need ever change... God loved you just the way you were.... no — you lived your life as an ENEMY of God, and deep down, you know that. Standing before the throne of GRACE on Judgment day, you will know it too, and you will weep bitterly, with gnashing of teeth, as you come to realize you deserve the eternal punishment and separation from this holy, wonderful, merciful Savior.... because you believed the lie. You CHOSE to believe the lie, because you loved darkness rather than light.

My friends, TODAY is the day of salvation. Do not despise those who come to tell you the truth. Pay attention to the sign posts — God has been calling you. He is patient and merciful and kind, and filled with GRACE. But He is also a righteous and Holy Judge. While the Christian life is not one of ease, it IS one of peace. Turn to Him, let Him wash you clean and place within you a new heart, sanctified and set apart for His service. Do not take His mercy and grace for granted. You cannot remain in your sin and still inherit the Kingdom... no, the Kingdom is reserved only for HIS children. And He wants to adopt YOU into His family ... today.

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LGBT Thought Police Are Here

I have just gone through quite a week, to say the least... and more is coming my way. It seems when you speak the truth in our modern world, you become the hated of all men (and women). Case in point: my recent commentary here, entitled "Earnestly Contending for the Faith" received quite a bit of feedback. Mostly positive from people who understand what I was talking about... the need to EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH, breaking out of our "Churchianity" mindset and doing MORE than just attending church and feeling you have rendered your full and complete "Reasonable Service" to God.

I CONTENDED that "Contending for the Faith" involves WORK. And the work, as those of you who DO IT know, is not easy. I quoted from the book of Jude where we read, "...it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that you should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares... ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness and denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ."

Jude goes on to use as an example the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah: "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication and going after strange flesh are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Likewise, also, these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion and speak evil of dignities."

Sounds like our day, doesn't it? Evil men (and women) have crept in, unawares, and now invade every single nook and cranny of our society and culture, including our professing Christian Churches, where, I pointed out in my last message,

that 67% of professing believers in Christ now ALSO BELIEVE that sodomite marriage is perfectly alright.

So I heard from some of the listeners after my last program. As I said, most listeners on VCY understand the situation of real spiritual warfare we are dealing with. Real DEMONIC influences, creeping in and twisting God's Word, defiling and deceiving our people — young and old alike, but Satan especially targets our children. If he is unable to kill God's image-bearers in the womb before they are born, then he will twist their minds into a hideous abomination.

What's more, the parents are now encouraging this depraved mindset. Many today are raising their kids in absolutely GODLESS homes, with no Bible study whatsoever, no information about God AT ALL — unless it is a false god... And so today, anything goes, as long as it is depraved. Bring the POWER of the name of JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR into the mix, and you will be hated of all men.

We're in a spiritual battle of good vs. evil, the Godly ones who KNOW the truth versus the evil ones who have crept in unawares. I have said before, and I will repeat it again here: MOST of the professing Christian "churches" in this country are absolutely over-run with carnality and cowardice. Carnality from the preachers and pew-sitters alike, and cowardice to face the TRUTH of what God's Word truly says. The people are DESTROYED for lack of knowledge because so very FEW church-goers even know what the Bible SAYS. Biblical illiteracy is epidemic. Our pastors refuse to speak on more than just a few easy passages, lest someone get offended. Meanwhile, the people perish.

Ask yourself: what has changed in most modern churches in the last ten years? I dare say nothing. Even though our culture most certainly has. The demonically-influenced Obama — who many heralded as the "new Messiah" — saw to that. He not only expanded and heavily funded everything evil and abhorrent to

the Lord, he also brought in the false god of Islam, and fundamentally transformed the thinking of an entire nation. Under his watch, we went from being a Constitutional Republic to a country of "Democratic Socialism," better described as "Mobocracy."

He refused to prosecute crime, yet he personally committed countless treasonous crimes against our country, God and nature every single day he sat in the Oval Office. Talk about the OBOMINATION that brought desolation! And lest you think his days are over, let me remind you, he is now working just two miles from the White House, and it is my belief that he is one of the main operatives behind the scenes working to bring all-out civil war to this nation, using his "community organizing" skills, honed through study of his hero, Saul Alinsky — who, I might remind you, dedicated his book, "Rules for Radicals" to Lucifer.

But again, while our society and culture has changed drastically in the last ten years, virtually NOTHING in our churches has changed. Maybe the "worship team" changed drummers.... maybe you got new carpeting or padded the pews. Maybe the church got a new, younger "pastor," more "in tune" with the times. Likely the doors have been opened to all manner of worldliness, while "repentance" is a word never spoken. When was the last time YOU heard a sermon on repentance?!

And NONE of the SERIOUS, major cultural and social issues that are plaguing this land can EVER be mentioned — MOST "pastors" "CENSOR" such things from the pulpits... They will simply say we must "love everyone" and just pray for them. Let me tell you something though: God does NOT love everyone. That may sound like a radical statement. But clearly, we know from GOD'S HOLY WORD, which DOES NOT CHANGE — that He HATES all workers of iniquity.

Today, workers of iniquity abound. A few weeks ago, Maxine

Waters encouraged people to physically attack all Trump supporters. Since that time, there have been more than 200 attacks around the country on Trump supporters. Physical, BLOODY attacks. Our college campuses are no longer places of higher learning — they are outposts of radical socialism and fascism.

Truth has fallen in the streets, truly. Truth is no longer an acceptable thing. Today, it is abhorrent to the people. TRUTH SOUNDS LIKE HATE, TO THOSE WHO HATE THE TRUTH. Hedonism rules the day. And if you think for a moment that the sodomite agenda is not real and flourishing, think again, because I have seen it. I have personally FACED it, up close and personal. SO IF YOU HAVE NOT, then please, save the emails: don't try to tell me how "loving" the militant sodomites are. I know better... if you have not seen them in action for yourself, then you know NOTHING — other than what they WANT you to believe.

Those marching in these sickening "pride parades" are some of the most depraved, mean-spirited and hateful people you will ever come across.... and let me again remind you, they do not march alone anymore. They are now joined by countless so-called Christian "churches," pastors and clergy. The TRUTH of God's Word, His natural design and order for marriage, family and parenting is simply NOT ALLOWED. It is now deemed HATEFUL and BIGOTED and the lying Left must SILENCE all dissent, because they know they have no moral or righteous leg to stand on. We literally, now, have some in our pulpits calling the Word of God "hate speech!" How much more reprehensible can you get?

Let me tell you what else happened this week. Our Vimeo account was abruptly shut down — DELETED without warning. Vimeo is an internet video-hosting and archival service. If you want to post videos to your website, which we DO at Wisconsin Christian News, you need a server or a host site to post the videos to first — unless you have the money and

resources to purchase and maintain your own equipment to do that. And the equipment to do that is prohibitively expensive for most, especially ministries like ours.

At the start of the year, we purchased a video-hosting plan from Vimeo to the tune of \$1,000.00 so that we could include video content to our website. Since January, we have posted countless videos there, with never a single problem or issue. However, early last week, we began hosting David Arthur's new program on our Vimeo account, as a way to help out his new ministry. He does not have the resources and cannot afford to do this on his own, so we wanted to help.

David Arthur, in case you don't know, is a former "transgender prostitute," who was radically saved by the grace of God. He has come out of that lifestyle and now has a ministry to help others do the same. He is not "mean spirited," "hateful," or "bigoted." He simply speaks the truth from God's Word and he gives encouragement and hope to those trapped in the demonic sin of perverted sex by giving his own, powerful, personal testimony of salvation.

Well, we ran ONE — you heard me right — ONE of David's TV programs on our Vimeo page, and then our Vimeo page was IMMEDIATELY DELETED by the Vimeo "Thought Police." Mind you, we PAID for this service: DEARLY! Users of Vimeo post all kinds of materials. ANYTHING GOES on Vimeo — EXCEPT, (and listen closely now), EXCEPT TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY, TRANSGENDERISM AND SEXUAL PERVERSION. You do THAT, and you are DONE!

But it is worse than the money we spent to pay for their video hosting service. When they delete your account, you also LOSE all your content. Meaning that all the time, money and effort involved in professional video production is just stolen from our ministry. Why? Because THEY CAN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH being spoken of, therefore, we are silenced.

What did Vimeo say? Here's their statement: "Any commentary that makes derogatory or inflammatory statements about individuals or groups of people will be a violation. Homophobic statements that call gay individuals 'unnatural' are not permitted under the Terms of our Service."

I have to wonder: how many videos do they allow that make derogatory or inflammatory statements about Donald Trump? Are THOSE taken down and accounts deleted? No, in fact, Vimeo is PACKED with such things. How many videos do they allow that make derogatory or inflammatory statements about Christianity or those who believe in natural male/female marriage? And I hope you caught the part of the message where they stated to me, "Homophobic statements that call gay individuals 'unnatural' are not permitted."

Friends, there is NOTHING "Natural" about sodomy. (They HATE that word too, by the way, because it DESCRIBES the ACTIVITY that homosexuals engage in). No, friends, make no mistake: homosexuality is not about "love." It is about unbridled LUST and depravity. THERE IS NOTHING NATURAL ABOUT SODOMY. So for us to state in our video content that homosexual activity is "unnatural," is NOT "homophobic." I have no "phobia" about homosexuals. They are simply lost, confused people, caught up in a demonic perversion that is, INDEED about as UNNATURAL as you can get! Yet the THOUGHT POLICE at Vimeo have silenced us — at least on their service.

It's no different from the college campuses that experience riots, burning, and physical attacks if a conservative speaker tries to make a speech there. It's no different from those in the "pride" parades physically attacking Christians who go there to try to snatch these lost souls from the claws of Satan's grasp.... while the police look on in amusement.

We live in a world where truth, indeed, has fallen in the street. TRUTH, now, sounds like HATE, because so many now HATE THE TRUTH. They cannot TOLERATE it. They WILL NOT

tolerate it.

What can you do about it? Number one: NEVER BE AFRAID TO SPEAK THE TRUTH. Never buckle under the intimidation they try to throw at you. Stand up for Jesus and God's Word — EVERY CHANCE YOU GET! And number two: If you are so inclined, you might like to contact Vimeo and politely, but firmly express your thoughts as to their censorship of truth. You can reach them at: Vimeo Inc., Attention Legal Department, 555 West 18th Street, New York, New York, 10011. Email them at legal@Vimeo.com

Finally, please keep ME in your prayers, as well as our ministry, because we are under attack and wearing a target on our backs every single day. We have, as God's Word warned, become a prey to the ungodly. Isaiah 59: "Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street and equity cannot enter. So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey."

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Of Their Father The Devil

In these days of trouble and distress, many are understandably looking forward to the soon return of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Jesus warned us in Matthew 24, "But as the days of Noah were,

so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." And in Luke 17, He said, "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot...Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

What was it like in the days of Noah? Genesis 6: "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." And of course, we all know what it was like in the days of Lot, when God destroyed the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, because of the great abomination of sodomy that men were pridefully indulging in there in the sight of the Lord.

2 Peter 3: "Scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires." This was repeated by Jude: "In the last days there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." Matthew 24: "...then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold." 2 Timothy 4: "the time is coming when people will not endure sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers to suit their own passions and will turn away from the truth."

But the Scripture that came to life for me recently comes from 2 Thessalonians 2: "...that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first..." And later in that chapter, "...They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason <u>God sends them a strong delusion so that they will believe the lie</u> and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness."

Certainly, our modern culture could not be worse than that of the days of Noah and Lot. Certainly, the Lord's heart must be desperately grieved at what He sees on the face of the Earth today. Our modern culture fits the above verses of Scripture to a tee. And in the modern American Christian so-called "churches," we most CERTAINLY have a FORM of godliness, but it is one that is vain, empty and powerless. The Spirit has departed. As you will see from the examples I'm about to share, there has COME a great "falling away," among the church leaders and those they are supposed to be shepherds over. God has ALREADY sent them a strong delusion, and they DELIGHT in wickedness!

Scoffers and God-haters deny Christ and follow their own sinful desires and ungodly passions, no matter how depraved. And indeed today, the very Holy Scriptures of God's Word are now considered "hate speech," punishable by law in many places.

A few weeks ago, several of us from Wisconsin joined the Salt and Light Brigade team at a series of street-witnessing events in Columbus, Ohio. Remnant Christians came to serve from 21 states, all across the nation. In all, there were about a hundred of us taking part this year. Our mission was to minister the TRUE Gospel, warn the wicked and rescue the perishing at several venues.

First up was street preaching at a local mosque. We did not go to be "mean," "hateful," or to pick a fight with Muslims — we went to give them the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our plan was to witness to Muslims as they entered their mosque for their Friday call to prayer. But to our surprise, upon our arrival, we discovered there WERE NO Muslims — their call to prayer had been cancelled. And while the mosque was situated in a Muslim neighborhood, none came out of their homes or apartments.

What DID we encounter? The entrance to the mosque was being guarded by about 500 self-professing "Christians," and "Pastors," standing arm-in-arm with pagans, witches, and homosexuals. YOU HEARD ME RIGHT. Their message was "Love Over Hate." (Of course, WE were deemed the "haters," as we came with the truth — right out of God's Word). Somehow, they

had heard we were coming, and they arrived ahead of us, and these so-called Christians chanted and shouted PROFANITY at us, as they stood in solidarity with the false god of Islam, Wiccans, Pagans, Witches and sodomites. YES, AGAIN, YOU HEARD ME RIGHT.

Still, we brought the truth, the best we could, and after about 90 minutes, we moved on to our next venue: a homosexual "bath house." Our team set up on the street in front of the bath house, which had no signage out front; in fact, most of the people we talked with on the street were incredulous when they learned what was taking place inside that building. Nobody knew what it was. But as our team stood on the sidewalk out front, preaching the Word of God and holding signs exposing the truth of sodomy, MOST of those driving past us made obscene gestures and cursed us, as it was obvious that most in our society today now agree that it is the CHRISTIAN message that is "hateful."

Vice President Mike Pence was also in town that day to make a speech. This was the day before the huge sodomite "pride" parade, and so the city had closed off a street to accommodate a homosexual "dance party/protest" outside the hotel where he was staying. So we went and did our best to take the Word of God to this debaucherous celebration as well. Upon our arrival, our group was quickly corralled inside a "police tape" line. The sodomites were extremely well organized and prepared to attack us, verbally and physically, and attack us they did, in plain sight of more than a dozen police officers guarding us like prisoners.

The Salt and Light Brigade takes the Word of God to the streets of America, all over the country, confronting evil, warning the wicked and rescuing the innocent. I should mention that wherever we go, one person in particular, follows... a lesbian witch, who seems to know our every step, our every move. Wherever we go to witness, she and her cohorts are there, to curse and hinder us. Once again, she

was everywhere we went on this trip.

The next morning, we assembled at one of the local abortion centers, in an attempt to rescue pre-born babies. To our surprise, this witch (and yes, she IS a witch; in fact, on her personal Facebook page, she lists her occupation as "Worker of Iniquity,") ... but this witch is ALSO the head "death-scort," at the abortion center. Her job is to make sure that the women and girls going in to have their babies killed cannot hear our pleas for life. She set off car alarms, and even ran a noisy leaf-blower to drown out our cries for mercy to the moms and dads entering the facility.

Let me set the stage for you: when a couple arrives at the killing center, they park their car and are then "escorted" by these "death-scorts" — they surround the girls, wearing their rainbow-colored smocks and shout in the girls' ears and make other noises, to drown out our words, so they cannot hear us. So if you've ever wondered why Christians who go to intercede for the pre-born are sometimes shouting, there's your answer. We MUST shout, in order to be heard... and we have only about 30 seconds to make our plea, before the girls are ushered inside.

On this day, though, I was blessed to be one of three in our group to help save a baby. A couple pulled into the alley, but before parking their car, the man rolled down his window to talk to us. This almost NEVER happens. We pleaded for the life of their child. I looked into the man's eyes, and explained we were there to offer real hope and help: medical care, food, shelter, clothing, education and financial support, adoption and more.

Still, they parked the car, the "death-scorts" surrounded them like vultures and whisked them inside. But then, ten minutes later, they CAME OUT! They had chosen LIFE! The girl remained in the car, while the dad came to talk with us. We counseled with him for a good half-hour, and at the end, he remarked how he had never in his life seen such caring and

such love from any group of people! A stark difference between those INSIDE the cold, heartless killing center and those pleading for them to let their baby live.

Now, I mentioned that the head "death-scort" at THIS abortion center is the witch I told you about. But I should also tell you that the head "death-scort" at the local *Planned Parenthood* facility in Columbus is a Lutheran PASTOR. These are VOLUNTEERS, folks — they do this because they LOVE abortion…. they get the ultimate satisfaction in their lives with each baby that is killed through their efforts.

We ran into this so-called "pastor" on our next stop too: the sodomite "pride" parade, where thousands march in the parade <u>and a half-million spectators attend</u>. Upon our arrival, about 25 police officers met us, and quickly quarantined our group behind yellow police tape. We held signs with pointed messages designed to cut to the hearts of those marching in the parade. Since we could not speak with them directly — the signs would have to convey our messages. Our messages were not mean or cruel, there was no name calling — but they WERE truthful. We also did our best to witness to others near us on the sidewalk.

But whenever one of us would try to talk or preach, this LUTHERAN PASTOR and others from his group — INCLUDING THE WITCH I mentioned previously — were there with "noise-makers" to drown out our words. The pastor banged on a "cowbell" inches from our faces for 2 hours straight, never stopping. The witch was constantly yelling profanities, pushing and shoving us, every chance she got. It was a little disconcerting when she spoke to me by name. Yes, she knew MY NAME, having seen me before at other events in previous years. Obviously she'd done her homework. We WERE able to witness to many, but they did all they could to make sure the true Word of God would not go forth.

In the parade, as usual, were dozens of so-called "Christian

churches." Heated debates arose with these "church-goers" who came to angrily confront us — in fact, the homosexuals we talked to were MUCH more willing to listen to our message than the "accepting and affirming" apostate "christians."

Everywhere you looked was debauchery, nudity and filth, being pridefully celebrated on the streets of Columbus, Ohio. Little kids, from newborns on up, were dragged along by their parents, marching in the parade. Other little kids were watching the parade from the sidelines, brought there by their parents. In most parades, the participants throw candy to the kids. At this parade, they throw condoms and sex toys. I knew this would be the case, and so when I had the signs made up for this event, I made one design especially for the parents of these innocent little victims of the sodomite agenda. It read simply, "Do you think this is appropriate for young children to see?"

My wife was holding this sign, and we could tell it cut deeply to the hearts of those marching, and those watching. It also cut to the hearts of the kids old enough to read the sign for themselves. The sodomites absolutely HATED this truth. Before long, one of them came up behind my wife and ripped the sign from her hands and destroyed it. You see, they cannot stand truth, only the celebration of their own carnal lusts. They MUST destroy truth, and drown out the preaching of it, at all costs.

You may be asking why we do this type of street ministry... Because we are called to be Salt and Light in this dark world. IT'S OUR JOB. Our reasonable service to the Lord. As Christians, we are NOT to sit and do NOTHING as evil overtakes us, but rather to OCCUPY until Christ returns. Ezekiel 33 warns: "I have made you a watchman for the people...so hear the word I speak and give them warning from Me. When I say to the wicked, 'You wicked person, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to warn them from their ways, that wicked person will die in their sin, but I will hold YOU accountable for

their blood. But if you DO warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved."

God uses HIS people to warn the wicked. We do that. We take His Word seriously. We cannot, in good conscience, sit idly by, while the devil and his demons destroy our children and our nation, turning it to a Christ-less culture of debauchery and death. We must warn the wicked, intercede for the innocent and preach the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We cannot call ourselves "Christians" and do any less.

I came away from this experience with a feeling of deep sorrow. You see, we experienced Genesis 6 firsthand: "every imagination of the heart of man is only evil continually." Moreover, we witnessed COUNTLESS clergymen, pastors and priests — those who SHOULD be speaking the TRUTH of God's Word - instead standing on the side of the devil, right alongside the demons of Islam, right alongside pagans, witches and homosexuals. They should know what Romans 1 warns: "Although they KNOW God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things, but also approve of those who practice them." Indeed, not only do these "clergymen" approve of these evil practices they PARTICIPATE AND CELEBRATE these same wicked things — AND TEACH OTHERS to do likewise... and they WORK HARD to oppose Godly men and women at every turn. Our nation is in dire straits because of these clergymen, who are most certainly of their father, the devil.

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Tuck Us In Dad?

When my wife and I began having children, many years ago, we were advised by many people to TREASURE those times, because, as we were told, "they grow up so fast; before you know it, they will be up and out on their own."

Of course as young new parents, we took this wisdom with a grain of salt. It seemed, at the time, like we had a lifetime ahead of us, all the time in the world. But what everyone told us then was true: before we knew it, they had all grown up and were gone. Of course, they still come home to visit now, but we no longer have those precious days of our kids' childhood. Those days have passed.

Our three children are all grown up now. Our son is the only one married. He and his wife live two hours away from us and have given us a precious grandson. Proverbs 17:6 tells us, "Grandchildren are the crown of the aged." How true! We love that little guy SO much! Our middle daughter is a now a Registered Nurse in that same city, and our youngest daughter has just graduated Bible College with Summa cum laude honors.

