

Foundations On Sinking Sand

Today's children are growing up in a world that most of us parents cannot easily relate to. It's 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 is 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 it. 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 ones. They continue to sing the same, tired old tune of "Islam: the religion of peace," desperate as they are 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 you and me. It's only this small band of "radicalized" 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, "Taqiyaa." 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 Taqiyaa. 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 all. 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 Islam." 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 – as it must – 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 opposite... So, in order for this Homosexual Agenda to go

forward, there must NOT be, there CAN NOT 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! And the parents are ENCOURAGING THIS! 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" for me. On the contrary, they – and their legions of advocates – are the LEAST tolerant and LEAST loving people on earth. 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 people: 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 Satan 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 pro-death 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 fiery 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 fiery 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 FIREY FURNACE! **It's the SAME THING! It's the same demonic 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, God uses HIS people, filled with the HOLY SPIRIT to accomplish His. 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 gymnasium 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, uneducated 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, weightier 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 people, 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. The 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 today. 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, desperately, for a life of substance and fulfillment, with the knowledge that we are investing our time, talents and God-given resources for the Kingdom of God, rather than squandering them all on our own carnal pleasures? Isn't 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 detestable 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 its 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 its 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 head-on. 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 COMFORTABLE 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 minute 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, but to take over and DICTATE what is spoken of inside!

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 REMAIN COMFORTABLE!

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 young people with even more Leftist propaganda. And the 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. We are SUPPOSED to be the Salt and Light of the Earth. But we’re not. 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 "counter-cultural."

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 horrific 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 surprised 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 be 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. If you 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! I guarantee it will be life-changing. And if you actually ACT on what you learn there, God may yet have mercy and heal our land. 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 freshmen: 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. I 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. That 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 shameful. 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 today. 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-school-age 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? Psalm 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 other words, common, disposable... garbage. THESE ARE OUR CHILDREN, people! THESE ARE OUR BABIES! 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. It's 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 I ... just 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 Savior. 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.” Indeed. 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 impugn 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, sick world. If you 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! I guarantee it will be life-changing. 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 knowledge 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 ravaging 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 "Spirit-filled," 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 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 Tower 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 lovingkindness 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 Christmas. 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 piggy-bank savings come out to equal a gift for everyone on my list. 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, acquiescing 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. If the 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 God-fearing 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 encourage 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 work 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 upon. 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 slaughtered. 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 repentance. 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 person. 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. It is 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 friends? Today, TRUE Remnant 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. But 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 pabulum 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 soul-saving 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 God-ordained 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. On 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 POWERFUL 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 function properly 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 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 “seeker-friendly.” 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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Warning A Stiff-Necked People

I have always had a deep respect for my elders, those older and wiser than me, who have lived longer, learned more and possess a wealth of knowledge, earned through the years of life they have experienced that I have not. In social settings I naturally gravitate toward those who are older than me. Sadly, so many flippantly dismiss the older generation as "irrelevant." But for me, it's just the opposite. The stories they have to tell are fascinating to me, and the accumulated wisdom that comes with their advanced years is, to me,

priceless and precious.

So it really is no surprise that one of my favorite books of the Bible is Deuteronomy. This is the last book of Scripture that was penned by Moses, containing the last, most important and precious wisdom he needed to impart to his people before he died and they moved forward, without him, into the Promised Land. Moses was aware that his days were numbered. And so it stands to reason that he placed the most important wisdom of all his years into this one volume, and it remains just as important and precious for us today, if only we would read it. Sadly, today, it seems to be one of the least studied books of the Bible in our modern American churches.

While Moses was speaking and writing to the wandering Israelites, right before his impending death, and right before they were to go across the river and take possession of the land the Lord had promised them, he took the time to remind them of God's Holy Law, the Ten Commandments. He reminded the people how the LORD Himself had done incredible miracles for their parents and grandparents, rescuing them from a life of bondage in a foreign land, leading them out in freedom – to a NEW country, all their own.

Moses then warned the people in Chapter 8 about becoming proud and complacent when things were going well and they were prospering in the land the Lord was going to bless them with.