They grew up so fast. I remember the day we dropped our youngest daughter off at Bible College in Iowa (so far from home), and I cried as we drove away, knowing that we were now "empty nesters." The last one was now on her own, and my wife and I were now, once again, alone. I wanted to go back in time, and do it all over again. I questioned how I had raised our kids, if I had done a good enough job, if I had been a good Dad to them, and thought about all the ways I could have done better, ...if only I had known then what I know now.

One regret I have still haunts me. You see, as my kids were

growing up, I was the one who always tucked them in at bedtime and said their prayers with them, every night. But as they got older — I guess about high-school age — I was getting older too, and my work was always extremely demanding. I would come home from work completely worn out and tired, and slowly, I began to tell them, "You're old enough to say your own prayers now, and tuck yourselves in. You don't need me to do it with you anymore."

I'll never forget: occasionally, my daughters would still ask, at bedtime, "Tuck us in, Dad?" And my exhausted response would be, "No, not tonight. You're old enough to do that yourselves now. You don't need me to help you with that anymore." This is the biggest regret I have from my parenting days, because I didn't realize how precious those times were. Or how, on those occasions when they still asked me to tuck them in and say prayers together at bedtime, maybe they really NEEDED their Dad on those nights especially — even as high schoolers.

Eventually, they stopped asking... and now, of course, they don't ask at all anymore. They are adults now...those days are truly gone forever. I still get choked up just thinking about how stupid and selfish I was, too tired to spend that precious time with my little girls, when I had the chance — even though they were now "old enough" to tuck themselves in.

Sometimes we have the privilege of having our 2-year-old grandson spend the weekend with us, and then I get the chance to read Bible stories with him, play with him, and of course, tuck him in at night with bedtime prayers and a kiss and a hug. It's the most beautiful thing, and I tell my son and his wife, "TREASURE these times, because before you know it, he will be all grown up and gone." Of course, with their whole lives ahead of them, they take my advice with a grain of salt. I guess the experience of the thing is the only thing that will prove the point. We don't realize what we have until it is gone.

I tell you this because I believe God feels the same way about HIS children, those who are saved by His grace, those whose Heavenly Father they are. I'm talking about me now. And you, if you are a genuine Christian, one of God's kids. We are HIS children. We are precious to Him, and no matter how old we are, we will always be His "little ones," even if we're 100 years old. He still wants us to come to Him daily, and spend time with him daily. He does not EVER want us to "move away from home." Home is with HIM, even though we still live on this earth, and see Him now only dimly.

God does not want His kids to just "come home to visit." And God wants us to always ask Him to tuck us in at night with a prayer, a hug and a kiss. We never become "too old" for that. As a father myself, I know how it grieves me that those precious days of my kids' childhood are gone now. They have their own lives, and though they still often come to me and ask my advice on things, ask me to help fix things, still look to me as their Dad, we no longer have those daily, close interactions, we no longer have that daily private time together... and I deeply regret, ... that in my ignorance, I let that time slip away much too soon. It didn't have to happen that way. It could have lasted longer, if only I knew then what I know now.

Jesus loves the little ones, and those with the faith of a little child. He told His disciples, "'Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.' And He took them in His arms and blessed them."

In fact, Jesus felt so strongly about His love for children, that we read in Matthew 18: "And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them and said, 'Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives

one such child in My name receives Me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.'" That is GREAT love. The love of a father for His children.

Yes, God loves the little children, and He loves US old folks too, when we are humble and child-like in our worship of Him. But in our human ignorance, we "grow up" so fast. We become wise in our own eyes. We tend to lean on our own understanding, ...as if we were able to truly understand anything. We tend to "visit" God on the weekends, but we do not commune with Him daily. It's very sad, and as a father, I can tell you, it GRIEVES the heart of our HEAVENLY Father that we act this way.

Even more disturbing is all the dysfunctional families there are in this world today... children with no fathers; homes in which neither parent knows the Lord and so they have nothing of God to share with their children. The children grow up with uninvolved parents, too busy to spend any time with them at all; no spiritual training, living lives of self-centered narcissism. The parents don't tuck their kids in or say prayers with them — and I've seen far too many that teach their kids horrendous swear words rather than the PRECIOUS Word of God. What kind of home is THIS for a child to grow up in? It is no wonder we have such a messed up culture. It is truly heartbreaking to see families that are SO lost.

Recently, I have been asked to speak at several funerals. During those times, I have taken the opportunity to share the Gospel message, because funerals are one of those rare instances when people are truly seeking hope... even unbelievers are HOPING that what they have heard about God just MIGHT be true, and they are yearning for comforting words of HOPE. There is no greater hope than that of the Good News. So when I speak at funerals, I speak specifically to those who do not know Jesus, those who are not saved, those who know OF Him,

but have never taken Him seriously or, if the truth be told, never given Him the "time of day."

I explain that life goes by SO quickly. James 4:14 tells us, "What is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." I think of the elderly in nursing homes, 80, 90-years-old or more.... I have spoken with many older people, and they all wonder the same thing: "Where did the time go? It went so fast..." "It seems like only yesterday," they say... I know that I don't feel as old as I am. Inside, I still feel like about 30 years old... but sometimes when I look in the mirror, I see my Dad looking back at me. Where DID the time go? It seems like just yesterday I was tucking my little kids in with bedtime prayers and a kiss. And now I'm a Grandpa!

I think one of the biggest hindrances to people coming to Christ and a saving knowledge of God the Father — not to mention the gift of the Holy Spirit — is that well-meaning preachers have put so much focus on the salvation message. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Absolutely true! But so often, we put the heaviest emphasis on life AFTER death. And no one thinks about death. No one thinks about old age. No one even considers how fast our lives go by... to us, it seems, we have all the time in the world to "get right with God."

Yet our lives ARE but a vapor. And some squander their lives in vain pursuits of the pleasures of this life, thinking they can get serious about God "later," when they're older. But as we all know, for a lot of people, death comes very suddenly and unexpectedly. They never get that chance. And for others, who plan to get serious about the things of God when they're older, "when they have more time," when they're retired, maybe.... the longer you put that off, the easier it IS to just put it off, and eventually, you find yourself on your deathbed, having squandered a lifetime apart from God.

The POINT is this: the GOOD NEWS of the Gospel is NOT JUST about life AFTER death. The TRULY Good News is that God wants us NOW, in THIS life. He wants to be our Father NOW. He wants us to be His children NOW. He wants us to come to Him as little children. He wants to love us, guide us, teach us, lead us, FATHER us. Because He LOVES us. He wants us to be HIS precious little ones.... He wants to give us the KINGDOM of God, IF we will go to Him as a little child.

Some say Christianity is a "crutch" for the weak. How ridiculous. That's like saying for a young child, having good parents is a crutch for the "weak kids." God designed marriage and family as a model for the relationship He wants to have with US - in THIS life. You see, life on this earth is our "childhood," if you will. And when we "graduate" from the "school" of this life and "move out," those who are in Christ don't move AWAY from their Heavenly Father — they MOVE IN with Him! But meanwhile, we can have a constant, deep, loving and intimate relationship with Him — ALL OUR LIVES! Those who put off getting to know Christ, following Him, learning of His Father in heaven and the FAMILY of God He wants to adopt us into, are missing out on a LIFETIME of blessing.

It is said that those on their deathbeds rarely regret the things they did.... but they regret deeply the things they did NOT do. So I urge you today, if you do not have that deep, intimate relationship with your Heavenly Father, if you are not so close to Him that He tucks you in with a prayer and a kiss every night, no matter how old you are; you CAN HAVE such a relationship. Go to Him. He promises that all who seek Him will find Him... to all who knock, the door will be opened. He doesn't hide from us, but REVEALS Himself to us and allows us to choose if we will become a part of His precious family, or if we will remain outside that family.

Without the Heavenly Father, you are a spiritual orphan. And you do not even realize it, but you remain a child of your

father, the devil, living in a dysfunctional, loveless, self-centered "home" on this earth. Only those who are part of the family of God are His. And once you are His, you become a child of the King of Kings — not just for eternity after you die — but RIGHT NOW, in THIS life. I guess if you've never had such a home and family, you have no idea what it is you're missing. And THAT is the Good News that so many preachers fail to get across.

Becoming a Christian is not JUST about your eternal salvation; walking an aisle, saying a prayer and then you're "good to go," your ticket to heaven is "punched," and you can calll yourself a Christian... that's actually taking the Lord's name in vain, if the truth be told. Understand that. Becoming a TRUE CHRISTIAN means becoming adopted into the family of God, and living FOR and WITH Him. In fact, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Himself will be INSIDE you, all through this life. That's what being "born again" IS. There is no greater blessing in this life.

So I urge you. Don't reject this message. You may be a spiritual orphan today. You may have come from a very dysfunctional family on this earth, and you may be currently a child of the devil. But there IS a Heavenly Kingdom, and the King has offered to adopt you, to rescue you from that life. He longs to take you in His arms and bless you. Call upon Him today: "Tuck us in Dad?" I guarantee, He will NOT be too tired for you. In fact, it will be His greatest joy and all the angels of heaven will rejoice when you simply ask Him. May Christ be praised.

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Foundations On Sinking Sand

Today's children are growing up in a world that most of us parents cannot easily relate to. Its a world far removed from the ideals of Mayberry and Leave it to Beaver. Such television shows of yesteryear portrayed solid families, with solid morals and values. There was such a thing as absolute truth, absolute right and wrong. Was the world really ever like that? Perhaps not, exactly. But no one can argue that American culture has taken a severe deviation from the course we were on just a generation or two ago. Indeed, if our grandparents (known as the "greatest generation," who lived through World War II and went on to rebuild America) could see the world their great-grandchildren are growing up in today, they'd likely not believe their eyes. Moreover, they'd likely have something to say about how we, ourselves, are living and about how we are raising our kids. I dare say, they would not be too proud of most of us.

As I look around, I see teens and even pre-teens brashly displaying tattoos and drastic, hideous piercings — sanctioned — and often paid for — by their parents; in the name of "art" and in the name of "freewill." These same teens are bombarded on every front with filth and debauchery — from the television and cable programming piped directly into their brains an average of six hours a day, to the anti-Christ teaching drilled into them in state-run schools, to internet pornography, to video games that exploit and victimize women, dabble in the occult and addict young "gamers" to the degree that they find themselves unable to stop playing; sneaking away at every opportunity to feed the beast of blood lust in a myriad of games whose objective is to kill, steal and destroy.

If this is not enough deviance, take a look at what has come to pass for "music" in our progressive, new world. Much of what I have heard is not "music" at all — but rather a raucous, rebellious expression of rage, with leather-studded

maniacs screaming obscenities, fueling even more rage among the teens. Yes, I am old, but I believe I have been given the gift of acute discernment — and to me it sounds like demons straight from the pit of hell. What's more, SOME of this stuff — this STYLE of "music" — is known as "Christian." They call it "Christian Death Metal," "Christian Punk Rock," or "Christian Alternative" music. But call it what you like, if you heard it, I think you'd agree: this stuff is utterly demonic in nature, making a mockery of everything holy.

More and more pressure is placed on our young people today, to have premarital sex. Illicit sex in our culture commonplace, and our children are becoming sexualized at younger and younger ages all the time. Think I'm exaggerating? Have you SEEN some of the clothing styles youth are expected to wear nowadays? Out of frustration at trying in vain to find suitable school clothes for her young, elementary school daughters, one commentator coined a phrase to describe our modern youth fashions. She called it "Prosti-tots." Modesty is out. Vulgarity and outrageous, inappropriate sexualization of our children seems to be "in." Instead of expecting purity and anything less rightly declared shameful — today, we are "progressive," "realistic," "sensible" — to the point that we not only expect our kids to have sex, but some parents even allow it to take place openly in their homes, using the excuse of, "well at least they're not out in the back seat of a car somewhere." Oh, now THERE'S some wise parenting!

What in the world has happened? How did we arrive at this point? I've said it before, and I'll say it again: I cannot understand how ANYONE can make it through the maze of this world without God, the salvation and love of Jesus, and the firm foundation of biblical literacy. But THIS is exactly what has caused our current societal breakdown into madness.

Somewhere along the way, church and God came to be viewed as irrelevant here in America; an abstract idea designed by institutions to control the masses. And the masses did not

want to be controlled. Thus, they rebelled, and in their rebellion, they turned their backs on God, threw Him out of the public square and chose a life of secular humanism where they need never heed the Word or will of God, but instead follow the deceptions of demons, glorifying and worshipping self: self-will, self-desires, self esteem. Immediate gratification is the order of the day, and we need deny ourselves no worldly pleasure.

Ironically, in our zeal to be free of the bondage we imagined ourselves shackled with by the confines of Christianity, behind the Iron Curtain, Christians were (and still are) persecuted and killed for their faith on a daily basis. In reality, THEY are the ones controlled and in bondage to an institution — the institution of a wicked worldly government that esteems — of all things — secular humanism. These dear, faithful ones of God daily risk life and limb for just the chance to study His word, but instead find themselves controlled by the institution of government. THEY have no choice. But WE CHOOSE this bondage on our own. We step, willingly, into the trap we set for ourselves.

I've watched the American Church devolve over the past few decades into something largely unrecognizable today. As the Greatest Generation passed on, we did not carry the baton forth honorably. We have allowed the very foundations of our faith to erode, and it has happened because we tore down the solid foundations of our forefathers and replaced them with shoddy workmanship on sinking sand.

In 18th century England, Robert Raikes began the first Sunday Schools, as a way to educate the poor children of factory workers, who otherwise would receive no formal education. Using the Bible as their textbook, Raikes taught these children to read and write. Thus, the children received not only instruction in literacy, they received spiritual instruction for life. It was taken very seriously.

Today, many Sunday School programs are a sham. They offer no grades or transcripts and keep little or no record of performance for any given week. Attendance is often tracked only as a way to encourage children to attend regularly, with "awards" of candy or other treats given as "bribes" to keep them coming. What's worse, many Sunday School teachers really have no business teaching; nor do they have much interest in I have been in churches where the entire class consists of a very short "story time," where the truths of Scripture are not imparted to the youngsters reverently, but more like a fairy tale…and it must be short, lest the class become unruly. This is followed by snack time, and the rest of the class is spent babysitting as the kids color a picture, while the "teachers" wait restlessly for church to let out and the parents come to pick them up. Worse yet, I've seen entire Sunday School classes consist of nothing more than the "teacher" putting in a VeggieTales video and allowing the kids to "Veg Out" in front of the tube. So much for solid biblical instruction.

At the same time, our churches have seen a fundamental shift, from sound biblical preaching to "seeker friendly" and "emergent" "talks." They are no longer called sermons, they are called "talks." These talks must be kept short, lest people become restless. And they must leave the congregation feeling better than when they came in, or they may not come back again the next week. Most importantly: never, never NEVER say anything that would make anyone uncomfortable!

So our kids begin with Veggie Tales and candy, and when they're older, they move up to the "adult" church service, where they're fed more candy-coated anecdotes during the non-offensive "talk" given by the cool pastor in blue jeans.

Oh, how things have changed! There really was a time in America where the Bible was mandatory reading as a textbook in public school. Sunday School was taken very seriously and the children were respectful and reverent. We remembered to keep

the Sabbath holy; which often meant no television, radio or other worldly pursuits. Prayer was a part of everyday life in the home, and not just at dinner time. Families attended church together regularly, and received sound instruction in the Word of God, which was seen as valuable beyond measure — for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16).

How sad that we have torn down these foundations. Foundations so vital, not only to our family units, but to our marriages, our children's' development of moral character, and most importantly, our eternal salvation, and reverent, right relationship with God.

Do I blame the churches? Not entirely. The churches, as institutions, have simply given the people what they wanted. You see, we really DO want God. But we want Him on our terms, with no responsibility or obligation on our part — or at least as little as possible. We want to feel good about ourselves, thus we have heaped up a great number of false teachers to tell us what we want to hear.

Instead of heartfelt worship of our Creator and Sustainer, who rescued us from sin and damnation, we choose instead to sleep in on Sunday. Or, we send our kids to Sunday School and youth group and feel we've done our Christian duty. I believe it is the men in our families who are most directly responsible — men who refuse to be godly husbands and fathers, who refuse to set an example, who refuse to live the faith they claim they have in Christ. These are the men who will abdicate their responsibility as spiritual leaders in their homes. Instead of TAKING the family to church, they SEND the wife and kids to church. God is never mentioned in the home. Sunday, for these men, is a day of rest, a day of football, worshipping their favorite team on TV.

The wife and kids return home from a morning of candy-coated, feel-good, fairy-tale style stories, and see that it really

doesn't matter enough to Dad to make the effort. Soon these children will be grown, having developed a worldview devoid of a solid theological foundation, ready to be swayed and manipulated by left-wing new agers and "free thinkers" in the state-owned colleges, where God is ridiculed, along with anyone "stupid" enough to believe in Him.

THIS is how we have arrived at the place we now find ourselves. You know, America is at a crossroads. Never before, in my lifetime, have I seen our country so polarized. Madness seems to reign, as we embrace every religion, including the false and utterly violent religion of Islam, calling it peaceful… we embrace every religion and weird idea to come along; but we refuse to take God our Creator seriously.

Now we find ourselves in another election year. Inevitably the bleeding-heart socialist liberals will trot out the old mantra, "We must do it FOR THE CHILDREN!" to justify yet more government control, more government spending, more tossing aside of our American freedoms. It's their favorite phrase: "Do it for the children." How could anyone argue with that? Of course, we must stop at nothing when it comes to our children. Many will go along, willingly placing their wrists in the handcuffs that imprison them — handcuffs we will certainly pay for on credit, like everything else.

If you really want to do something FOR THE CHILDREN, then stop the madness. Learn the truth, know the truth and stand up for the truth! Put your money, time and talents where your mouth is. Are you a Christian? Then learn to discern. Kick out the false teachers and false prophets. Get out of that social club they call a church and begin to worship the LORD in reverence — and sanctify yourselves, a peculiar people, set aside for His purposes. The Lord our God truly is our only hope. IF He still has patience toward us stiff-necked people. He's longsuffering and patient. Hasn't He suffered our insolence long enough?

"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14).

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Radicalized Christians

September 11, 2001 marked the start of a pivotal change here in America and worldwide. The global Islamic community danced in the streets, and they had good reason to celebrate. Not only was America violently and successfully attacked and brought to its knees, but it was also on this day that a world-wide conversation would begin about one thing: the religion of Islam. It was a conversation that would resonate throughout the four corners of the earth, and one which continues to this day. Our children, fifteen years old or younger now, have never known it to be any other way in their lifetimes. Islam is on every television station, it is in every newspaper, it is in every news magazine, on the screens of every smart phone, iPad and laptop in the country, and on the minds of every man, woman and child in the world.

Now, if the narrative were actually a true representation of Islam, that would be one thing. But unfortunately, that's not the case. Not only is the global media providing nonstop coverage, but it is also extremely biased in favor of this evil religion. Before the flames at Ground Zero were even extinguished, and even amid the smoke and rubble and burnt bodies of murdered Americans, our national leaders were declaring Islam to be a "nonviolent religion of peace." It

was surreal, unbelievable. And this has been the official continuing narrative ever since. Constantly repeated by heads of state the world over, as well as by every police commander in every city where another terrorist attack takes place. How many times have you heard the line, "it is too soon to tell what the attacker's motivation was. It just seems to be a random act of violence. We are, quite frankly, stumped as to why he would do such a thing." This inspite the fact that the man's name was Mohammed, Ahmed, Nasir, Ibrahim, or Moktar. Friends, it doesn't take a brain surgeon to figure this out.

But it's not just the government leaders and police commanders pushing this "religion of peace" nonsense. Islam is also being heralded as co-equal with Christianity by notable CHRISTIAN leaders... everyone from Brian Mclaren to Rick Warren are on board with a thing called "Chrislam," because after all, they say, we all worship the same god. The Pope has been visiting mosques and participating in Islamic prayers, in attempts to build bridges to the Islamic world. And Joel Osteen brags about how Muslims attend his church and buy his books. Now granted, most mainstream Christians KNOW Osteen is apostate, but he — along with people like Rick Warren are arguably the most famous "preachers" in America, and the general populace accept their endorsements as truth.

Here in America, where Christianity is reviled in public government schools, where you dare not carry a Bible to class or even keep one in your locker, where students walk the halls cursing like sailors but dare not utter the name of Jesus because it is just too offensive, and where the ACLU and Freedom From Religion Foundation wait eagerly to pounce upon any coach who would dare to pray in Jesus' name before a game or any music teacher who would be so arrogant as to include Silent Night in a Christmas program, our children are now being forced to wear burkas, and visit mosques on field trips where they are taught to bow down and worship Allah. They're being forced to memorize the Five Pillars of Islam and to

affirm "there is no god but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet." If you think I'm exaggerating or such things are not happening DAILY even in the small conservative communities across this nation, you are sadly ill informed.

There is no doubt, Islam is on a roll... you couldn't buy this type of advertising or publicity at any price. I've said before that this is not all just happening naturally, but SUPERnatural influences are involved here. Islam is NOT a religion of peace and Christians do NOT pray to the same entity that Muslims do. Allah is Satan. Is it any doubt that the father of lies would be perpetrating such delusion on the whole population of the earth in these last days? Truly, as Christians, we are NOT just wrestling against flesh and blood here, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Ephesians 6:12).

Over the past year or so, the press has been having a hard time continuing to defend the terrorists and present them in a positive light, and so now they have started to differentiate between the "peaceful," or "moderate" Muslims and the mean They continue to sing the same, tired old tune of "Islam: the religion of peace," desperate as they are to to continue the charade as long as possible. So now there is a new phrase being tested: "Radicalized Muslims." Even though savage killers are committing barbaric acts of terror around the world on a daily basis, IN THE NAME OF ISLAM, we are now told that these things are all being done by just a small group of RADICALIZED Muslims. Most Muslims, you see, are just "normal" and nice. They're your neighbors, no different from It's only this small band of "radicalized" vou and me. Muslims that are the problem and we shouldn't confuse all Muslims with these radical ones. ...And by the way, it's still ok for your kids to take that field trip to the Islamic Center, to learn how sweet and loving Muslims really are. After all, let's take the "high road" and show how progressive

and advanced we are, by not judging all members of this religion by the actions of a few. Ok? Good.

Friends, this is just another lie. Or as our Muslim neighbors would call it, "Tagiyaa." The Qur'an teaches that Muslims SHOULD lie to us infidels, in order to win our trust, so that they can first gain a foothold in our society, then the upper hand, then domination and finally their ultimate goal: total Islamic governance and rule under Sharia law. This is Islamic doctrine, and this is how they spread and increase. But I would contend that it's no longer just the Muslims practicing Tagiyaa. Now, it's also our government leaders, our police commanders, our news media, our school teachers and college professors, and even many of our Christian pastors. Even the Pope is now practicing the Islamic doctrine of blatant lying to non-Muslims. And the world is buying it Because this Taqiyaa is coming from people we were supposed to be able to trust. How insidious.

But how is it that so many are falling prey to such lies? Why do women support Islam, inspite of the fact that they are horribly oppressed and treated no better than cattle in this culture? Why are young people joining ISIS? Why are professing Christians converting to Islam in record numbers today? WHAT is the appeal?

First of all, the overwhelmingly positive "press" that Islam gets in our culture surely doesn't hurt. When everyone from your kids' kindergarten teacher to your favorite anchor on the evening news to the kindly old pastor at your church on Sunday is declaring Islam to be the most wonderful, enlightened path one could ever hope to follow, it is no wonder people who don't know any better form a positive, though ignorant, opinion and worldview on the subject. Islam is also well known for preying on the young and the downtrodden. Most of the new converts to Islam in the US are young people, experiencing a personal crisis in their lives, seeking answers ...and in our culture of shallowness and superficiality,

desperately seeking something to be a part of that offers a higher path and some sort of significance. The recruitment of new converts inside our American prisons is also huge. Again, feeling outcast by society, Islam promises hope for a future. The structure of the religious rites is viewed as just what the inmate needs when he "gets out" — a chance to turn his life around and do right by "god." Suddenly their lives have meaning and purpose. Finally, at last, they consider themselves on the right track.

Another appeal is that Islam seems to offer unity and brotherhood. In Islam, the entire community celebrates religious festivals and carries out the rites of worship in unity and harmony. As one commentator put it, "they live out their faith publicly, they are deeply religious and fiercely proud." Contrast this to Christianity in the United States today, where we seem to just go through the motions of religion, for "show." We are forbidden to have Christian symbols in public, and there is even a controversy over a greeting of "Merry Christmas." But we never speak up about religious oppression, because we don't really seem to care anyway. To those outside looking in, it appears Christians are not proud of their Lord, they are ashamed of Him.

Young people are longing for something more. They can see through the phony and the fake, and they are tired of being superficially entertained. After years of all the cute stories in Sunday School, they want something real, and Islam seems to be legitimate. Legitimate enough that its adherents are willing to die for the cause. Such sincerity has enormous appeal. Contrast this to Christianity, where professed followers can't even drag themselves out of bed once a week to get to church. Christians are entertained, pandered to, never asked to do much of anything for God, and the message preached is often meaningless. Instead of being fed the meat of God's word which they so desperately crave, they're given candy and milk — and even the milk is 2%. Then they go to Islam and

Islam reinforces the notion that Christians are weak, hypocrites and whores. They are already primed and ready to hate the world of their parents that they broke away from, in favor of something that lures them with the promise of substance.

You see, it's different in Islam. They pray five times a day, and this is enforced by Islamic law. You don't get much more serious than that. As one writer said, "this practice helps Islam dominate a Muslim's life, filling his daily rhythm with Research shows that the more effort a person puts into something, the more he is likely to believe in it and value it. What's more the prayers involve moving together in time. When Muslims pray, they all face the same direction, they bow down, get on their hands and knees, and put their face on the mat, all in unison, and then rise back up. Again and again. When people move together in time, whether dancing or marching or praying, it creates a physical and emotional bond between them. Brotherhood. Belonging. That's why all military training involves marching in unison — because it is so effective at creating a strong feeling of unity between soldiers. So the method of prayer in Islam helps Muslims feel unified with each other. Contrast that to a typical church experience for a young person whose doubts have already been nurtured by school, the media, and pop culture. They go to church but don't fit in. There is no unity, and only superficial friendships. Church members don't seem to live their faith on Monday like they do on Sunday.

One commentator explained: "Islam completely takes over every aspect of Muslims' lives. Not only are they required to pray five times a day, they have to go through a washing ritual beforehand. Islam dictates the laws, and the laws cover many public and private behaviors. In an Islamic state, it is impossible to be a casual Muslim." And so the more serious a person becomes about their Islamic faith, the more they adhere to the teachings, and delve deeper and deeper into their

doctrines. When a Muslim learns what Islam really teaches, and if this person wants to be the best Muslim he can be, then he MUST wage jihad, he MUST work to bring about a worldwide Islamic Caliphate, ruled by Sharia law. This is the ultimate goal of Islam. The Qur'an COMMANDS Muslims to expand the religion by war and conquest. So to be a good Muslim, one MUST become a RADICALIZED Muslim. In their minds, it is the highest level of religious piety.

I say these things not to praise Islam, God forbid. But I say these things to show where we, as Christians, have fallen short and where we need to do much, MUCH better. Radicalized muslims are those who are no longer lukewarm, but are seeking to be the best muslims they can be... following the teachings of their holy books as closely as they know how. They are sincerely WRONG, but they are sincere.

What we NEED are some radicalized CHRISTIANS, willing to die for the cause of Christ if it comes to that. Christians who are willing to take up their crosses daily and follow Him... Christians who are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ because they KNOW it is the POWER of God unto salvation for all who believe. We have been taught to be cowards, to be ashamed of our Lord. To act one way on Sunday and then to blend with the world on Monday. For that matter, many church-goers don't even make it to Sunday afternoon before they're swilling down beer and cussing at the TV screen during the football game... no different from their unbelieving neighbors. So much for keeping the Lord's Day holy.

But imagine if the national conversation shifted. Imagine if the front page headlines began featuring "Radicalized Christians" living out their faith every day... how different it would look from the Radicalized Muslims living out their faith. Our God calls us to repentance and renewal. Why don't we read His word, pray sincerely, seek Him and follow the Holy Scriptures we profess to believe, with the same enthusiasm we see in the followers of allah? Imagine if we did, what a powerful, changed world we would be living in. We are losing the battle God has assigned us to, because we have surrendered out of cowardice and fear. Are you ashamed of God? Then stop acting like it. It's time to let our lights so shine before men, that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven. Yes, it is time for some RADICALIZED Christians.

If you want to hear more about the infiltration of Islam in America and American churches, I urge you to attend the special seminar featuring SHAHRAM HADIAN, on June 20th at our Wisconsin Christian News Ministry Center here in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Call me for more details.

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The Three Greatest Threats We're Facing

There is a lot of evil in this old world. The bad news is endless, and it seems our society here in America grows darker and more Godless with every passing day. Many remain optimistic. They look forward to many good things, and "making America great again."

No doubt, we HAVE seen some good in the past year. Just the very fact that President Trump has removed the wicked idols of

Islam from the White House and brought back the prayer to the one TRUE God of heaven is a VERY good and positive thing. Yet evil still reigns in our land, and blood runs in our streets daily.

If I had to identify the most evil threats we are facing as a nation and world, I could easily narrow it down to three primary points. You see, there is nothing new under the sun, and Satan only HAS a few tricks. And he and his demons have been using these things in an attempt to destroy everything Godly, righteous and holy since time began and the serpent and his demons were cast out of God's presence. It seems in these last days, all three have arisen again, more ugly and more vicious than ever — determined to utterly kill and destroy every one of God's people and everything good and sacred.

First on the list is the demonic deception of homosexuality. I can hardly believe things have "progressed" this far down the path of deviancy, here in the United States and spreading like a cancer across the entire globe. As I read about what the world was like in the days of Noah and Lot, I have a hard time imagining that it could have been any worse or any more deviant than the days we're living in RIGHT NOW. Those on the "left" will equate the depravity of sodomy and the right to commit acts of sexual abomination with such things as "civil rights," "freedom," and they will use phrases like "love wins" — when even the Supreme Court of this nation hands down a demonically-influenced decision and seeks to legislate this ugly immorality and impose it on us all.

And, you see, it does so by FORCE — <u>as it must</u> — for "where the Spirit of the Lord is," Scripture reminds us, "there is liberty, (or freedom)." And CERTAINLY, the Spirit of the Lord is nowhere IN this picture. One need only observe what Satan does every single time to ALL the laws of God and nature — he perverts them, twists them, whispers confusion into the minds of even God's people, and he turns them 180 degrees to the <u>opposite</u>... So, in order for this Homosexual Agenda to go

forward, there must NOT be, there <u>CAN NOT</u> be, ANY freedom... it must be MANDATED, it must be FORCED upon the people. For this sin of sodomy is so wicked and so perverse, there are very few who would accept it willingly of their own freewill. (Statistics show, it's less than 3%). But now, we are even indoctrinating our PRE-SCHOOL age babies to question their very gender! <u>And the parents are ENCOURAGING THIS</u>! How much more perverted and evil can we possibly become?

I have no doubt that there are SOME listening to me right now with smoke coming out of their ears, calling me a "hater," a "homophobe" and worse things. While claiming to be fighting for love and tolerance, many of those who practice sodomy would readily kill me if they could. No "love" or "tolerance" On the contrary, they - and their legions of advocates — are the LEAST tolerant and LEAST loving people on They are FILLED with lust and rage, with murder in their hearts, indwelled with the same demonic spirit that inhabited the men who marched through the streets of the city of Sodom in one of the world's first "Gay Pride Parades," then surrounded Lot's house, tried to break down the door, demanding their perverted lusts be satisfied. Hear this IT IS THE SAME SPIRIT! This is nothing new, it has simply resurfaced in our world today — and it is back with a FIERCE vengeance.

What we know today as the "LGBTQ+" agenda has been accepted and normalized by MOST — hear this now, I said MOST — of the people of the world, including NOW, MOST professing Christians and professing Christian churches. The latest stats now show that an average of 67% of professing CHRISTIANS not only accept, but CELEBRATE homosexual so-called "marriage." 67%!! THAT is where we are at, folks. Most church-goers are so biblically-illiterate that they have embraced it under the guise of "equality," "civil rights," "love," and "tolerance..." just as the sodomite lobbyists planned. Just as <u>Satan</u> planned. We have fallen for the same

scheme he used against Eve in the garden, as he whispered in her ear: "Did God REALLY say?..." It doesn't surprise me that the unsaved world has fallen for this lie —the Homosexual Agenda has MASSIVE funding by just about EVERY major corporation in the world to accomplish it's evil goals. But when CHRISTIANS tell me sodomy is perfectly alright with them, and that JESUS would love and embrace the sin of sodomy, something is very, very wrong in our churches!

Then there's the abomination of baby killing in America. Most call it "abortion," but let's get "real" here — we all know what it is, even those who advocate for it: it is the MURDER of a baby. Precious babies, God's "image bearers," knit together in their mothers' wombs — 60 million of them murdered in cold blood here in the US alone since 1973.

The TRUTH of baby killing is out there, for anyone with a rational mind to see. We now know, through the amazing technology of the 21st century, that life begins at the moment of conception. We know these little ones feel pain as they are burned alive and torn apart. We've even heard people justify the horiffic act of "partial birth abortion," in which a baby is nearly fully delivered, except for the head, and then it's tiny spinal cord and brain is pierced with a knife, sometimes decapitated - just seconds from birth. The prodeath crowd defends this practice because, they argue, the life of the mother may be at stake. How can THIS possibly save the life of the so-called "mother?" In two more seconds, the baby would be born alive and healthy. It's a ridiculous and hideous argument. We kill our own children for the sake of convenience and profit and then the hired killers sell their precious little body parts for even more blood money!

Again, this is nothing new. It is the SAME demonic spirit that has caused countless cultures before us to kill THEIR children, and then to suffer the wrath of God and ultimately fall. Child sacrifice, down through the ages, has been done for the worship of false gods... from the ancient Aztecs and Incas to the Druids of Europe to the Romans... and in the Bible we read of children being murdered as sacrifices to Moelch, a god of the Ammonites and Canaanites. And just as the church is deceived by Satan when it comes to sodomy today, you'd be hard pressed to find a single church-goer out of a hundred to truly stand against this horrific abomination and do anything significant about it.

Again: nothing new. Even King Solomon, who was known as the "wisest man to ever live" fell for this demonic deception, as we read in 1 Kings 11: "As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been. He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the LORD…" It is THE SAME EVIL, DEMONIC SPIRIT that has enticed cultures before us to kill THEIR children that is confusing and deluding us into the very same practice. We KNOW what we are doing. We cannot say we don't know. Yet even professing "God-fearing" Christians will do nothing to stop it.

I once had a pastor tell me that all throughout history, whenever a nation began killing it's own children, that nation was either destroyed or self-destructed within a generation. A biblical generation is usually considered to be 40 years. It seems we are 5 years overdue for the full fury of God's wrath.

Finally, the last greatest evil invading our world today is that of the demonic false "religion" of Islam. Islam officially began in the year 610. That's when Mohammad received his first visit from the demon, appearing to him as an angel of light. But I believe the demonic SPIRIT of this false religion dates back to the beginning of time, when Satan first rebelled against God, our Creator. Down through history, this demonic spirit has raised its ugly head time and

time again. In the book of Daniel, we read of Nebuchadnezzar, a wicked Persian king in the province of Babylon, who demanded the people worship a false god. Whenever the music played, the people were to bow down and worship this false god. Anyone who refused would be killed in the most horrific way they could dream up.

Of course, it was God's people — Shadrack, Meshak and Abednego — there in captivity, who refused to prostitute themselves to this false god. And so these righteous, courageous young men were thrown into the firey furnace. I'm sure you've heard this story before, but I'd encourage you to read it again and refresh your memory. You can find it in Daniel, Chapter 3.

My point is, the evil we see perpetrated today by the Muslims, has been going on for eons of time. And so just as this demonic spirit inhabited Nebuchadnezzar, (in the SAME part of the world where Islam now reigns, by the way...), and just as Nebuchadnezzar demanded worship of his false god, and just as those who refused were sentenced to death in a firey furnace, the same is happening today. Only today, this Satanic activity has a name: ISLAM. Five times a day, that eery, dark, hideous music plays — that "Islamic call to prayer" and they must then stop everything and bow down to this demon called "Allah." The demon is back. Today we have Muslims taking those who refuse to convert to Islam and worship the demon, locking them in cages and burning them alive — in a It's the SAME THING! It's the same demonic FIREY FURNACE! spirit.

Donald Trump wants to make America great again. That's a lofty goal. And today the world celebrates the "peace agreement" between North and South Korea. But Scripture tells us (and I'm paraphrasing here), "when they are all saying 'peace and safety,' then destruction will come suddenly." There IS NO PEACE AND SAFETY apart from God. Unless America repents — unless AMERICAN CHURCH-GOERS REPENT — unless our PASTORS AND SO-CALLED 'SHEPHERDS' REPENT — there will BE

NO peace and safety, only God's ultimate judgment upon a wicked and rebellious nation, and deservedly so! America USED to export Christianity — sending missionaries to the uttermost parts of the earth to win souls. Now we export Abortion and Sodomy and we IMPORT Islam! How long do YOU suppose God's patience will endure? A better question might be: "What are YOU planning to do about all this?"

You see, just as Satan uses people — filled with demonic spirits — to achieve his evil goals, <u>God uses HIS people</u>, <u>filled with the HOLY SPIRIT to accomplish His</u>. There is a spiritual WAR being waged — but God's people, willing to walk the narrow road, are few, indeed. Our problem is not the evil THINGS I have mentioned, so much as it's the church-goers and professing Christians who refuse the Holy Spirit, and turn away from the truth, embracing the lies of the world and it's wicked ruler, Satan — without even realizing they're doing it.

Wisconsin Christian News has partnered with the Salt and Light Brigade. The Brigade is a group of remnant believers from all over the nation who respond to crisis situations, feed the hungry, preach the gospel on the streets and fight evil wherever it raises it's head.

On June 14, we will begin a NATIONAL Gathering and Deployment of the Salt and Light Brigade near Columbus, Ohio. Our staging area will be a campground, with facilities for up to 500 people. You can camp in a tent, RV or camper, or sleep on the floor in the gynmasium there, or get a hotel nearby. The event will go from June 14-17, and during that time, we will take on these three most dangerous and evil threats I have just mentioned. We will GO and minister the Gospel at a local mosque, at an abortion center, and at the 2nd largest sodomite "pride" parade in the country. Last year there were only 22 of us standing against a half million sexual deviants marching pridefully down Broad Street in Columbus. Among those marching in the parade were at least 40 so-called Christian "churches."

You may THINK you could never be involved in such a ministry. You may think it's too scary, too frightening to speak and share the gospel on the street — especially to those whose worldviews are so diametrically opposed to your own. But having done this many times, I can tell you, God goes before us, and stands with us, and the Holy Spirit speaks through us as we go. And there IS great fruit borne from our efforts. I, personally, was able to have some very meaningful discussions and share the truth with some profoundly lost souls last year. The main thing is that we GO. We really DO NEED 'All Hands on Deck' right now.

You may be praying for our nation and our world. But may I suggest that THIS event just MAY be the **ANSWER** to your prayers? Jesus told us to GO! We are going. Will you join us? If you don't do anything else for the Kingdom of God this year, please make plans now to give the Lord FOUR DAYS of your time, and your life will never be the same. You see, we MUST do this, if we are to have any hope for the future of our nation, for our children, and our grandchildren. We simply cannot wait any longer. If we don't do this NOW, when WILL we? Call me for more information.

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Battling The Dragon And His Demons

The world, today, is riddled with sin and depravity, the likes of which we have never seen before. As human beings, we have lost our moral compass, because we have continued in our rebellion against Almighty God. Make no mistake, the God of Heaven IS our Creator, the King of Kings and His Son, Jesus Christ, our Messiah IS Lord of Lords. This is the truth, and truth cannot be changed. GOD does not change. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. And 2 + 2 will ALWAYS equal 4 – even if we want to believe it's 9 – or in today's world, with our reprobate minds, we may even try to assert that 2+2 equals ORANGE, or BLUE or RAINBOW SWIRLIES!

But the feeble thoughts of man are all futile, because truth is truth, and we have DENIED the truth. We have rejected our Creator and our Savior. We have cursed Him, we have even taught our children He doesn't exist, and is just a figment of the imaginations of ignorant, superstitious, uneduated men of old. (And today, everyone KNOWS that MEN — especially old and WISE MEN, are no longer relevant… in fact, they are to be despised).

And therefore, because we deny and reject the King of Kings, and the ancient, timeless TRUTHS of God's Holy Word, like the people we read about in the book of Judges, "every man does that which he feels is right in his own eyes." NO MORAL COMPASS.

Of course, we know from one of those wise old men of ancient times, as we read in Proverbs 14, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." We also read: "A wise man feareth and departs from evil, but the fool rages and is confident." And Psalm 2: "Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and His anointed..." WHO do we think we ARE? We think we are wiser than God. We think we know what's best for ourselves. Indeed, today, we are so narcissistic, we actually believe we, ourselves, actually ARE the only gods that exist.

Friends, there is a battle raging all around us and we don't comprehend the enormity or significance of it. Certainly the worldly, unsaved don't see it; and very FEW church-goers truly understand what is going on. We are not taught about these things in our Institutional Churches today. We're taught about how to have a happy marriage, how to be a good neighbor, how God just LOVES everybody, the whole world, no matter what, and of course we are taught how to tithe to the church. We're taught about how to have our best life NOW, how to GET BLESSINGS FROM GOD, and riches and prosperity. In more and more churches, we are outright LIED to, and the greater, weighter matters of the WHOLE counsel of God are never spoken of. So we need not wonder why our world and our country is in such disarray. "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, we have turned, every one, to our own way."