First, he reminded the people that all the wonderful things they would enjoy were GIFTS, directly from God Himself, and he warned them, "You may say to yourself, 'My power and my own ability have gained this wealth for me.' But remember that the LORD your God gives you the power to gain wealth, in order to confirm His covenant He swore to your fathers, as it is today. If you ever forget the LORD your God and go after other gods to worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will perish."

In chapter 9, Moses reminds the people that although they will become exceedingly wealthy in the Promised Land, it would only be by God's mercy and grace; certainly not because they were entitled to it, or deserved it in any way. In Chapter 9, verse 6, we read, "Understand that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stiff-necked people!" Stiff-necked and unappreciative indeed, as most people are,

sometimes especially those most blessed by God. But today, I would like to focus in on the words of Deuteronomy 28, which speak of blessing and cursing... blessing when a nation follows the Lord and His commands, and horrific cursing when a nation turns it's back on God. Moses KNEW this was going to happen – after all, it had happened many times before, and being wise in his old age, he knew human nature as well. He knew that eventually, the people would forget their history and their heritage, and the many times God rescued them from certain doom.

As I read the words of this one chapter, I understand Moses was speaking to Israel... but these truths are timeless, and the blessings and cursings are the same for EVERY nation, tribe and tongue. And as I read the message contained here, I find it hauntingly prophetic, as I watch our nation of America suffer under the sure judgment of God Almighty... for the very same reasons. Indeed, we have been greatly blessed by God in this country, but we have forgotten Him, turned our backs on Him, spit in His face and denied Him, and now, we are certainly experiencing His judgment and wrath. Of that there can be no doubt.

Let me just share some particular pointed verses from this chapter, and I think you will see what I mean. I won't recite the entire chapter; you can read that for yourself, but let me just highlight some of the most poignant portions that I believe will strike a chord with you... So listen now, and see if you recognize our own nation in these ancient words of warning from Moses:

"If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all His commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God: You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock...You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.

"The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven. The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land He is giving you.

"The Lord will establish you as His holy people, as He promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the Lord your God and walk in obedience to Him. Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they will fear you. The Lord will grant you abundant prosperity... The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of His bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them."

Does this not sound like the America many of us grew up in?

The America of our parents and grandparents, that "Greatest Generation" who fought evil enemies around the world and turned back the tide of socialism, communism, and fascism? We celebrated and enjoyed the blessings of our freedoms, American ingenuity, productivity and prosperity. And we were united, together, One Nation, UNDER GOD, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Most every American knew and revered the Lord God. We worshiped Him. He was welcome and WANTED in our homes. We sought His wisdom, His righteousness and His blessings. We kept the Sabbath day holy; it was not a day of football, cursing and drinking; it was not a day of casual carousing and indulgence of carnal appetites. It was a day of reverence, and rest, and remembrance of the blessings bestowed upon us by God, our Heavenly Father. Young women sought a "Good Christian Man," and young men yearned to find a "Good Christian Wife." "CHRISTIAN" was the key. It was something to be desired and sought after. But those days are gone.

Today, even professing Christians are ashamed of their Lord.

SOME "put in their time" – an hour a week, but then, having done their compulsory "duty," return again to their carnal lifestyles, as a dog returns to it's vomit. Today, Christians fear to speak the Lord's name in front of friends, family or co-workers for fear of being ridiculed. And while almost every household has multiple copies of God's Holy Word, few are ever opened. We no longer even know what it says, though we have our favorite politically-correct verses, like "Judge

Not."

And those charged with shepherding the flock are so cowardly, they refuse to preach the whole counsel of God, for fear of offending some in the congregation and thus they preach flattering platitudes; non-offensive "pabulum," practicing a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; and they by denying the sheep any form of counsel, guidance or instruction in righteousness. Instead of "rightly dividing the Word of Truth," they tiptoe around the tough subjects, avoiding at all costs any form of confrontation.

And what is the outcome? Let's go back to Deuteronomy 28, starting in Verse 15: "However, if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all His commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you: You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country...The fruit of your womb will be cursed, and the crops of your land...You will be cursed when you come in and cursed when you go out.

"The Lord will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking Him. The Lord will plague you with diseases...The Lord will strike you with wasting disease...with scorching heat and drought...The sky over your head will be bronze, the ground beneath you iron. The Lord will turn the rain of your country into dust and powder; it will come down from the skies until you are destroyed.