Our problem is spiritual apathy and biblical illiteracy of course, but at the most basic level our problem is sin. But where did sin originate? And who was the first sinner? Some may say it was Eve, or even Adam and Eve together. But that is not entirely accurate. Sin and rebellion against God FIRST arose in the very inner circle of God Himself. In the beginning, "war arose in heaven... Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But the dragon was not strong enough and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him." (Revelation 12).

Now look at Genesis 3: "Now the serpent was more crafty than

any of the wild animals the Lord God had made...." We all know what happened next. That ancient serpent, called the devil, or Satan, began leading the whole world astray, by first preying upon an innocent and naive woman using lies and deception, causing her — and her husband with her — to question God and reject Him. God had given them the WHOLE WORLD to rule over and subdue and to be their home. At that time, He had only ONE restriction, and that restriction was for their own well being and safety. But the serpent was craftier, filled with lies and deceit, and wanted nothing more than to destroy God's image bearers, bringing death and destruction upon us all. And they fell for it. And so do we.

Even as believers in Christ, how often do we, in our own imaginations, try to justify what WE want to do — even though we know it is against God's will — by listening to that serpent's voice that whispers, "Did God REALLY say???" And if it is like this for CHRISTIANS, how much worse for those who have outright rejected and despised the very THOUGHT of God, our Creator?

Now, GOD, from the foundations of the earth, made a way for us to find our way BACK to Him, through His Son, Jesus. Jesus explained to Nicodemus, "Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God."

Jesus may have been referring to the words of Isaiah 9 here: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned..." But of course, even in Isaiah's day, the people loved the darkness more, and because of their arrogance, the Lord allowed them to go their own way and suffer His wrath. Later in Isaiah 9 we read, "So the Lord will cut off from

Israel both head and tail, both palm branch and reed in a single day; the ELDERS and DIGNITARIES are the head, the PROPHETS who teach lies are the tail. Those who guide this people mislead them, and those who are guided are led astray."

Of course we know that in the last days, "people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear." But it seems this is not just something that happens in the last days.... it's been going on forever. How many prophets of God were shunned, tortured and killed for speaking the truth, for shouting 'Thus saith the LORD,' even in the days long before Paul wrote these words to Timothy?

As we see in Isaiah, and all throughout Scripture, God is furious with the elders, the dignitaries, the false prophets who teach lies and mislead people and lead them astray. What words did JESUS use to describe the Scribes and Pharisees and religious leaders of His day? God is equally furious with the cowardly pastors of today who do the VERY SAME.... speaking lies, refusing the preach the whole counsel of God in order to remain well liked and popular among the people... telling the people what they want to hear, rather than the truth. Truly, they ARE a brood of vipers... SERPENTS, like their father, the devil. Jesus described them well.

You see, we have set up for ourselves TEACHERS, rather than being "homeschool" STUDENTS, rather than being Bereans and studying on our own, to show ourselves approved workmen that need not be ashamed. We have turned Christianity into a spectator sport. All we are expected to do now is sit and listen and then go home. Our Bibles are dusty, friends! We cannot blame the false teachers and cowardly pastors for ALL the judgment of God that has fallen upon us. Ultimately, we are responsible, ESPECIALLY in this country of America where we still have the freedom and ability to KNOW God's Word and Jesus' commands. The false teachers and popular pastors are

not changing their ways. They have been with us from the beginning. If we want to know the truth, it is up to US to seek and find it.

But that is a narrow road that few will ever take. The broad way that leads to destruction is much more convenient. It's a four-lane highway of ease and comfort. And we live our Christian lives on 'cruise control,' as we crank up the praise and worship music, raise our hands in song, sway back and forth to the "beat" and utter our prayers in vain to a God who will NOT hear because we are such children of disobedience.

We are not supposed to rely on the "professional" Christians to teach us. We need to study, learn and understand the things of God OURSELVES and we are without excuse because God has made all things plain to those who seek that truth. Let me ask you: do you think the devil uses people in his evil schemes? Of course he does. Likewise, does GOD not ALSO use people? Yes, and He does not seek out the high and mighty "professional Christians." He seeks the humble of spirit, and He uses those He knows He can trust because they truly love Him.

The enemy of our souls — the serpent — was cast out of heaven along with a third of the angels and they are with us NOW, today, on this earth, wreaking havoc. Those angels are demon spirits and they thirst for the blood of God's image-bearers. Peter tells us, "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith..."

Back to Revelation 12: "Woe to the earth and the sea because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."

Friends, this spiritual battle is raging. It's raging stronger every day, and God's people are being trampled by the serpent and his demons. Destroyed for lack of knowledge.

And so demonic delusion reigns; legalized, legislated murder of our own babies, sodomy, "gender confusion," brainwashing of our children to an evil, godless agenda, resulting in murder, rape, pharmakea, worship of false gods, rejection of our loving Creator, spiritual and emotional bondage.

God is looking for WARRIORS in this spiritual battle. Faithful servants who will get up out of their padded church pews, take up the Sword of the Spirit and go engage the war. It's up to US, my friends, because it is obvious that the vast majority of our pastors, prophets, elders and "professional Christians" simply want to be well liked and popular, but never get their soft, delicate hands dirty. They have missed that portion of Scripture where James writes, "You adulterous peple, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity with God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God."

I don't know about you, but I don't want to be an enemy of God. I also NEVER want to hear those words, "Depart from me, you worker of iniquity, I never knew you!" On the contrary, someday, maybe someday soon, I want to hear, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of thy Lord."

Please friends. You know the stakes. You know the time is short. How much longer will God's patience remain? Get up. Stand up for Jesus! The dragon and his demons are having their way. Who will stand and fight the enemy, as David marched boldly and courageously to Goliath and said "NO!" Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and on earth, and that authority He gives to US TOO — His faithful who can honestly be called by His name. He said we, as His followers would do even greater things than He, if only we would fear not, understand our authority in Christ, and step out and stomp the head of that evil serpent with our heel!

This is OUR job. Not a job for the delicate professionals.... it's for those who aren't afraid to get hot, sweaty, dirty,

and beat up in battle. Nobody said this spiritual battle would be easy. But we CANNOT be defeated if we will just STAND. Remember Revelation 12: "And they overcame by the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony, and loving not their own lives, even unto death." The spiritual battle for the souls of men, women and children is raging. Will you enlist? Or will you remain asleep while the prowling, hungry lion devours you — AND your children and your grandchildren, and our nation? It's time to put on the armor so you may stand your ground and after you have done everything, to STAND! Remember Matthew 24: "The one who stands firm to the end will be saved."

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Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

What is it, in your life, that is truly important to you? As I think back over my lifetime, there were many things that consumed my time and attention when I was younger. Most of those things that were SO important to me then, just don't matter anymore. The older I get, and the more I study God's Word and seek to follow Him, the more wisdom I have gained. As Paul said to the Corinthians, "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. But when I became a man, I put away the things of childhood.

Please don't think me arrogant or boastful, because even after all these years of following the Lord, I am still no more than a student. But the more I learn of our God and His Kingdom, the more I want to learn more, drawing ever closer to Him, as the Holy Spirit fills me with a hunger and thirst I never knew I was missing when I was young. I DO hope this message will help open some eyes and hearts — of both the young and the old. Because today as I look around, I see so many people who are SO lost, seeking the pleasures of this world that exist for but a fleeting moment, and ultimately never truly satisfy the soul. My heart aches for the sad, lost and lonely, and knowing what I know today, I understand there is only ONE thing — one PURPOSE — in this world that will ever be worthwhile.

Our American culture has really gone downhill, just in the past few decades. When I was a teenager, the subject of homosexuality was only spoken of in hushed tones. It was rightfully categorized as a mental illness, and certainly not at all commonplace. Today it is glorified and pridefully celebrated everywhere you look, and even the majority of regular church-goers now believe it is just another acceptable "alternative lifestyle." Many today are even on the verge of accepting the next step down the road to depravity: "transgenderism."

When I was young, my parents and grandparents did just fine without fifteen different prescription drugs every day, which now are considered "essential" to living. In the 1980s, the government waged a "war on drugs," telling people to "Just Say No." It was about that time that the pharmaceutical industry exploded and began pushing prescription drugs on the populace with wild abandon. Today, with every election cycle, we hear the cry of the lying politicians: "The helpless elderly are so poor, they must choose between buying food and their medications!"

When I was young, yes, we had rock and roll music. But in

those days, the songs were, for the most part, all about love. I'm not saying they were WHOLESOME, God-honoring songs, but they were nothing in comparison to what passes for popular music today. We have gone from words like "I Want To Hold Your Hand," to things I could not — and WOULD NOT — dare to even speak, because they're so filthy and blasphemous. That's our "music" today. In the 1980s, "Rap" music began to become popular, which was followed by the more extreme "hip hop," with their vulgar and violent lyrics, and today we have what is known as "Death Metal," and even worse: "CHRISTIAN Death Metal," as if there could ever even BE such a thing.

When I was young, a FEW people had tattoos. Only women had their ears pierced. Today, people young and old are tattooing every blank spot on their bodies, and piercing everything from their ears to their noses to their private parts, and proudly displaying all of it in public and on social media.

And yes, when I was young, people drank alcohol and used illicit drugs. But it was a shameful thing to be drunk or to be labeled a "druggie." You certainly could not buy booze at your local gas station. Today, people self-medicate with such things, and when they get to the point where they can no longer function in society, society rewards them with the label of "victim," and provides "disability" benefits, so they no longer NEED to hold a job or support their families, because truly, so many today are no longer capable of doing so… all because of their horrible addictions.

The other day I was in a convenience store and saw a man, probably in his mid-forties, though he looked much older. He was obviously drunk, and as he wandered in a daze through the store, he had two young toddlers in tow, cursing at them with the foulest of language because he couldn't stand to be bothered with their needs — and he was buying a case of beer, at 9:30 in the morning. I asked if he was alright or needed any help, only to be cursed at too, and told to mind my own business.

When I was young, there was no such thing as "smart phones" or even the most basic of cell phones. But today, we seem to be addicted to them, a world of information, communication, gossip and pornography at our fingertips.

In the world of news media, government and politics, we once wondered if those in charge were telling us the truth about the most important of matters. Today, there is no doubt: they ALL lie, and we would expect nothing else. Once upon a time, we went to church to seriously and reverently study God's Word, and we attended church for a good dose of reality, as our pastors called us back to repentance and fealty to Christ week after week, reminding us that while we are saved by the grace of God alone, we, too, had a duty to take up our cross daily and follow Him. Today, if we attend a church at all, (and most no longer do), it's only for what WE can get out of it; it all depends on whether or not WE feel comfortable and affirmed in our personal sins of choice. idea of Repentance has been removed from the modern "gospel," and the pastor is rare who will speak of — or explain — that there is such a thing as sin, which separates us from God.

Truly, our parents and grandparents would not recognize America today, nor would they even want to live in a world like this. What have we done? And what do we truly value? It is said that people make time for the things they truly value... and so we fill our days, nights and weekends with sports — from football to car racing. Then, there's music, television, movies, the internet, and other forms of entertainment that we dearly hold on to as our national pasttimes. We honor Hollywood celebrities and idolize the popular music, movie and sports stars. And through it all, we have forgotten those things that truly are most important. Most of us know nothing about history or the great men and women of God who came before us, nor do we care to; certainly it's no longer taught in our public schools, having been replaced by "more important' things like "sex education" and

"gender studies." And we have replaced God with a twisted, secular humanist view of life based on fake science, wholly invented by those with a nefarious agenda to remake our country into a socialist "utopia." Our nation spirals into insanity and our children are growing up embracing the lies of the enemy of our souls. And we're too busy with nonsense to even take notice.

People often tell me I'm too harsh, too political, too critical, too negative. I live a very lonely life, sometimes, feeling like the weeping prophet, Jeremiah — shouting from the hilltops a clarion call to return to those things that are of utmost importance, yet no one wants to hear. "Why don't you lay off all that 'pro-life' talk?" they ask. "MY God LOVES people, just the way they are," they say. "I choose to love people rather than condemn them," I'm told. And I'm told many other things too, much worse. Suffice to say, I am certainly not very popular in this world, and especially among modern day church-goers.

But I don't follow any particular "religion" or "denomination." I follow God's Word, the Bible, and that's enough for me. I'm not a theologian and I have not been to Seminary. I have no letters or degrees after my name. But I have God's Word, which I learned as a child, and which I continue to learn every day. Though I did not always follow the Lord perfectly, even as I was in the midst of some of the poorest decisions I ever made as a young person, the Holy Spirit was there, guiding me, speaking to my heart, asking me VERY CLEARLY, "Rob, what are you DOING here? This is not for you. You know better." And so I did. And so I left that life, and as I said, the more I seek the Lord, the more I hunger and thirst for His wisdom and fellowship.

Today I am at the point where I cannot get enough, and I am also at the point where I can not stop this ministry He has entrusted to me, even if I had a mind to. I have an URGING from the Holy Spirit to do more and more and more... I feel the

time is VERY urgent… as if each day could well be my last chance. I see lost souls everywhere I turn, but so FEW even care. We are SO lost as a people and a nation. And I grieve.

A member of my extended family is about my age and has never married. He has a good job and has his mortgage paid off. No wife or family, he has chosen to spend his money on THINGS. A couple years ago he spent \$80,000 on a fancy new truck — the best there is, with every possible option. This past summer, he bought a very expensive imported sports car. To the best of my knowledge, he gives nothing to the work of God's kingdom, has no involvement in any church and no interest in the things of God. His life consists of work, his expensive "toys," drinking and sports. He knows better, but like most Americans, he doesn't care. This really, is where we are at The spirit of Apathy is THICK. Don't get me wrong; he's a very nice guy and we love him, but that's not going to "cut it" when he stands before the King of Kings to give an account of his life. And I have to wonder: is he truly satisfied with life, having based it on mere possessions and frivolous entertainment? Does he not LONG for something more SUBSTANTIAL in his life?

If America is going to survive as a nation and if we are going to survive as a people, then there is only ONE answer: we must REPENT, in humility and in sorrow, and turn our hearts back to our Creator, God Almighty, the One Who has given us so much grace, so much love and patience, even as we have shaken our fists at Him and spit in His face. What other hope could we possibly have? Have we not YET had enough of the vanity of entertainment and riches and useless THINGS? Do we not LONG, desperatley, for a life of substance and fulfillment, with the knowledge that we are investing our time, talents and Godgiven resources for the Kingdom of God, rather than squandering them all on our own carnal pleasures? Isnt' ENOUGH ENOUGH already?

Peter thought just that, as he warned in his first letter to

the saints. In chapter 4, he wrote, "For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and destestable idolatry." John gave a similar admonition in 1st John 2: "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and it's desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever."

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "The wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight." But he also warned them, "The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned." And to the Romans, he wrote, "You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the day time, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify it's desires."

Friends, when I began this ministry work, I had no idea what was in store for me. It has been a life of trouble, difficulty, great challenges and much persecution — from the world AND from the church. I was a young man then. Now, after nearly 20 years of full time ministry, I am much older, and I hope, much wiser. Somewhere along the line, as I sought to do the LORD's will over my own, He has trained me up to be a servant to HIM, and to others. I serve with pleasure and with great zeal. I think back on those things that were once so important to me in my younger days and as I said, they just don't matter anymore.

I have learned to constantly turn my eyes upon Jesus, and look full in His wonderful face. And as I have been persistent in doing so, the things of earth have grown strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace. We have only ONE life on this earth to serve the King of Kings. He is our Creator, our Father, our Provider, our Sustainer and our Savior. Jesus said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." That is WHO I work for, according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I do it for HIS glory, but I ALSO do it for those I dearly love. My wife, my children and my grandchildren.

I wonder why so many professing Christians, and so many regular church-goers just don't seem to care much about God, but they SURE care a whole lot about the Green Bay Packers. And I wonder: what sort of world are we leaving to our grandchildren? What will be our legacy when we are gone from this world? Will we have made any difference at all? Will all the days we've spent on this earth have any significance in eternity? I pray you will ponder these things along with me. Lord, I pray, help us to turn our eyes upon Jesus, and come to LOVE those things that truly matter.

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Our 'Reasonable Service' Os Not Comfort



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Today's message may not be very popular. But it is time to call things like they are. First, a disclaimer, what I am about to say does not apply to EVERY pastor and EVERY church. But I believe any thinking person must agree that it most certainly DOES APPLY to MOST. Yes, the VAST MAJORITY, ... of pastors and churches... and professing Christians.

First, a few questions: why is our nation under such outrageous confusion and demonic delusion? Why is it that so many of our children cannot even say for sure whether they are male or female — and the parents are now encouraging them to "explore and experiment" with their sexuality, some even at preschool age? Why do these same parents take their young kids to sodomite "pride" parades and "drag queen story time" at the local library to gleefully celebrate "diversity?"

Why today, with all the modern science and technology we have, do so many STILL refuse to acknowledge that a baby in the womb is a real living human being — a CHILD? And why do we ignore these MILLIONS of HUMAN BABIES who are murdered legally EVERY SINGLE DAY for MONEY, while claiming to be so concerned for the victims of school shootings? Why do we not simply put an IMMEDIATE END to this holocaust, if we really ARE a compassionate people? Why is this even a question or a controversy? NO — this has ABSOLUTELY NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH "WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE!" That's complete nonsense.

And why do we think the answer to gun violence is creating "gun free zones," and banning ownership of guns by law-abiding citizens? Will the violent criminals suddenly abide by the new gun laws any more than the drug dealers have stopped selling heroin, cocaine or Meth? The Left tells us we cannot legislate morality, or "shove our religion" down their throats, yet they seek to legislate IMMORALITY — and THEY do it constantly, and with stunning success.

And while we're asking these questions, why is it considered a "good" thing to create "safe spaces" on our college campuses where free speech is off limits? Why are SOME forms of speech — even outright HATEFUL speech — viewed by the social media "police" as perfectly fine, while other opinions (specifically those having to do with traditional marriage, family, and Christianity) are blatantly censored?

Why do we think it is perfectly "normal" for men to "marry" other men, and women to "marry" other women? Why is it that the average church-goer knows more about the Oscar and Grammy awards, more about sports scores, more about the latest TV sitcom than they do about the basic fundamentals of the Christian faith or for that matter, what USED TO BE 5th-grade level American history? Why is Islam considered to be "loving and peaceful" — despite the daily horrors we see committed by muslims WORLDWIDE in the name of their "god," while Christianity is considered to be hateful, violent and bigoted?

Why are SO MANY people — even regular church-goers — so very confused? It's because of where they are getting their information — and more to the POINT, where they are NOT getting it.

You see, in the "old days," which really were not that long ago, our Pastors and Preachers served as a restraining force against evil in our culture. They preached the WHOLE TRUTH of God's Word, unapologetically, boldly and courageously, TEACHING their congregations the difference between right and

wrong, between good and evil, between morality and immorality. They confronted the vital issues of the day headon. Our Pastors led the way, not just preaching from the pulpit, but leading their "sheep" OUT of the church house to make a difference in the world outside. If there was a great evil in the town, the Pastor would lead his people out to confront it, and the people were thankful for his leadership, and his guidance. His boldness for the cause of righteousness emboldened the PEOPLE. HE stood for something, and therefore, THEY stood as well.

But things have changed. Some time ago, I BEGGED one particular pastor to PLEASE preach on these evils that we are facing in the world — the evils that are destroying our society, twisting the minds of our children and their parents alike, forever fundamentally transforming America into a hideous thing that Satan and his demons can be proud of. His response? "These topics make people uncomfortable," he said. "They don't want to hear about them." When I challenged HIM to challenge the church members to get more involved in local evangelism, street ministry and outreach, his response was, "Most people are just not as <u>COMFORTABLE</u> as you are doing things like that." In short, he flat out refused all my pleadings.

Sad to say, but this is how the VAST MAJORITY of our pastors and churches are today. When was the last time you heard ANY ONE of these most vital cultural issues discussed from the pulpit? When was the last time your pastor encouraged you to be a bold, courageous Christian, making a difference in this world by going OUT of the church building, and also TOOK THE LEAD, and LED YOU OUT to the streets to do just that? My guess is, it's never happened.

So my next question is, why do we go to church? What is our purpose in going to church? Some will say, we go to worship God, through music. Some say we go to commune with God, through prayer. Some say to study His Word, through Bible

studies and sermons. But I believe many go because it's expected… we want to be "good Christians," and in our minds, "good Christians" GO to church. So we feel guilty if we DON'T go. We feel it is our DUTY to go, to support the church and pay our offerings. That, we believe, is just our "reasonable service."

But what does the BIBLE say about our duty — our "reasonable service" to God? Romans 12: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be TRANSFORMED, by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God."

So friends, our REASONABLE SERVICE — our DUTY to God — is NOT just to "go to church," sing songs, bow our heads when someone else prays and sit through a 15 minitue sermon once a week... but rather to present our very BODIES as living sacrifices. We are to be holy, even as God is holy, we're to be sanctified, set apart for His service. And SERVICE, I might remind you, implies SERVING — DOING something, for goodness' sake! We are to go out and witness to others, MAKE DISCIPLES, teaching them the TRUTH of all Jesus' commanded — and then BRING THEM IN to the church house as new members of the Body of Christ.

At the same time, we are NOT to be CONFORMED to this world, accepting whatever abominations the winds of pop culture throw at us as "normal," or "just the way things are," but rather, we are to be TRANSFORMED, by the renewing of our minds. How in the world will we ever be transformed — how will our minds be RENEWED, coming into alignment with the will of God — if the TRUTH of what God's Word SAYS about all these things is NEVER EVER spoken of from our pulpits, because our pastors are so afraid of making people feel UNCOMFORTABLE? And instead of the congregation being made up of true believers and followers

of Christ, we are allowing the things of this world to invade our sacred meetings, and not only that, <u>but to take over and DICTATE what is spoken of inside!</u>

It's been said that a Pastor's job is to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable. But again, things have changed. Today, they leave the afflicted alone, accepting and affirming them in their all their varied sinful, worldly lifestyles, in order to make sure the people <u>REMAIN COMFORTABLE!</u>

But my friends, the peoples' souls are STARVING for bold leaders who will tell them the truth. There is a FAMINE in the land — a famine of Biblical proportions — a famine of GOD'S TRUTH! I fear so much for our young people, who spend the whole of their formative years in the public school systems, being indoctrinated with evil, leftist agendas and disinformation and revisionist "history," and fake "science." Then, when high school is over, instead of moving on to a good specialized education where they can learn a trade or get a degree that will help them become productive members of society with a good job, our colleges and universities are now offering some of the most ludicrous classes I've ever heard of - further twisting reality into lies - and brainwashing our voung people with even more Leftist propaganda. biggest increase in these new college level courses all seem to revolve around sexual deviancy and perversion in one way or another. Have you noticed that?

WHO will tell them the truth? Who will mentor them before it's too late? Kids aren't stupid. They KNOW vain religion when they see it. And they SEE the vanity of meaningless, powerless religion all their lives growing up in our so-called "Christian" churches today. It is no wonder they run as fast as they can as soon as they are out on their own, most never to return, UNLESS, by the grace of God, they find TRUE Christianity, but unfortunately, that is not practiced in MOST of our churches anymore... it just makes people too

UNCOMFORTABLE.

Want to know what IS taking place at church Youth Groups today? Here are just a few of the highlights from one local church in my area: "Wear your favorite baseball cap night," "Will it be ketchup, mustard or both? It's HOT DOG HONK night tonight!" "Jump Rope night." "Swimming pool noodle night." "The Ice Cream Sundae Race." I could go on... but I can't. Is it any wonder that in the teen years, when these kids find themselves in the midst of the toughest challenges of their lives, and having had no solid foundation for their faith, they simply walk away from church — and TO drugs, sex, violence and crime? And then the parents are shocked. After all, they sent them to Youth Group and Sunday School and took them to church every week. "What happened?" they cry!

Friends, I AM NOT COMFORTABLE going to the streets and confronting evil either — especially when I have to do it all alone, because the faithful church-goers refuse to join me, and the pastor ABSOLUTELY will never join me. But what does MY COMFORT have to do with anything? Was Jesus comfortable, as He was persecuted by the "pastors" of His day during His entire earthly ministry, even until they murdered Him? Were the disciples COMFORTABLE as they were arrested, jailed, tortured and ultimately put to death? You see, it's not ABOUT US! It's about serving our Savior, it's about passing the very TRUTH of GOD'S WORD on to our children and grandchildren. Revelation reminds us, we overcome the enemy, "by the blood of the Lamb, the word of our testimony, and loving not our own lives, even unto death!" It doesn't say ANYTHING there about being COMFORTABLE!

If you want to know what this world is coming to, you need only look at Isaiah 59: "Your iniquities have separated you from your God. Your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken falsely, and your tongue mutters wicked things. No one calls for justice,

no one pleads a case with integrity. They rely on empty arguments, they utter lies; they conceive trouble and give birth to evil.... Their deeds are evil deeds, and acts of violence are in their hands. Their feet rush into sin, they are swift to shed innocent blood. They pursue evil schemes, acts of violence mark their ways. The way of peace they do not know, there is no justice in their paths. They have turned them into crooked roads; — no one who walks along them will know peace. So justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We look for light, but all is darkness, for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows. Like the blind, we grope along the wall, feeling our way like people without eyes. At mid day we stumble as if it were twilight; among the strong, we are like the dead. ...For our offenses are many in Your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: rebellion and treachery against the Lord, turning our backs on our God, inciting revolt and oppression, uttering lies our hearts have conceived. So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance. Truth has stumbled in the streets. Honesty cannot enter. Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey."

Friends, we cannot rely on our pastors to speak the truth or be the courageous leaders they are supposed to be, because the fact of the matter is, our churches are not filled with true believers and followers of Christ anymore; our churches are filled with apathetic, COMFORTABLE worldly people... and in order to keep them coming back, the pastors must make sure they remain COMFORTABLE. Scripture tells us that the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but instead, will heap up for themselves false teachers who will tell them what they want to hear.

We have reached that point long ago. And now our children and grandchildren are paying dearly for us allowing that to happen. What are we going to do about it? NO, it's NOT

comfortable to go out and confront evil, to preach truth to a world that hates you for Christ's namesake... but what is our reasonable service? It certainly is NOT our own comfort. So are we going to get serious about this now? Or not? Think about it.

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Popping The Christian Bubble

How are things going for you in your life as a Christian? How is your walk with Christ? What, exactly, does that look like in day-to-day life? What — for you — does "CHRISTIANITY" consist of?

I ask these questions because so many church-goers seem to be living in what I call a "Christian bubble." We seem to be increasingly isolated within the four walls of our church buildings. Regular church-attenders and pastors alike have become so intimidated by the ever-increasing anti-God bias of our modern American culture. So much so, that we choose to just keep our mouths shut, keep our faith to ourselves.

In the past, I've described it this way: as the LGBT movement has been embraced and emboldened with the support of corporate America, the media, the government, the public school systems, and even the churches, unrepentant sodomites have "come out of

the closet," pridefully waving rainbow flags and celebrating their sin, while Christians have been perfectly content to take up residence INSIDE those same "closets," too afraid to speak up, stand out or even QUESTION the abominations raging throughout our land.

I dare say, Christianity has become all about US. We go to church on the weekend, and for most, that is the extent of our Christianity. SOME of us read the Bible on our own at home, but not very many. SOME of us also have a regular prayer time, but not very many. These things are all well and good, but there's just one problem: living this way is not biblical! You see, the Christian life is not supposed to be all about US and OUR needs. We are not just supposed to be feeding OUR souls — we are supposed to be winning OTHER souls, discipling them, and teaching them all Jesus commanded. are SUPPOSED to be the Salt and Light of the Earth. Even if we DO pray — and a surprisingly low number of professing Christians make this a priority — we pray in error; usually asking God for only those things that affect US, only those things that WE feel WE need. Instead of praying, "Thy will be done," we thank the Father for His provision, and then proceed to ask for more and more and more... but sadly, usually, only for OUR own personal needs and wants.

Equally disturbing is this notion that Christians are to have nothing to do with the things of this world. We are told by our pastors and church leaders to stay out of "politics," to stay out of controversy, to mind our own business, to focus all of our attention, give all of our tithes and offerings ONLY to the church. It is continuously drilled into our heads that we're to have nothing to do with anything outside the four walls of our meeting places. This is SO unbiblical, I can barely believe we have bought into such lies. Yet it is the prevailing practice in nearly every church I know of.

Just ask your Pastor if you would be allowed to announce a gathering of church folks at the local abortion center, to

stand in the gap for the voiceless, preborn babies about to be torn limb from limb in their mothers' wombs. Ask your pastor if you can recruit others from your church to go to a schoolboard meeting and protest the pro-LGBT curriculum being used to indoctrinate your children. Ask your pastor if you might use a room of the church on a special night to show a documentary about the evil agenda of the socialists, liberals, feminists, and muslims seeking to throw God out of every corner of America. I already KNOW the answer: "Sorry, NO. We can't get involved in things like that." And THEN the church leadership will begin to view you as a "right wing wacko," and start seeking ways to marginalize you. They'll tell others to avoid you. They will secretly laugh at you behind your back, because you are so radical, so "countercultural."

But I have news for you: our Savior, was the most radical, and the most counter-cultural Person to ever walk the face of the Earth. And HE Himself gave us COMMANDS to follow, most of which we KNOW about, but most of which are NEVER preached on nor taken seriously — except of course, the ever-popular out-of-context, misinterpreted "Judge Not," which sadly, even our Christian leaders are now teaching as the "Whole Counsel of God."

Turn to Matthew 5. Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt has lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and to be trodden under the feet of men." He was speaking to His disciples here. Those who truly WERE — in every sense of the word — CHRIST-FOLLOWERS. He told them they were the SALT of the Earth. In this passage, Jesus was explaining a concept in terms His followers could understand. In those days, "salt that had lost its savor" really only HAD one possible use: it was used, literally, as PAVEMENT on roads. They paved the roads with otherwise useless salt. So it REALLY WAS trodden under the feet of men.

There are many translations of the Bible, and some say "...if the salt has lost IT'S savor..." But in the original text, Jesus ACTUALLY said, "...if the salt has lost HIS savor..." This makes quite a difference. Because He wasn't just talking about table salt here. He was talking about PEOPLE. WE, as Christians, are to be SALTY! We are to have SAVOR! If we DON'T, Jesus said, we are literally GOOD FOR NOTHING in the Kingdom of God!

Likewise, Jesus continued by saying, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it gives light to all that are in the house. Let YOUR light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

So unless I am grossly misinterpreting this, Jesus specifically told His disciples, in one of His most important teaching times, that His followers were to be the SALT and the LIGHT of the world. We are not to lose our savor and we are not to hide our light. Why would He teach these things, if in reality, He meant for us to hide inside the four walls of our church and NEVER EVER EVEN ATTEMPT to impact the culture around us? Never EVER get involved in the things outside our churches? Never EVER speak of Jesus' commands or stand up for God's Word and truth when sin is pridefully celebrated and normalized, and the doctrines of demons taught to our children and grandchildren as "the new normal?!"

My friends, we live — most of us — inside a "Christian bubble." Most of us know nothing about the horiffic abominations going on outside our churches, nor do most of us CARE. We occupy ourselves with vain religion, with ritualistic "praise and worship." But if we are NOT engaging the culture… if we are NOT being salt and light to a lost, deceived and dying world all around us, all our "praise and worship" is useless. In fact, the very form of "Christianity" we practice has, today, become "good for nothing but to be

thrown out and trampled on by men." And so why are we suprised that Christianity no longer has a "voice" in America? It's simple: we NEVER open our mouths!

What was the message of John the Baptist, as he made way for the start of Jesus' work here on earth? "Repent!" And what was Jesus' first message when He began His earthly ministry? You got it: "Repent!" Jesus also gave the Great Commission at the end of Matthew 28: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU." This "Great Commission" is also recorded in Acts 1: "You shall receive power after the Holy Ghost has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the Earth." He said all these things as His final instructions to His followers, and then ascended into Heaven.

But my friends, we have been TAUGHT — most of us all our lives — to misinterpret these commands of Christ. We have been taught that the Great Commission means we are to 1) either give money to overseas missionaries, or 2) to go overseas and feed the poor, dig wells and build houses. Again, these are not BAD things to do, but it's NOT what Jesus commanded.

In Matthew 28, He commanded us to TEACH EVERYONE to observe all He had commanded. So did He actually mean the exact opposite? That we are to keep our mouths SHUT and never speak out against evil, never talk about sin and the need for repentance, but rather to be loving, accepting, "open and affirming" of sin, lest we offend someone who may be pridefully embracing and celebrating their sin? And when He said we are to be His witnesses, He put it THIS way: "first in Jerusalem, then in all Judea, then in all Samaria, and THEN to the uttermost parts of the Earth." So did Jesus actually mean the exact opposite?

Did He mean we are to FIRST go to the uttermost parts of the Earth and do service projects, all the while neglecting our personal "Jerusalems?" And WHAT IS "Jerusalem" to us? It is our HOME TOWN. FIRST, He said, we go to our HOME TOWN. Then we go to our state, then we go to our nation, and LASTLY, we go to the ends of the Earth. If we do not have the COURAGE to be salt and light in our own home towns, we have no business going on a tropical vacation disguised as a missions trip. Sorry to sound harsh here, and I do NOT mean to downplay the vital work of those saving lives in foreign lands. Certainly the missionaries that go there have good intentions and many absolutely ARE doing the Lord's work.

But what about the rest of us? They are KILLING BABIES down the street from our churches, and Christians just "praise and worship and pray" louder. Tell me: do you think God hears such prayers? They are teaching 'TRANSGENDERISM" as a normal, natural alternative lifestyle to your CHILDREN and GRANDCHILDREN, and most of us do nothing about it, for fear of being looked upon as "judgmental," "offensive," or "harsh." They kicked God out of our public schools in 1962 and Christians did nothing. Now they are erasing and rewriting history. They are KILLING BABIES! And we KNOW BETTER, yet we remain silent, content, fat and happy inside our "Christian bubbles."

If you want to talk about "harsh," Jesus had some VERY harsh words for people like this. He did not show LOVE to everybody. Matthew 15, "You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying 'this people honors Me with their lips but their heart is far from Me. In vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.'"

Truly, Jesus had some VERY harsh words for the cowardly religious leaders of His day. He called them: "hypocrites," "blind guides," "fools," "whitewashed tombs," "serpents," "brood of vipers," and "liars." In John 8, He told them, "You are of your father the devil." It seems Jesus was not very

"Christian" by today's standards, was He? He also reacted with righteous anger when He found the temple had been turned into a den of thieves, making a whip, physically attacking the wicked ones and overturning tables. I doubt He would be very welcome in most of today's churches.

So do you think He would just "be ok" with abortion? With a sodomite "pride" parade? With leading innocent little children astray with the lies of the devil, teaching them to question their very gender? Do you think He would be ok with people just going to church, listening to the sermon, babysitting kids in "Childrens' Church," serving as money collectors during the "offering time," and never DOING anything more? Never engaging the culture or questioning the lies of the wicked, evil liars who are leading our precious little ones to hell — or worse yet, KILLING THEM in cold blood before they are even born?!

SATAN rejoices, no doubt. But what would Jesus do about all this? Would He be sitting and listening to endless sermons, raising His hands in so-called "praise and worship" while MILLIONS outside those four walls are perishing in their sinful delusions? Come on, folks! It's time we pop the bubble.

There is a WHOLE WORLD of REAL CHRISTIANITY going on outside the building where you go every weekend. You need to understand, you don't GO to Church, you ARE the Church — IF you're a true Christ follower.

I was just as guilty of living inside that Christian bubble. For years, I never knew, never realized, there is a WHOLE WORLD of REAL CHRISTIANITY outside those four walls. There's so much more to it than a weekly "service," personal Bible study and personal prayer time. We are to the the Salt of the Earth. The Light of the World. We ABSOLUTELY ARE called to ENGAGE the culture, and there are MANY TRUE CHRISTIANS who are doing just that. Most likely you have no idea about this

world, because your pastors forbid you to associate with such Christians, and certainly will never promote such "radical activism."

Why? Because it takes COURAGE. It takes thinking outside the box. Bottom line: it takes taking Jesus Christ at His Word, taking up our crosses daily and REALLY — I mean REALLY — following Him.

Do you want to be a part of this? Do you want the REAL DEAL? Or are you content just "playing church?" The day will come when the Righteous Judge will separate the sheep from the goats, placing the goats on His left and the sheep on His right. And the lukewarm — those happy and content inside their "Christian bubbles," — He will vomit out of His mouth and say, "Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity. I never knew you."

If YOU ARE READY to get serious about these issues and if you're ready to meet like-minded people, I encourage you to join us, March 9th and 10th at the 2018 Wisconsin Christian News Ministry Expo and Conference in Marshfield, Wisconsin. All these issues and more will be discussed by some of the most notable leaders in the Christian world from around the nation. You will be educated, informed and equipped to have an IMPACT for Jesus in this lost, sad, sick world. don't already know about this EXTREMELY VITAL Conference, I encourage you to call me for all the details. No matter where you live, anywhere in America, if you are serious about your faith, you NEED to be at this Conference. And you need to bring your children and grandchildren with you as well! quarantee it will be life-changing. And if you actually ACT on what you learn there, God may yet have mercy and heal our Please don't miss this opportunity. We may never get another one.

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As Go The Pulpits, So Goes The Nation

Another school shooting. Another call from the so-called "progressives' for gun control, OR the outright confiscation of guns from law-abiding citizens. "Remove the guns," they say, "to keep our children safe!"

Another lie from the lying left. If the truth be told, the liberal, humanist, socialist "progressives" couldn't care less about children. They have an agenda — to disarm Americans in order to institute their UN-sanctioned "one-world government," and a "new world order." In other words, tyranny. Tyrants in control, enslaving the people. Game over.

Many will say I am putting forth a conspiracy theory. But many are ignorant of the wicked devices of our enemy, and many are ignorant of what is REALLY, truly going on in this world. They'd rather follow and believe the "fake news" of the mainstream media than delve deeper into the real truth of this evil agenda. And yes, there IS an evil agenda.

Look at our public schools. No longer do we teach "civics" classes in public schools, because the powers-that-be must make sure our kids remain ignorant of our history and our rule of law. Kids have no idea about our Constitution or Bill of

Rights, the Revolutionary War, our fight for Independence. That "Greatest Generation" that fought World War 2 to free the world from tyrants is quickly fading into history, no longer able to tell their stories. And our public schools do not tell their stories anymore either. In fact, if any American History is taught in public schools AT ALL anymore, it has been "twisted," "spun," and "revised," to make AMERICA the Great Evil of the world.

We send our kids to the public schools — or should I say the "Government Indoctrination Centers" — and after 12 years, they hold the exact opposite views on cultural, social and moral issues that we hold. And after four more years in government universities, we no longer even recognize our kids at all. What is wrong with us? Do we not have eyes to see what is happening right before us? Tell me we're smarter than that.

It's been said that public university professors have two main goals for incoming freshment: 1) get the kids to reject their Christian faith — if they have any faith left at all. And 2) get the kids to question their sexuality, their gender, and encourage them to "experiment." No longer is there any such thing as "absolute truth." Now, it is "moral relativism." "What's right for you may not be right for me, and that's ok," they say — UNLESS of course, "what's right for ME" happens to be traditional family values, faith in God and a love for the country called "America" that USED to be. Then, of course, you are a "hateful, racist bigot" and your opinion counts for nothing. You MUST BE SILENCED!

So now we're in the midst of yet ANOTHER push for the removal of guns from the hands of Americans. Every day, I am seeing more and more signs in public places stating these are "Gun Free Zones." No guns permitted. How's that working for us? All the mass shootings that have taken place in recent years have happened in "Gun Free Zones." Apparently, those bent on wreaking havoc and taking lives don't read the signs. These "Gun Free Zones" are nothing more than shooting galleries for

the mentally disturbed, the disgruntled, the demonically-possessed. When you pass laws to ban guns, I assure you, the only ones with the guns will be the tyrannical government, the police and the criminals. GUNS ARE NOT THE PROBLEM, folks!

Let's just look for a minute at our public schools. graduated from high school in 1983, 35 years ago. I can tell you, even at my small RURAL school, even way back then, it was a cesspool of immorality. Bullying was rampant, beyond belief. Filthy, vulgar, foul language and blasphemy filled the hallways, the lunch room and even the classrooms. was 35-40 years ago. I cannot even IMAGINE what it must be like today. Because at that time, things like pornography were "hush hush," even though it existed. Homosexuality was People did not celebrate it with PRIDE — much less jump on the bandwagon at the urging of their teachers and try it out for themselves to see if it might be "right for them." In grade school, we still stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance every morning. We didn't indoctrinate and twist young minds into joining "ANTIFA." How FAR we have fallen! Our CHILDREN, my friends, are in GRAVE DANGER in our country Not JUST from rogue shooters — but especially from those we TRUST — the school boards, the teachers, and those pulling the strings behind the scenes.

Today we have "drag queens" leading story time for pre-schoolage children in public schools and libraries, and the parents not only ACCEPT this, they EMBRACE it, all in the name of "diversity." Today our kids readily accept the idea that abortion is simply a "woman's right to choose," and that Planned Parenthood is really all about "women's healthcare!" Give me a break! Today, our kids not only have to deal with all the things WE had to deal with in school... they ALSO have the added burden now of deciding for themselves whether they are male or female — any input on this matter from parents is STRICTLY prohibited, as we have seen in recent news stories. We have lost our collective minds, reaping what we

have sowed.

In 1962 the US Supreme Court banned prayer in public schools. A year later, it banned the reading of the Bible in public schools. Where were the Christian parents? Why were they not OUTRAGED enough to stand up and fight — for morality, for righteousness, for their children and their Savior? Christians did nothing. Imagine if the day after prayer was banned in public schools if every DAD went to every public school principal and in righteous anger declared that this will NOT STAND! We may have had a chance. But Christians did nothing.

And so today, we scratch our heads and wonder what can be done about all the killings in the public schools. God was tossed out on His ear a generation ago; so now we only seek Him after another bunch of our kids are shot down in cold blood. THEN we gather and hold "prayer vigils," holding candles while we weep. But many don't even know what prayer IS. They stand and hold a candle, but there's no repentance, no real understanding of what we are so guilty of as a nation. We are SO very lost.

America is suffering under what the Bible calls "Blood guiltiness." In another infamous case where the US Supreme Court was unlawfully allowed to "make a law," it declared, in 1973 that women were now legally able to have their own children murdered. And the blood of the innocent little babies, knit together by God Himself in their mothers' wombs cries out from the ground to Almighty God. We are guilty of shedding innocent blood. Ezekiel 22, "You have become guilty by the blood that you have shed, and defiled by the idols that you have made, and you have brought your days near, the appointed time of your years has come. Therefore, I have made you a reproach to the nations, and a mockery to all the countries." These are the words of the Lord.

Need some more? Pslam 106, "They poured out innocent blood,

the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was polluted with blood." Lamentations 4, "How the precious children of Zion, once worth their weight in gold, are now considered as pots of clay, the work of a potter's hands." In otherwords, common, disposable... garbage. THESE ARE OUR CHILDREN, people! THESE ARE OUR Their blood cries out from the ground, as did the blood of Abel, to Almighty God. And as we have so cavalierly shed the blood of 60 MILLION innocent babies in this nation in the last generation, though we cannot see it, because it is kept behind closed doors, out of sight, a "taboo" subject we are never allowed to discuss, their blood is running like rivers in our streets, and so why are we surprised when we are reaping so much violence and bloodshed elsewhere? Frankly, I'm surprised we aren't seeing more. Frankly, I'm surprised the Lord has not yet poured out His full wrath on this nation and destroyed it as He did Sodom.

Yes, I am ANGRY! I am ANGRY that you can go to just about ANY Christian church in America today — and you can go there for the next 40 years, and you will NEVER hear any pastor touch these subjects with a ten-foot pole, for fear of offending some in the pews, for fear of talking "politics" from the pulpit. For fear of being "distasteful." For fear of the weekly "take" falling short in the collection plate. SICK! And YES, I am angry. "As go the pulpits, so goes the nation." Our Pastors, who refuse to teach, who refuse to preach the WHOLE counsel of God, straining at a gnat while swallowing a camel, neglecting entirely the weightier matters of the law, while instead talking about "how to have a sexy marriage," "how to be wise stewards," "why we need to 'tithe' in order to be good Christians," "God's love for all mankind, how we're ALL God's children...." The list could go on, but Ijust can't.

Guns are not our problem, folks. Our problem is the fact that we, as a nation, have rejected God. You may not realize this

if you live in a Christian "bubble" like many do. But you would be AMAZED at how many people in America today know absolutely NOTHING about God, about His Word, about Holiness and righteousness, and about their need for repentance and the Even regular church-goers have been so woefully and poorly taught, they cannot explain the truth of the Gospel, and they CERTAINLY would never have the courage to share it if they ever took the opportunity. Christianity has become a "spectator sport," where we are never asked to do ANYTHING, always encouraged to stay away from those "wackos" who fight the murder of innocent babies, who speak out against sodomy and the reprobate minds that have become so warped by the enemy's deceptions that they cannot even say for sure whether they are male or female. "Stay away from people like that," our pastors tell us. "They are radicals. They are nuts. They do not represent what our church believes." They do not.

The Bible tells us in Ephesians 5 that we are to have nothing to do with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather, EXPOSE them. We also read that it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret — and yet today we have Christian churches not only endorsing baby killing, sodomy and the demonically-twisted lie of "transgenderism," we even have churches PARTICIPATING in these evils… approving of abortion, FUNDING and PRAYING FOR Planned Parenthood, ordaining sodomite preachers!

Go to Romans 1: "Although they KNEW God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things, but also approve of those who practice them." Go to ANY sodomite "pride" parade and you will find literally DOZENS of so-called "Christian" churches PARTICIPATING in the parade with their own vulgar parade floats; while, meanwhile, a mere handful true Christ-followers will be on the sidelines trying their best to minister God's Word and tell the Truth amidst hundreds of thousands of lost

souls, so filled with hatred of God, they would kill every Christian if they could... and our PASTORS tell their people to stay away from the truth-tellers, the bold, courageous Christians willing to put their lives on the line for the Gospel.

Well, the risen Christ had a different message than these hirelings. He said the RIGHTEOUS will triumph over the evil one. How? "...by the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony, and loving NOT their own lives, even unto death." Radical? Yes. Acceptable in our churches today? No. You'd be a wierdo. You'd be a radical. You would not be welcome. Pastors would encourage others to stay away from you. And they do.

As go the pulpits, so goes the nation. The blood that flows from our public schools is the same blood that flows in our streets — innocent blood of our children, the judgment of God on a nation that has rejected Him — a nation whose every thought seems to be only evil, all the time, only honoring Him with their lips when it becomes convenient, …or necessary to calm the guilty conscience. Until we repent and turn — corporately — as a nation, back to our Creator, I don't believe He listens to our superficial prayers, offered up in vain. We can stand and hold candles and gather and mourn together EVERY TIME violence erupts in our land, but until we turn BACK to God, He will not take part in any of our sorrowful assemblies.

We are lost. We are sheep without shepherds, led by cowardly hirelings. I'm sorry to be so blunt. I do not wish to impugne ALL pastors. Certainly there ARE some bold, courageous ones out there, and I know some personally. But the VAST majority in America today are hirelings. Jesus was even more emphatic than what I have said here, using words like "Snakes," "Brood of Vipers," "Whitewashed tombs." And He told those religious leaders they were "of their father, the devil."

It's time for some COURAGEOUS CHRISTIANITY in America today. We have to decide if we're serious about this, or if we are just going to let the evil one have his way with us while our children and grandchildren die, with twisted minds, broken hearts and lost souls. If YOU ARE READY to get serious about these issues and if you're ready to meet like-minded people, I encourage you to join us, March 9th and 10th at the 2018 Wisconsin Christian News Ministry Expo and Conference in Marshfield, Wisconsin. All these issues and more will be discussed by some of the most notable leaders in the Christian world from around the nation. You will be educated, informed and equipped to have an IMPACT for Jesus in this lost, sad, If you don't already know about this EXTREMELY sick world. VITAL Conference, I encourage you to call me for all the No matter where you live, anywhere in America, if you are serious about your faith, you NEED to be at this Conference. And you need to bring your children and grandchildren with you as well! I guarantee it will be lifechanging. And if you actually ACT on what you learn there, God may yet have mercy on us all. Please don't miss this opportunity. We may never get another one.

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God In Us

I learned of Jesus as a child and came to Christ at a very young age. Like all new believers, I did not receive all knowlege of the truth right from the start; my life has been a journey of discovery and revelation. The longer I walk with Jesus, the better I come to understand and know Him, the more He reveals Himself to me and the more I come to comprehend spiritual things. One thing I DO know is found in the first chapter of Philippians: "He who began a good work in (me) will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." I am constantly learning as I draw ever closer to the Lord.

But it's strange that as Christians, we all read the same Book, yet few of us can agree on what it says. We separate and divide ourselves up into little groups and then often condemn those outside our own little group as heretics and apostates. I believe this is the sin of pride, as so often, so many boast that only THEY have the truth, and everyone else has it wrong.

Don't misunderstand what I'm saying; there ARE many who claim the name of Christ in vain — there definitely ARE heretics, apostates, false teachers of all kinds, and the Bible warns us to turn away from such ravening wolves. But today we have no less than 33,000 different fractured factions... 33,000 different "Christian" denominations and there is often great animosity between those of different churches. How can this be when we all claim to follow the same Scriptures? And how can we, as the Body of Christ impact the world if we cannot even speak to one another because of our pride?

Paul spoke of this to the Corinthians, saying, "Brothers, I was not able to speak to you as spiritual people but as people of the flesh, as babies in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food, because you were not yet ready for it. In

fact, you are still not ready, because you are still fleshly. For since there is envy and strife among you, are you not fleshly and living like unbelievers? For whenever someone says, 'I follow Paul,' and another, 'I follow Apollos,' are you not unspiritual people? What, then, is Apollos? And what is Paul? They are servants through whom you believed, and each has the role the Lord has given. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

What did Paul mean when he said he was not able to speak to the Corinthians as "Spiritual people?" It means they were walking in the flesh, not by the Spirit. It means THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS NOT ALIVE AND ACTIVE IN THEM! This is what I would like to discuss today, because one area of essential doctrine of our faith that has been very misunderstood and misrepresented is the Person and work of the Holy Spirit. In the denomination I grew up in, the topic of the Holy Spirit was never explained or taught. Yes, we did believe in the Trinity — one God in three Persons… but that third Person of the Trinity was never explained or talked about.

Indeed, many Christians seem to be fearful of this. We hear words like "The Holy Spirit," "The Holy Ghost," and "Spiritfilled," and many of us run for the hills. We don't understand it, and so we shy away from it; but in doing so, we are missing out on the fullness of God and the real blessings of the true Christian life.

I understand why people are afraid of this subject and I grieve when I see some groups make a mockery of the Holy Spirit. To them, the manifestation of the Spirit involves outrageous, dramatic exhibitions of their own professed "holiness" — barking like dogs, "Holy laughter," rolling and flopping on the floor, and losing control of their own bodies. Make no mistake: this is not of God. This is not the true Holy Spirit at work. This is fleshly, prideful man,

seeking his own glory, not God's. But this has nothing to do with the Spirit of God. I find no place in the Bible where the Holy Spirit caused people to put on any chaotic performance for the sake of being seen as "Holy" by others.

But know this: the Holy Spirit absolutely DOES have a place in our Christian lives. In fact, I don't believe you can be a true Christian without the Spirit. You can have RELIGION, but it is vain, powerless, CARNAL religion. On the other hand, if you are truly indwelt by the Holy Spirit, you have the very POWER of GOD living inside you. I don't know how you can truly be a Christian without that.

The Holy Spirit was not some new thing that came about only on the Day of Pentecost. As the third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit was present even before the Creation of the universe. Genesis 1, Verse 2 states, "The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over face of the deep. And the SPIRIT OF GOD was hovering over the face of the waters." There is no denying it, the Holy Spirit is absolutely real and co-equal with the Father and the Son!

In John, Chapter 14, Jesus explained this to His disciples: "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive Him because it doesn't see Him or know Him. But you DO know Him, because He remains with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.

"In a little while the world will see Me no longer, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live too. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, you are in Me, and I am in you. The one who has My commands and keeps them is the one who loves Me. And the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father. I also will love him and will reveal Myself to him."

"Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, 'Lord, how is it You're

going to reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?'

"Jesus answered, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. The one who doesn't love Me will not keep My words. The word that you hear is not Mine but is from the Father who sent Me.

"I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit — the Father will send Him in My name — will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you."

Wow. There is a lot of information here in this short section. First of all, Jesus told His disciples, (and also US), THREE TIMES in this passage that those who are true followers of Christ are those who keep His commandments. Jesus promised to ask His Father to send "another Counselor" to be with His people, because He knew He would soon be leaving this earth. This "other Counselor" is the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit.

We also learn here that those who are not in Christ cannot receive the Holy Spirit, because they do not follow His commands. But for those who DO love God, Jesus promised this Holy Spirit would be with us and IN us. In other words, JESUS HIMSELF, though He would be leaving this earth soon to return to the Father, would also be IN His followers, in the form of the Holy Spirit. And what would the Spirit do? Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and WE will come to him and make OUR home with him." This Counselor, this Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, will "teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you," Jesus said.

Who receives the Holy Spirit? Those who follow Christ and obey His commands, those that love Jesus. In Acts chapter 2, Peter proclaimed, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in

the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

I believe there are many professing Christians in our churches today who have gone to church all their lives and done many religious activities, but they are without the Holy Spirit in their lives, and do not even realize it. OR, the Spirit may be present, but not ACTIVE in their lives because they have not acknowledged Him or hearkened to His voice. And what a gift they are missing!

After studying this subject, I can now look back over the course of my life and realize that I had the Holy Spirit within me even as a young child, though I did not recognize or realize what it was. The Lord speaks to me spiritually constantly, and now that I understand this is the Holy Spirit inside me, I know this is not just my own carnal "conscience" speaking, but God Himself, guiding me into all truth, ordering my steps. It is this Holy Spirit within me that has taught me the things of God, helped me to understand the great wisdom of the Scriptures, and throughout my life, has reminded me of all Jesus' words, at times when I needed them the most.

In Galatians 5, Paul admonished us to "walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." I cannot count the number of times the Holy Spirit has guided me in my decision making. There are so many lost and worldly people today who know nothing of God, and do not have the Holy Spirit inside them. And so it is no wonder they live self-centered lives of carnality and lust. They walk in the flesh and live to gratify the desires of the flesh. But the Spirit-led person has the ability to say no to ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously and Godly in this present age.

And though the Christian life is not one of ease and comfort, the Holy Spirit inside us is also called our "COMFORTER," because the of the benefits — or the FRUIT — of the Holy

Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

Isaiah Chapter 11 talks about Jesus. In verse 2 we read, "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord." Friends, the same Holy Spirit that was in Jesus Himself as He walked this earth is the same Holy Spirit that Jesus gave as a precious gift to US, as we become His children. As true Christians, WE, TOO, have that Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.

It is only with the Holy Spirit inside us that we can be of any use to the Kingdom of God. And it's only with the Holy Spirit inside us that we can have eternal life. As we read Jesus' own words in Acts 1, we learn that we will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon us, so that we can be His witnesses.

What else happens when we receive the Holy Spirit? God promised in Ezekiel 36, "I will give you a new heart and a new Spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes..."

There are many, though, who profess Christ but still try to live with one foot in the world. This does not work. You cannot serve two masters. You cannot profess to be Godly in church but then be worldly when you step out the door. This GRIEVES the Holy Spirit. Luke said in Acts chapter 7, "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so you do."

Sadly, many profess Christ with their lips but their hearts

are far from Him. Thus the Spirit is quenched and grieved, and such a poor soul can only live a carnal existence on this earth. They cannot live in the fullness of Godliness without the POWER, without the COUNSEL and without the BLESSING of the GIFT of the Holy Spirit. Though they may call themselves "believers," they are deceiving themselves; no better off than the unsaved person. These are the spiritually shallow, the ones with itching ears who cannot accept the great and wonderful truths of the FULL COUNSEL of God. The ones who will hear the Savior say, "Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity, for I never knew you." "The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are nonsense to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned." (First Corinthians 2:14).

Friends, God has promised us the amazing gift of His very own Spirit. With God Himself living inside us, giving us a new Spirit, a Spirit of life and the wisdom, counsel, guidance and the comfort of Christ, we truly become new creations. We are transformed in the RENEWING of our hearts and minds, no longer seeking after worldly nonsense, but now living new lives as children of God. God's will then becomes OUR will. This is what it MEANS to be "born again." Jesus came to earth to be "God WITH us." Then He promised the Holy Spirit to those who truly love Him so we can have "God IN us." We can't be true Christians without the Holy Spirit. So don't resist the Holy Spirit. Don't quench the Spirit. SEEK the Spirit, and listen to His voice.

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Would Jesus Approve Of Christmas?

Most of the Christian world will soon be celebrating the Christmas holiday. Some, however, will not, and in what I view as a wrong and self-righteous spirit, will actually CONDEMN anyone who does as a heathen, pagan or heretic. The debate over Christmas is one that has gone on for centuries. Now, I understand, there ARE well-meaning, sincere and faithful Christians who choose to NOT observe the holiday because they believe it is wrong. So let's briefly investigate that as we ask the question: "would Jesus approve of Christmas? Or does He hate it?"

Some say that Christmas began with the sun worshipers in the time of Nimrod at the Towel of Babel. Later, it coincided with the Roman Feast of the Birth of Sol, the sun god. Those who stand against Christmas will tell you the early church never celebrated the birth of the Savior, but that in the fifth century, it was made a "Christian" holiday by the apostate Church, as a way to make the church more appealing to the worldly. We're told even the name, Christmas, means a Roman Catholic "Mass of Christ."

Other nay-sayers will bring up the idea of the Christmas tree, and quote Jeremiah 10, "Learn not the way of the Heathen . . . For the customs of that people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not..."

Does this describe a Christmas tree?

Still others will bring up the idea of giving gifts, and

declare that they cannot, in good conscience, celebrate Christmas because at Christmas we give gifts to ONE ANOTHER, rather than to God. So, they assert, this gift-giving is not honoring to the Lord. Further, the commercialism of Christmas entices our selfishness, greed and lust. So, they say, Christmas could never be an acceptable way to worship the Lord.

And of course there are those who bring up the fact that Santa Claus is not real... but rather a fictional character derived from Saint Nicholas. Some will even claim St. Nicholas is simply another name for Satan.

If you choose to abstain from Christmas, that is your choice, and you are free to do so. The celebration of Christmas is NOT mentioned in Scripture, you're right. We are not commanded to observe it. When it comes right down to it, in Romans 14 we read, "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." Yes, God gives us that liberty, and as Christians, EVERY day should be holy as unto the Lord.

But what if we DO celebrate Christmas? Does partaking in this holiday forever brand us as heathens and pagans? Must we repent of years of merry-making at Christmas time? Does the Lord, as some will loudly declare, truly despise Christmas and the celebration of it? Let's use some common sense.

First of all, Scripture makes it very clear that God looks first and foremost upon the heart, upon our intentions. The vast majority of people I know are Christians, and the vast majority of them DO celebrate Christmas. In doing so, not a single one of them does so to honor Nimrod or the sun god Sol. Not one.

Further, while I do have some Catholic friends, most of my friends and all of my family are protestants... and we all celebrate Christmas. Does this mean we are actually

worshipping the Roman Papacy, as some accuse? Of course not. We worship with sincere hearts, in spirit and in truth, and our faith remains in Christ alone… not a sun god…. not Nimrod…. not the Pope.

What about the dreaded Christmas tree? Isn't THAT proof that Christmas is for heathens? Read the Scripture. It is talking about making for oneself an idol out of wood — not decorating a Christmas tree. For goodness' sake, the Lord Jesus had not even been born into this world yet, nor the thought of "Christmas" as a holiday even considered in the days that Jeremiah penned those words.

In my family, we decorate a Christmas tree every year. We hang pretty things on it, including craft items our kids made in school and church while they were growing up. Each ornament contains a family memory. The lights of the tree, like the lights on homes, businesses and street corners are not symbols of satan. They are lights, people. They're pretty. They're colorful and bright at a time of year that otherwise can be cold, lifeless and dull. Yes, we have a tree. It smells great. It looks pretty, and yes, we put presents beneath it. But in all my years, we've never yet bowed down to it to worship it as an idol.

And what about the giving of gifts to one another, rather than to God? What would Jesus say about that? Once again, as in all things, we need to look upon the heart, the intention behind all that we do.

Friends, I love Christmas. I always have. Certainly the holiday can — and has been — corrupted in many ways. For some today, it is purely a secular celebration, an overindulgence in materialism, gluttony and spending. That's sad. But that is not the Christmas I know.

Whether it began this way or not, in our family, Christmas is a celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Yes,

we know He wasn't born on December 25th. But that's the day we observe as Christmas. In Titus we read, "But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain." Indeed, Christians are great at fighting, accusing and demeaning one another, and that is a shame. That is not how the Lord would have us to live as the Body of Christ. Rather, let our hearts be pure and our intentions honorable. Why must we forever argue and accuse over foolish things that only cause hurt and division within the body of Christ?

I love the songs about the birth of Jesus. I think it would be great to sing them all year long! But reserving the sacred hymns of Christmas for this time of year makes this time of year special, and more endearing. I guess my favorite would have to be "O Holy Night." What a wonderful song of praise!

I love the lights and decorations around town, the smell of pine needles, the warmth of a glowing fire in the fireplace. And I love taking time to think of each of my loved ones, one by one, considering what they would like... thinking of ways I can bless them. If I don't get a single present under the tree for myself, that's fine with me. I just love giving gifts and blessing others. It blesses my heart far more than receiving things for myself.

And contrary to the thinking of those who would despise Christmas and dismiss it as pagan, in reality, today it is the PAGANS THEMSELVES who want to do away with Christmas. It is the heathen that try to stamp it out. It is the atheists who demand no one utter the words "Merry Christmas," because to do so is so horribly offensive. THEY are the ones trying to stop Christmas from coming…because, they argue, it is TOO CHRISTIAN, and though they say they do not believe in God, the truth is, they hate Him, and THAT is why they seek to silence any mention of Christmas!

But Christmas is here to stay, my friends. And I am thankful

that it is. In a world where for 364 days of the year we are all so self-absorbed, so consumed with the worries and cares of this life, I thank the LORD for Christmas... for what it has come to stand for — the birth of our Savior — His gift of grace, mercy and lovingkindness, GOD WITH US...and for the joyous traditions we celebrate each year as we, too, show grace, mercy and lovingkindess one to another.

As a child growing up in my parents' home, we always had Christmas. We would decorate the tree as a family. And I remember each year we'd get the Sears Wish Book catalog... filled with wonderful toys and fun things we could dream of. I remember rehearsing for weeks for the Sunday School Christmas program, and then the night it finally came, after the program everyone would get a bag of Christmas candy and a popcorn ball, a gift from the church. And what joy when the last day of school came before Christmas break.

My parents first had three girls and then three boys. I'm number five... the middle child among the boys. I don't remember a time when my sisters lived at home... they had all moved out and lived in other towns by the time I came along. But as a kid growing up, I recall the anticipation of having all my sisters — and their husbands — come home for My Mom was the best cook ever. I know most people think that, but in my case it really was true! We always had a wonderful feast, and of course, the Christmas cookies and treats, recipes no one could ever duplicate. I remember going in to town and always finding a way to make my meager piggybank savings come out to equal a gift for everyone on my Taking my treasures home, and wrapping them with eager anticipation, imagining how much my Mom, Dad, brothers and sisters would each love the simple gift I had chosen for them.

Over the years, Christmas has changed. Both my parents are gone now, and the old house is no longer our gathering place. In fact, all of MY children are now grown and out on their own

too... so MY house is where Christmas happens now. It's a beautiful time of year. Its a time of giving, a time of sharing, a time of loving one another and of being together. School, jobs, careers... these may take us far away from one another... but we can always return HOME at Christmas time.

It's a wonderful blessing, Christmas. It can also be a very sad time for those who have no family and few, or no loved ones left in the world. And it is for ones such as this that Christians reach out and provide for even the least of these. Christian organizations sponsor Christmas meals, gather gifts for poor children, comfort the widows and orphans, and even provide a special gathering place to celebrate, so that no one need be alone on Christmas. Now, I ask you: do you not think Jesus would approve?

Sometimes, I'm afraid, we simply take ourselves too seriously. Now, I didn't say we take SCRIPTURE too seriously, one could never do that. But sometimes, in our desire to be accepted by God, we want to make sure we don't do anything wrong... we want to be pleasing to Him, we want to make sure we take no missteps. An admirable desire. But friends, Christ came, as a humble human baby, born in a manger, He lived to minister, teach and serve, and He died to save mankind from death and hell. Yes, we must strive to be Christlike in all we do. We must live by the Word of God. But we can never earn our way to heaven. I fear that is what some are trying to do, who abstain from Christmas. They want to suffer for the Lord, by not taking part in the celebration... choosing instead to perhaps just be silent, read Scripture alone, denying themselves any part of anything that resembles "fun." AND pointing the finger of doom toward any who dare worship the sun god or take part in a "Christ Mass."

WHAT does that accomplish? Who, I ask you, is blessed... by THAT? What would Jesus do? There are ways to observe Christmas that the Lord will honor and bless... and of course, as in all things, there are ways we can corrupt it. It's not

about the stuff. Its not about Black Friday. Its not about getting... It is a time to come together, to come HOME again, to reunite with those we love. Its about cherished relationships. Its about giving and its about blessing others as Jesus has blessed us. In this world of broken relationships, dysfunctional and fractured families, the Lord knows, we NEED this. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year... May the Lord be ever present in your homes, and in your hearts this Christmas season, and for always.

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Anti-Christian Discrimination Hits Home

Whether you realize it or not, we are — right now — in the midst of perhaps the biggest culture war the world has ever seen. Many church-goers do not realize this because they live in a "Christian bubble," and have no idea the battle that is raging all around us. Ephesians 6 tells us, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Yes, my friends, there IS a SPIRITUAL REALM, and that is where the battle is being waged; the undiscerning only see the incremental RESULTS of the battle, not the battle itself.

Just as the fish in an aquarium have no clue that there is a whole world outside their tank, many of us cannot discern the spiritual realm that is just as real as those things we can see, touch and smell in this natural world.

But this natural world is beginning to smell awfully bad. Even those who are largely tuned out know instinctively that something is wrong. This is not the same world we grew up in. That which is truly evil is now called "good," and that which is good and decent is now called "evil." Even professing Christians are often taken in by the deceptions of the enemy, acquiesing to the changing cultural worldviews of the left, under the guise of "Christian love."

Of those who work non-stop to destroy everything good, Godly and righteous, many a professing Christian will say, "We just have to show them the LOVE of Jesus." But friends, these are the ENEMIES of God. They care nothing about the love of Jesus. They HATE Jesus with a demonic passion! Do you not see that? They will NEVER come to a knowledge of the truth as long as we fail to show them their error and shine the light of truth on the sin they so proudly embrace. They will never come to the Savior as long as they do not understand how LOST they are — because they do not understand they desperately NEED the Savior!

And so by our acceptance, we have allowed the cancerous evil in our land to grow and expand, to the point where many now accept the abomination of SODOMY as just another "alternative lifestyle." In our worldly, fleshly human "wisdom," we believe it is a positive, modern and "progressive" thing to accept the sickness of "homosexual pride." SO MANY of us have believed the lie, not even realizing it IS a lie, foisted upon us by a highly organized and MILITANT leftist agenda, bent on dismantling the very laws of God and nature itself.

And Christians are so "loving," (and I say that in quotes), we are willing to roll over and give God's enemies more and more

ground, whatever they want. Few are willing to stand up and fight for truth, righteousness and justice. I think of the bakers, photographers and florists who have lost EVERYTHING for choosing to follow their Lord and Savior rather than participate in what God calls an abomination. They have been persecuted, beaten down, and have lost their businesses, their homes, their life savings — EVERYTHING — all because of their faithfulness to God. And few who call themselves Christians have stood with them in their time of persecution. truth be told, the average church-goer is not even AWARE of the stories I just mentioned, and those who ARE aware do not seem to care very much at all. Even fewer are willing to come alongside and fight the battle with their Christian brothers and sisters. "Just let it go," they say. "It's the law of the land and we must obey," they say. "All we can do is pray for them," they say. Yet they don't even do THAT.

In case you're not aware, I have recently become personally involved with a case of anti-Christian discrimination. At our Wisconsin Christian News Ministry Center here in Marshfield, we hold many special events, where guest speakers come in and present teaching seminars on the most important cultural issues of our day, always from a Godly, biblical worldview. Our Ministry Center is all about sharing Information, Education and Inspiration, raising up disciples, training them to not only be aware of the issues at hand, but also capable of defending and earnestly contending for their Christian faith.

Part of promoting our special guest speakers includes advertising and promotion of our events. We always have large posters made to hang in the front windows of our Ministry Center. In late October, as always, I placed an order with our local Office Max store for some events we are holding in November. One event is a tribute to Veterans and a Hymn Sing on Veterans Day. Another will feature Peter LaBarbera, president of Americans For Truth About Homosexuality. When I

initially sent the computer files to Office Max for printing, I was told there was no problem; both posters would be promptly printed and ready for pickup early the next morning.

But the next morning, I got word from the manager of our local Office Max that the poster featuring Peter LaBarbera's event would NOT be allowed to be printed because it violated their corporate policy against "hate speech" and discrimination against "certain groups of people." The bottom line here, friends, is that Office Max has a corporate policy to promote the LGBT agenda — 100% in everything they do, and they'll have nothing whatsoever to DO with anything that (as our poster reads) "Exposes the Truth About the Homosexual Agenda."

Rest assured, there was NO hate speech, certainly no threats of violence, no discrimination against anyone included within the contents of the poster I wanted to have printed. It simply told of Peter LaBarbera's work, his area of expertise, the location, date and time of the event. But because it talked about "exposing the homosexual agenda," Office Max refused to print our project.

Now, I have a real problem with hypocrisy, injustice and bullies… and this situation has all three of those elements. It seems to me that if Christian bakers, photographers and florists are FORCED to cater to the whims of the homosexual agenda, then Office Max should have to abide by the same rules. Not the case. You see in America today, the homosexual lobby gets whatever they want, while Christians are routinely steamrolled into bloody submission and labeled as "hateful bigots." To be clear, I don't think ANY business should be forced to do something that goes against their firmly held beliefs. But if Christians are forced to violate their very FAITH IN GOD, then the sodomites should abide by the same rules they have forced upon Christians.

By refusing to serve us, they simply made my point for me. There IS, INDEED, a "homosexual agenda" out there… and the

AGENDA IS: to silence the Christian voice and ANY opposition to their vision of a Godless, sodomite new world order.

Many have advised me to "just shut up" about all this, "let it go." "Go get your posters printed somewhere else." (Which I DID, by the way, through a local independent printer that was happy to have my business). But that's not the point. Sure, I could go elsewhere. But so could those others — the homosexual activists — who, instead, have RUINED the lives of so many other Christian business people who only wanted to live out their faith in a Godly way. Yes, these Christian business people have lost everything, at the hands of the homosexual mafia and the activist judges they seem to control.

You may think this is a small matter. And in the big scheme of things, it probably is; but if I were to simply shut up about it and let it go, it would be just another incremental step toward the end of civil rights for Christians in this country, which is their ultimate goal. My situation pales in comparison to these others. But I believe it is time we stand up to the tyranny, hypocrisy, injustice and bullying.

Are you aware of an organization known as the Human Rights Campaign? (HRC). As with all things demonic, the name is a misnomer... just like "Planned Parenthood," "The Affordable Care Act," "American Civil Liberties Union." You see, every organization the "liberal left" is involved with has a positive, nice-sounding name; but what it actually DOES is the OPPOSITE of what the name implies. Because that is what the devil DOES: HE LIES!

The Human Rights Campaign really has NOTHING TO DO with "human rights." In reality, it squelches human rights, in an effort to promote the LGBTQ+ agenda. On their website, the HRC states, "The Human Rights Campaign represents a force of more than 1.5 million members and supporters nationwide. As the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer civil rights organization, HRC envisions a world where LGBTQ

people are ensured of their basic equal rights, and can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community." So, in other words, all they are asking for is equality, right? Well, in THEIR world, some are more "equal" than others.

Part of what they do is to pressure businesses and corporations into pushing the sodomite agenda at the corporate level. If they can control all the big corporations, forcing them to comply with their outrageous demands, and shaming those that refuse to comply through their annual rating system, they can control the public conversation; this affects everything from television and movies to the store displays and advertising we see in public every day, thereby molding the minds of the undiscerning. Have you noticed the sharp increase in TV commercials showing happy homosexual couples? This is NORMALIZING abomination. That's what it's all about.

Office Max recently announced that for the sixth year in a row, they have earned a prestigious 100% rating with HRC in 2017. In a press release, they boasted, "We continue to recruit a workforce that reflects the diversity of the communities that we serve, recognizing that our organization only flourishes when we hire, promote and create paths to leadership for people of every background." Once again, they speak of equality; but SOME, it seems, are more "equal" than others.

This is not the first time Office Max, which recently merged with Office Depot, has discriminated against Christians. In 2015, they refused to print flyers for a pro-life organization in the Chicago area, until legal pressure was brought to bear. In MY case, I received a phone call from a man representing the corporate headquarters, apologizing to me, and promising to send me a written statement of apology. It has now been a full week, and I have yet to receive any such statement. I doubt one will ever come, unless we continue to

press for it.

After we released this story to the media last week, Office Max and Office Depot has received many phone calls and emails from Christians expressing their opinion of the corporation's anti-Christian bias. In response, OfficeMax Corporate has been sending out "canned" replies, stating the situation has been resolved to my satisfaction. But again, they are lying. NOTHING has been resolved; I have received NOTHING.

Thus, I am asking YOU, now, to HELP US, by voicing your opinion to OUR local store here in Marshfield, Wisconsin; to Office Max Corporate Headquarters, and to YOUR local store, if you have one. Remember, Office Max and Office Depot have merged and are now one and the same. To help us, you can call my local store at (715) 389-8820, and you can call the corporate headquarters at: 561-438-4800. Push Option # 2, then push "0" and ask for the "Executive Consumer Relations Department." There, you can leave a detailed voicemail message. I ask that you be polite and respectful, but FIRM, letting them know how you feel about the anti-Christian discrimination policy here in Marshfield, Wisconsin, which is also corporate-wide.

And as Christmas time will soon be here, and many will be out shopping for gifts, you might want to know that according to HRC's own website, a total of "887 of the nation's largest businesses have demonstrated their commitment to LGBT equality and inclusion." This, I dare say, to the exclusion of Godfearing Christians, because in order to earn that 100% rating from the HRC, a company CAN NOT do ANYTHING that endorses or assists ANYTHING Christian.

Having said that, one will find it very difficult to buy anything anywhere in America anymore. Many of us know of the LGBT bathroom debacle at Target stores, which earned Target a 100% HRC rating. But are you aware that Wal-Mart ALSO has a 100% rating? You may want to check out the HRC ratings list

at HRC.org. You will be ASTOUNDED to see just how deep this runs throughout corporate America. It will easily answer the question as to how we ended up as a nation and world that pridefully shakes it's fist at God Almighty, marching in parades that celebrate not only sodomy but every other sexual perversion man can dream up.

Come to think of it, maybe this is the year we ought to reconsider the commercialism of Christmas altogether. Celebrating the birth of our Savior does not NECESSARILY HAVE TO include an orgy of BUYING useless trinkets — especially from those companies that despise Christians, yet love their money. If you DO buy, I encouarge you to shop at local, independent businesses, so your hard earned money no longer goes to companies that fund things which God's Word rightly calls "reprobate." Be informed, seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit... and as we read in Ephesians 5, "Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.... Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise, but as wise, redeeming the time, for the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."

May the Lord open your eyes and bless you with understanding and courage in these matters. I also encourage you to join us here at our Ministry Center on November 16th, when Peter LaBarbera will explain all these things in much greater detail.

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The Salt And Light Brigade

Our Wisconsin Christian News Ministry Center, located in Marshfield, is also the regional headquarters of the Salt and Light Brigade, which we partnered with some time ago, to raise up courageous Christians in Wisconsin, train and disciple them, and give them an opportunity to use THEIR gifts for the glory of God, OUTSIDE the four walls of a church building.

The Brigade does many things. When Hurricane Harvey hit Texas, our Brigade members were there, on the ground, rescuing people from the high water in boats. Then we fed the people, then we helped them with their physical needs, helped remove fallen trees and helped empty homes of debris that were devastated by the storm. After the cleanup, the worked continued, and now, just this past week, five homes have been rebuilt and restored by volunteers from all over the country, all part of the Salt and Light Brigade. These are men and women who have sacrificially given of their time and talents to help others they don't even know who are in desperate need of help with nowhere to turn. Most importantly, with every step, with every action, with every bit of help given, the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ was given as well.

When people had nowhere to stay, nowhere to lay their heads at night, no money and no resources and no hope, we fed them, physical food and spiritual food. As the people came to receive help, the gospel was constantly being preached in makeshift church services, outdoors in the open air, in tents, on the ground, in vacant lots and on street corners. The people who were helped had nowhere else to turn and they were SAVED — physically AND spiritually — by our Salt and Light Brigade teams.

The interesting thing, was that as we went to these devastated areas to help, we tried to partner with local churches, to

have a headquarters from which to operate. Almost none were willing to help us. And almost none of the local pastors or churches were out helping people either. What a missed opportunity for these pastors and churches... instead of going OUT to reach out to the lost and hurting in their OWN AREAS, they remained closed, offering NOTHING, no hope and no help—and the Gospel of Christ was NOT proclaimed from among them.

The sum total of their response to this disaster was to sit in their churches and just pray for those who had lost everything. They remained silent and sleeping.

But the Salt and Light Brigade, in addition to helping people in desperate situations, also has another mission: to raise up courageous Christians to understand their roles as members of the Body of Christ; to disciple them and to give them a place where they can "plug in" and put their faith into action. We teach and train men and women to earnestly contend for the faith, understanding that we are in a spiritual battle with the enemy of our souls, and to that end, we fight the evil one, in all it's forms.

This past Thursday, we began our Spiritual Bootcamp, at our Ministry Center here in Marshfield. I had been promoting this event for months, and had personally BEGGED people to muster the courage to come and learn how to speak up, GO FORTH and unashamedly STAND UP for their Savior in public. The focus of this particular Bootcamp was to shine the light of TRUTH on the ugliness of abortion - THE MURDER OF INNOCENT BABIES IN THE WOMB - something nobody wants to think about, and certainly something that nobody wants to talk about or look For more than forty years, the church has remained mostly silent on this issue, their heads in the sand, as millions upon countless millions of babies have been By their silence, pastors have allowed this wicked practice to continue unabated. The pastor is rare, indeed, who will EVER speak a word about it from the pulpit, much less train their people — or lead them out — to defend the premature babies being killed, to GO to an abortion center and expose the wicked works of darkness that take place there. They won't do it, so we must. And so we did. I was a bit concerned because even after all my work to promote this event, and a great deal of prayer, the day came and we only had eleven people registered to participate. Of the eleven registered, I was not even sure THAT many would actually show up. We were scheduled to begin at 4 in the afternoon. A few folks from the Missionaries to the Preborn drove up from Milwaukee to join and help us. They brought with them large signs and posters showing the truth of abortion, along with literature and other resources to hand out on the streets of Marshfield. Coach Dave Daubenmire, who is the head of the Salt and Light Brigade came from his home in Ohio, along with his wife, Michelle, to train and teach us, and lead our little group.

And at 4 o'clock, the people began to arrive. Soon the room began to fill. It became evident that we did not have enough seats for all who had come, so we quickly acquired more. We ended up with about seventy people in all. We wanted to take the signs showing the graphic truth of abortion out on the streets, but in order to be effective, we had to do this before dark. This left no time for ANY teaching, training or guidance of any kind beforehand. If we were to be effective, we knew we would have to GO FIRST.

Coach Dave led us in prayer and then announced that now he was going to walk out the door and begin proclaiming the truth out on the streets. If anyone wanted to follow and join him, they were welcome. If they were fearful or not yet ready to step out, he made it clear that no one would think any less of them for staying back. And as we headed out to the street together, EVERYONE joined us. Our meeting room, which previously had been packed so full we did not have enough seats for everyone was now empty. And for the first time that we're aware of, the citizens of Marshfield saw the raw truth about abortion. Praise the Lord! We caused "no small stir."

Our activities were even covered by Sky News of London, England. They had heard about our upcoming event and called me to ask if they could cover the story and interview some of those involved. So our tiny little work here in what many would consider the "middle of nowhere" will now be proclaimed around the world, on a major British news channel!

I was greatly encouraged to see Christian men and women, most for the first time in their lives, having an opportunity to put their faith into real action... in the hardest place of all to minister: one's own home town. They went, unashamed — and with the power of the Holy Spirit, BOLDLY witnessed for

Christ, handed out literature and information, gave their testimonies, and shared the gospel to folks on the street as well. It was amazing — and LIFE CHANGING for those who participated.

Coach Dave spoke after dinner to a full house of enthusiastic, grateful Christians, who for the first time ever, were filled with a new excitement and courage they never realized they had all along.

The next day, we continued our Bootcamp, four hours south of here, in Milwaukee. Here's the amazing part: more than TWENTY of those who participated with us from the Marshfield area came along to Milwaukee too! Friday night we had some more great training time. And then Saturday morning, we confronted the evil of abortion at one of the darkest, most demonic abortion centers in the country, in downtown Milwaukee. We went to the very gates of hell and declared that they WILL NOT prevail against the Kingdom of God!

"Of course, I am pro life," you may say... "But I don't need to go to an abortion center to know how evil it is." YES, my friend. You DO. Because until a person actually GOES to "ground zero" and sees for ones' self what takes place at one of these places, you really have no idea. And it's easy to SAY you are "pro life." Great. But what are you DOING about it?! Those who went were forever, and profoundly changed.

Hearts were broken, eyes were opened, but most importantly, we saw the URGENCY and the importance of GOING and standing up for the innocent, helpless babies, led to slaughter... and their mothers who have been so LIED to, and so deceived and so exploited, for blood money.

Coach Dave made a very good point. He said, "Imagine if the disciples had asked Jesus, 'Jesus, You know abortion is going on and we know You hate such evil. What should we do to stop it?' What do you think Jesus' answer would be? 'Just pray about it in the synagogue?'" But you see, if most Christians do anything about it at all, or even think about it occasionally, that's all they ever do, they just pray. I doubt that would have been Jesus' answer.

In Ephesians 5, we read, "Do not participate in the wicked works of darkness, but rather, EXPOSE them...everything exposed by the light is made clear, for what makes everything clear is light. Therefore it is said: 'GET UP SLEEPER AND RISE FROM

THE DEAD!" The Scripture goes on: "Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk — not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So don't be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." Yes, it is ESSENTIAL that we GO OUT from the four walls of our stained-glass fortresses. James 2:20 reminds us, "Faith without works is dead."

Let's also read the words of Christ Himself from Matthew 25: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on His right and the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you took care of Me; I was in prison and you visited Me.'

"Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or without clothes and clothe You? When did we see You sick, or in prison, and visit You?'

"And the King will answer them, 'I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left, 'Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels! For I was hungry and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink; I was a stranger and you didn't take Me in; I was naked and you didn't clothe Me, sick and in prison and you didn't take care of Me.'

"Then they too will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or without clothes, or sick, or in prison, and not help You?'

"Then He will answer them, 'I assure you: Whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for Me either.'

"And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

If we are to be obedient to Christ, He must not just be our Savior, He must also be our LORD. We must obey Him, not simply sing love songs to Him or cower in our churches with our vain religious programs. Standing up for truth, shining the light of GOD'S WORD on the evil, wicked deception and death that takes place at abortion centers is both mercy ministry to those who have believed the lies, and those who are being murdered, AND it is ALSO EXPOSING the wicked works of darkness, as we call those involved in this abomination to The sad part is that for so long, we have been lulled into apathetic slumber in our churches. If the Body of Christ (and that's US, HIS CHURCH, by the way), were to rise up, we could put a stop to abortion tomorrow. The demoniacs understand how important it is to be out on the street, in Why don't we? The time has come that we can no longer be content just sitting and listening, forever learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. time for Christians to rise to action.

Let me close today with Jesus' words found in Matthew 28: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Friends, I pray we wake up and stop being so cowardly and timid. Let us take Christ at His word and BELIEVE His promise. We are not to GO to church, we are to BE the church. We are to GO to the WORLD — and that means, especially, to our own home towns. We are to make DISCIPLES, not just soak up information. And we are to call the lost to repentance, teaching them to OBEY all Jesus commanded. There is nothing to fear, and those who joined us last week know that now, having stepped far out of their comfort zones to earnestly contend for the faith. NOW they have REAL EXPERIENCE, not just "Book knowledge." Now they KNOW, truly, there is nothing to fear because as our Lord promised, He IS with us always, even to the end of the age.

If you'd like to join our Wisconsin Salt and Light Brigade,

join one in your area or START one in your area, call me, and I'll tell you how.

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Pablum Rather Than Power

The world is changing rapidly. It may not have affected you directly yet, but I can assure you, it soon will. I am not setting dates here — people have been expecting the Lord's soon return ever since He ascended into heaven — but never before in the history of mankind have all the "signs of the end" come together so completely.

Just in the past few months we have seen Luke 21 play out vividly before our eyes: "...there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken."

In recent weeks and months there's been a major solar eclipse, giant sunspots and solar flares, and comets streaking across the sky. On earth we have had major devastation from hurricanes, torrential rains and massive flooding. In other places, extreme heat and drought. Wild fires are currently raging out of control in the western United States. The supervolcano in Yellowstone National Park has become increasingly active, showing signs of a major eruption, which scientists now say is likely to come much sooner than anyone anticipated. We've also seen an increase in earthquakes, as well as massive mudslides and sinkholes around the world this year. Truly, the entire planet seems to be convulsing with

more intensity and more frequency than we've ever seen in my lifetime.

In Matthew 24, we read about how Jesus spoke privately with His disciples on the Mount of Olives, regarding the end of days. Jesus said that in those days, as the earth was convulsing, as we are seeing now, "... they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

So how close ARE we to what Jesus described to His closest Today, TRUE Remant believers ARE, indeed, being delivered up to tribulation. I think of those who, rather than deny their Lord, are losing their very HEADS in Islamic countries — even here in the United States. Others are being dragged into court, having their businesses, homes and everything they own taken away because they choose to obey God rather than deny Him. Even though the true followers of Christ are the most loving, peaceful and kind of all people, they are also the most HATED of all.... just as Jesus said we would be. Good is called evil and evil is called good and WOE to us because of it. In America today, you can "identify" as anything your crazy imagination can come up with. identify yourself as a Christian and you will quickly incur the wrath of just about everyone.... even other professing Christians! You see, it's OK to be a Christian in church; just don't you DARE step outside the box and take your faith outside those four walls, or you'll be HATED, even by those who sit in the pews beside you.

And did you catch Verse 10 of Matthew 24? "Many will be offended, betray one another and hate one another." GOOD GRIEF! Read this again! "Many will be offended, betray one another and hate one another." This falls under the category of "I never thought I'd see the day..." because I have never, in my entire life, seen so MANY offended by nearly EVERYTHING. So much tension, distress and hatred in the world. Here in America, college students are careful to not commit "micro

aggressions," lest they offend someone. Pastors preach pablum rather than power, so as not to be "offensive."

Our very American History has now become a major offense, and so we must tear down the statues and monuments that commemorate our own heritage. They are just too offensive.

Speaking of statues, are you aware that those who hate God are erecting statues of the satanic "Baphomet" in multiple cities throughout the country? Or that feminists are erecting a giant statue of a naked woman directly across from the White House to protest women being treated as "sex objects?" How sickening. Question for you: why is it that in their protests against the sexualization of women, feminists ALWAYS sexualize THEMSELVES? I don't get it.

Jesus went on: "Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many." Truly, the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ has been so watered down and defiled, and the very ones charged with guarding and defending and KEEPING the faith pure, are now so cowardly, they will no longer dare to even SPEAK the Word of God in it's entirety. Instead, they dance delicately around the "tough" issues, the MEAT of the Gospel, the very soulsaving HEART of the Word of God, so as not to offend anyone.

Thus we have today, in the VAST MAJORITY of professing "Christian" churches, "a form of godliness," which is completely powerless. It's salt that has lost its savor, "Good for nothing," Jesus said, "but to be thrown out and trampled on by men." And so it is. This is the state of Christianity in America today…. what was once the very STANDARD of morality and ethics and everything good and decent has been thrown out and trampled on by men.

Why? Because we decided it was no longer convenient for us to retain the knowledge of God and so He has given us over to depraved minds — even in our churches. I look out over the vast majority of American Christianity, and I KNOW there is a remnant of true believers, faithful followers of Christ. But for the most part, the Establishment Churches are dead, practicing a non-offensive, vain, worthless form of religion.

As the popular pastors look out over their congregations, they may not realize it, but all they're seeing are graveyards filled with tombstones, waiting for the names...

Next, Jesus spoke of lawlessness, and the love of many growing cold. I've never seen so much lawlessness in my life. We are

at the point where our American legal system is all but COMPLETELY lawless, where the innocent are found guilty and the guilty go free. Lawyers take advantage of the downtrodden and persecuted. Corrupt judges no longer UPHOLD the law — now they have been allowed to "make laws," despite what our Constitution clearly states. Politicians are EXPECTED to be corrupt, and most of them are happy to oblige. The love of many growing cold? Again, I never thought I would see the day when there would be so much hatred, everywhere you look.

Our college campuses are hotbeds of hatred, fueled by the lying, liberal left. These so-called "Institutions of Higher Learning" are nothing more than socialist indoctrination centers.... AND the birthplace of ANTIFA — those that claim to fight against "fascism," though they would be well served to look up the definition of "fascism," because it is the very thing they practice. And now those who control them, as "useful idiots," are planning to start all-out civil war in November. They are so emboldened by our impotence, they are not even trying to hide their intentions.

We were all shocked at the terrible shooting in Las Vegas recently, with fifty people gunned down by "who-knows-who." But ANTIFA is openly planning similar strikes in no less than THIRTY CITIES all across America in November. They're even openly doing online fundraisers to fund their civil war. Are you prepared for what may happen in YOUR city should they follow through on their threats? Friends, we are reaching the breaking point in this nation. Something BIG is coming. We must wake from our slumber.

In Daniel 12, we read that in the time of the end, "many will run to and fro and knowledge will be increased." While many have been looking for Christ's return for centuries, it is only today that one can travel around the world in a single day; it is only today, that we can obtain ANY amount of information we seek, with just a few clicks of a button on our smart phones. Yes, many are running to and fro, and knowledge HAS increased. One researcher stated that just the amount of published information has increased by 200 MILLION PERCENT in just the past fifty years!

It is during this time — when knowledge will increase — that the scrolls revealing the mysteries of the end will be revealed to God's true children. Obviously, Daniel wanted to

know more, but he was told: "the words are closed up and sealed 'til the time of the end. Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand."

Who are the "wise?" Only those who study the Word of God, pursue the Word of God and SHARE the Word of God URGENTLY, to all who will listen. THEY shall understand and be able to discern the signs of the times we are living in. The wicked will remain in perplexity and turmoil, as they continue to self destruct, under the weight of the sin burden they have chosen.

In Romans 1, we read that all mankind is without excuse. We have the knowledge of God written on our hearts, because He has made us that way. But when the proud, vile, God-hating heathen refuse to retain that knowlege, and instead arrogantly choose to follow their own selfish, carnal lusts, God gives them over to depraved minds and they become "without natural affection." And so today we have 54% of church-goers (to say nothing of the NON-church-goers) approving of the practice of men "marrying" men, and women "marrying" women — and the Godordained family unit is destroyed, replaced by a cheap imitation of our own imaginations. I cannot think of a more clear example of being "without natural affection" than the abomination of homosexuality, transgenderism, and all other forms of sexual depravity that is now taken for granted as just harmless "alternative lifestyles."

Except for perhaps one thing: the loss of natural affection a mother and father have for their child. The very DEFINITION of LOVE, that of a mom and dad with their precious baby. But now today, for more than forty years, parents have been "legally" killing their babies in abortion centers across this nation. And the blood of the innocent runs in rivers throughout the streets of our cities. Church-goers have mostly remained silent on this issue, and many even agree with the killing. Any Christian with the courage to stand against this most horiffic of abominations is quickly labeled a "Radical extremist" or a "nut." There are some who have called for complete ABOLITION to abortion. These abolitionists have sought to work with pastors to educate them on the horrors of abortion and beg their help in the fight to

end it, but are summarily dismissed with a fake smile and a phony handshake, and the words, "I appreciate what you are doing, but we are not called to that type of ministry."

So these courageous Christians then try to take their message directly to the people — standing outside the churches and calling church-goers to get involved themselves. But what happens when these Christians try to speak to the church-goers without the permission of the almighty pastors? The pastors call the police and have them arrested. Yes, this happens, ALL THE TIME, all across the nation, as the abolitionist movement has grown and become more organized and effective in the last couple of years.

We do not understand that BLOOD is the CURRENCY that powers the spiritual realm. The demonic powers that are embodied in all things evil in this land FEED OFF the blood of the helpless millions of precious babies we CONTINUE to kill, as the "Church" just "sings louder." And so the evil in our land grows fat and ever more aggressive.

But as we read in Daniel, KNOWLEDGE is increasing. And as Jesus said In Matthew 24, "this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." Today the gospel of the kingdom HAS been preached in ALL the world, via the internet. Truly, we are ALL without excuse now.

My hope and prayer is that God's true Church, His Remnant Believers will rise up and make disciples, BE salt and light in this lost, dark world... while there's still time. October 26th, we will be hosting a Salt and Light Brigade Cultural Issues Training event at the Wisconsin Christian News Ministry Center in Marshfield, Wisconsin. The next day, we will continue with a Spiritual Bootcamp in Milwaukee. Then on Saturday, the 28th, we will take what we have learned, and go together to the streets, outside an abortion center, where we will preach the Word, minister to the lost, and do our utmost to stand in the gap, DEFENDING the precious little ones about to be murdered. I AM BEGGING YOU TO JOIN US! The enemy will whisper a thousand reasons in your ear why you can't or shouldn't take part in these events because they will be SO POWERFUL and they will REVOLUTIONIZE your faith! He will also try to fill your heart with fear. But PLEASE: DO NOT BE DECEIVED and FEAR NOT! If you will not stand up for your

Savior now, put your faith into ACTION now... when will you? Honestly, will you EVER? We need you there. GOD needs you there! He is calling YOU today! Please gather the courage, and call me for all the details. You can DO this!

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Assembling Ourselves Together

For those who are unaware, I have just begun a new ministry work here in my home town of Marshfield, Wisconsin, as an extension of our newspaper and radio ministries. By God's grace, my wife, Lisa, and I were able to purchase a downtown commercial building this past May, which now houses my newspaper office and radio recording studio. But the MAIN purpose of this building is our new Ministry Center outreach, which will focus on education, mentoring, counseling and discipleship training — teaching courageous, unashamed men and women of God to be TRUE salt and light in this world... to get OUT OF THEIR SEATS AND OUT ON THE STREETS — with a POWERUL IMPACT in this lost, confused world. We are encouraging remnant believers AND reaching out to preach the TRUTH to the unsaved and the lost. So many, you see, are SICK AND TIRED of vain religion. They are HUNGRY for the "real deal' - the TRUTH we hope to provide through this ever-expanding ministry work.

In the last edition of our newspaper, I told the story of how the new Ministry Center building came about, which was only by the direction and the grace of God... as always, WE did not do this, GOD did this. We were just obedient workers, following His direction. (That's really all God asks of us, you know... He

just wants us to follow and be obedient, diligent workers). Many times in the midst of this latest work, I cried out to the Lord, as I saw the enormity of the task before me: "Lord, it's too much! I can't DO this!" I said. But each time, He stilled my heart and the Holy Spirit gave me the quiet assurance that, "Yes, Rob, you can. I would not have brought you this far if you were not able."

Since the building was vacant for almost three years before we bought it, it took us over two months of near non-stop, 'round-the clock, HARD work to get the facility ready for public use. There were many friends who came alongside and put their time and talents to work on the project, and truly, Lisa and I could not have done this without their help. Each one who came to help brought with them a different set of skills, and all were eager to put their God-given gifts to work in service to the King of Kings, looking forward eagerly to see what God will do here.

We also purchased several pieces of furniture that were needed for the Ministry Center, and each item came in a box marked "Some Assembly Required" — arguably the three most daunting words in the English language. We all love the idea of having the Radio Script 202 piece of furniture we purchased and putting it to use. It's the ASSEMBLY part we dread. Opening the box with a thousand pieces. Finding the instruction book that is often confusing, poorly written and badly illustrated. Yet if we want the finished product, it's up to US to assemble it. That's just how it is. It all requires real WORK.

Imagine, then, if you will, what it takes to "assemble together" an entire commercial building that has been vacant for three years and needs attention and work in every single square inch, and you have NO instruction book; only the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the wisdom of many counselors. Imagine, also the frustration of finding that every project you touch ends up taking five times as long as you thought it would, and costing ten times as much money to

complete. But once again, as we were faithful to seek His guidance, God has accomplished His purposes and so now this new ministry has begun.

But it's not JUST about the physical building. In order for there to be Christian ministry work here, there is going to be "some assembly required." We will need to figure out how to do it... We DO have lots of very ambitious goals, but once again, none of this will be possible without the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the wisdom of many counselors... and GOD'S true, remnant faithful assembling themselves together.

In the book of Hebrews, we read: "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another — and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." The writer of Hebrews exhorts us to NOT FORSAKE the assembling of ourselves together as believers. He lets us know that there are SOME who DO forsake such assembling... but we are reminded here how important it is that we do just that, and even MORESO now, as we see the Day of the Lord approaching.

I don't think there is any question that the Day of the Lord is approaching quickly. Our world is on fire and our culture is disintegrating before our very eyes. The remedy for this is for God's people — God's TRUE, remnant believers — to assemble ourselves together and be about His business. In Luke 19, Jesus told us we are to OCCUPY until He returns. In this parable, Jesus strongly condemned those who refused to do so, who refused to be "ruled over," and thus, wasted the grace and gifts that were given them to invest for His Kingdom.

In 1st Corinthians 12, Paul talks about the various spiritual gifts that are given to each believer in Christ, and although we are all given different gifts, we are all part of one Body

- the Body of Christ. All being equally important, the Body does not functionproperly if one part is broken.... or in our case as human beings, if one or more parts simply refuses to function out of laziness, apathy or pride.

Now let's look at Psalm 2, which, on the surface may seem unrelated, but let me quote it for you now anyway. It reads: "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth SET themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed, saying, 'Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.'"

I have given you several areas of Scripture to consider. Now, let me help by "assembling" them together to make my point. First of all, in Hebrews, we're told that as believers in Christ, part of the family of God, we are 1) to HOLD FAST to our faith without wavering. We're reminded that God is always faithful. 2) We are to be considerate of our brothers and sisters in Christ, bringing about an atmosphere of love and GOOD WORKS in the family of God. 3) We are to not to FORSAKE the assembling of ourselves together (because some "professing" believers DO), and 4) all of this is extremely important now, in these last days.

We are not to be lazy, or selfishly keep our gifts, skills and abilities to ourselves, but rather, we are to INVEST what God has given us, for the sake of the Kingdom, for our brothers and sisters in Christ and for the sake of those who are lost and perishing. God does not give us gifts just to bless US. Rather, each gift is given for a PURPOSE. The gifts we have been given have been given specifically TO us, so that God may save OTHERS, THROUGH us.... so that we can make a difference in this broken world.

Hear me now: NOT JUST IN OUR OWN CHURCHES, HOMES AND FAMILIES! No, we are to be the SALT and LIGHT of the WORLD. Jesus said if we squander these gifts, we become "salt that has lost its

savor, no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled on by men." Yes, indeed, we are to OCCUPY until our Savior returns.

Now, you may feel helpless, like you have nothing to offer God. Or you may KNOW you have many skills, but have no interest in serving God with the gifts you possess. You may be too "busy," too distracted with the cares of this world. You may be fearful of the opinions of others. Or, let's face it, you may just not care. As someone once said, "the opposite of love is not hate; the opposite of love is apathy." But most likely, you may simply have no idea how to USE your gifts, because you've never really been asked or taught to do ANYTHING.

But this world we live in is in terrible turmoil. Good is called "evil" and evil is called "good" in almost every aspect of life and things are getting worse. Did you ever think the day would come when men having sex with men would be acceptable to the majority of church-goers? Because we passed that majority mark a while ago. Did you ever think the idea of men "MARRYING" men would be acceptable to the majority of church-goers? We have passed THAT milestone now too. Did you ever think we would see the day when men dressed as women would be allowed to DEMAND that the whole world go along with their little game of "dress up," validate their delusion and INSIST, under penalty of law, that you call a man "she" or "her?" And what is the state of the professing "church" when THOUSANDS of helpless pre-born children are led to slaughter EVERY DAY in this country, and faithful church-goers just stick their heads in the sand, ignoring it, saying nothing...DOING NOTHING to rescue the innocent? What's more, what is the state of our Church when 99% of pastors in America will never utter one single word about ANY of these issues from the pulpits, much less teach, guide and direct their congregations as to what the Bible says we, as Christians, are to do about it?

You see, we are following a different "gospel" in America today. I believe most churchgoers are practicing nothing more than vain, powerless religion. Turn to Galatians 1. Paul said, "if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse!" Yet today - (listen now) - today our churches are preaching a non-confrontational, non-controversial, politically-correct form of "gospel." Some call it "grace." Some call it the "love gospel." Some call it "seekerfriendly." I call it "Candy Church." It all boils down to mere vain religion, and it's good for nothing... in fact, it's worse. It's very harmful, indeed. I will even go so far as to say Establishment Churches that practice this politically-correct nonsense — at the cost of destroyed lives and lost souls — all for the sake of money and popularity, ARE INDEED, as Paul said, ACCURSED!

Let's go on in Galatians, because Paul had more to say. He asked his readers: "Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ." You see, this is where we are at in American Christianity. We have become a bunch of politically correct, non-confrontational, non-controversial people-pleasers. And I'm sorry to tell you this, but this makes us USELESS in the Body of Christ. If all we DO as our service to the Lord is spend time within the four walls of our own church buildings, working as an "usher," passing the collection plate or serving up the potlucks, facilitating the programs within the "church," we are "salt that has lost it's savor, good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled on by men."

So many of us have been taught that "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" simply means God wants us to go to church every week. I'M telling you, that sometimes — especially if you are in one of these politically-correct bodies of "professing" believers who NEVER do anything more

than stand when they're told to stand, sing when they're told to sing, and sit when they're told to sit, shake hands with your "neighbor" when you're told to do THAT, and then go out for lunch afterwards and back to your normal worldly life, then SKIPPING church may be the best thing you can do! Especially if instead, you are truly WORKING to be a part of the Body of Christ, as an effective servant and witness for GOD IN THIS WORLD that we, as Christ's disciples are supposed to be "occupying" until He returns!

You see, "assembling ourselves together" is meant to have a purpose, not just be a vain religious ritual. At our Ministry Center, and in all the ministry work I do, we are working to BUILD A TEAM. GOD's TEAM! Each member with a set of skills and gifts, given by God to be put to use for HIS Kingdom. To my way of thinking, "assembling ourselves together" doesn't just mean meeting together. It means DOING something. We have the POWER OF GOD within us, if the Holy Spirit truly resides inside us. Christ HIMSELF LIVES WITHIN US! What a terrible waste to squander such a precious gift, by doing nothing but continuing to live as you've always lived, by continuing to follow the pop culture of this world, never saying or doing anything to be "set apart."

Back to Psalm 2, as I close for today: "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed, saying, 'Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.'" Friends, the heathen, the God-haters are RAGING! Just look around you! And with all the politically-correct powerless pulpits, the people, left to fend for themselves, are imagining vain, ridiculous things, going along with the popular culture of this wicked world, and virtually NO ONE in our churches is willing to stand up and preach the real, hard TRUTH of God's Word.

We have to decide if we're serious about this. If the

Christian life is nothing more than attending church, listening to a non-offensive, politically-correct self-help talk once a week and then going back home, you are squandering your spiritual gifts. What a waste. I encourage you today: DO SOMETHING! As I said, we are building a TEAM here:

GOD's TEAM. Are you ready to take your faith to the next level? Are you ready to get serious? Then it's time to step outside your comfort zone and get in the game. The devil has a well-organized, extremely well-funded EFFECTIVE team, and the heathen are raging. What is your church — better yet — what are YOU doing about it? Do you want to join our team? GOD's TEAM? Call me, and I will tell you how.

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