"The Lord will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. You will come at them from one direction but flee from them in seven, and you will become a thing of horror to all the kingdoms on earth...The Lord will afflict you with madness, blindness and confusion of mind. At midday you will grope about like a blind person in the dark. You will be unsuccessful in everything you do; day after day you will be oppressed and robbed, with no one to rescue you."

Verse 33: "A people that you do not know will eat what your land and labor produce, and you will have nothing but cruel oppression all your days. The sights you see will drive you mad... The Lord will drive you and the king you set over you to a nation unknown to you or your ancestors..."

And it gets REALLY INTERESTING in Verse 43: "The foreigners

who reside among you will rise above you higher and higher, but you will sink lower and lower. They will lend to you, but you will not lend to them. They will be the head, but you will be the tail.” Does THIS sound familiar, America?”

Moses goes on: “All these curses will come on you. They will pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the Lord your God and observe the commands and decrees He gave you. They will be a sign and a wonder to you and your descendants forever. Because you did not serve the Lord your God joyfully and gladly in the time of prosperity, therefore in hunger and thirst, in nakedness and dire poverty, you will serve the enemies the Lord sends against you. He will put an iron yoke on your neck until He has destroyed you.

“The Lord will bring a nation against you from far away, from the ends of the earth, like an eagle swooping down, a nation whose language you will not understand, a fierce-looking nation without respect for the old or pity for the young...They will lay siege to all the cities throughout your land until the high fortified walls in which you trust fall down. They will besiege all the cities throughout the land the Lord your God is giving you.

“If you do not carefully follow all the words of this law, which are written in this book, and do not revere this glorious and awesome name – the Lord your God – the Lord will send fearful plagues on you and your descendants, harsh and prolonged disasters, and severe and lingering illnesses...Just as it pleased the Lord to make you prosper and increase in number, so it will please Him to ruin and destroy you...the Lord will give you an anxious mind, eyes weary with longing, and a despairing heart. You will live in constant suspense, filled with dread both night and day, never sure of your life.”

Friends, we live in a time like no other in the history of mankind. The country most of us grew up in is gone forever. The foreigners among us are growing greater and greater, and we are sinking lower and lower. We are suffering curses, confusion and rebuke in all we put our hands to. We're defeated by our enemies, and afflicted with madness and confusion of mind. Look around. It is OBVIOUS to all who have eyes to see. The nations rising against us have no respect for the old or pity for the young. Anxiety and

depression and madness reign.

And WHO will have the courage to speak up and prophecy the ancient wisdom of God's Holy Word? Who will have the courage to rise up and remind us what God requires to return to us the incredible blessings He once graced us with? If you think Donald Trump is going to make America great again, you're sadly mistaken. It's not about the money. Not about the economy, fair trade laws or trusting in any fortified wall for our security. Our only hope, and our only security lies in the hands of God Almighty, our Creator, our Lord. If only we would turn to Him, in solemn, sorrowful repentance. But we are a stiff-necked people, and today, sadly, we are receiving just what we deserve, just as Scripture describes. Get in the Word, my friends! Study! And BE NOT AFRAID to sound the trumpet and warn those around you... while there's still time.

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Judgment In The House Of God

I have to say, sometimes – MANY TIMES – I feel like Jeremiah, who was known as the “weeping prophet.” I do not claim to be a prophet, but I know what I know, and I cannot UNknow what I know... Life would be much easier, I suppose, if I were to simply tune out and live like the rest of the world; focused on sports, worldly entertainment, easy living and comfort.

But I know God's Word and I see what is coming upon this Earth, and surely, the judgment of God is coming soon, to all those who now live in ignorant bliss. I feel such an urgency to sound the warning signal and call people to return to God in repentance, seeking Him with all their heart, NOW, while He may still be found.

As we read in 1 Peter 4, "It is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?" Yes, my friends, God's judgment will BEGIN with those who claim to be a part of His Church... Jesus said that "Wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few ever find it." The truth of the matter is, MOST of those who sit with you in church every week will one day be VERY SURPRISED to learn that Jesus never knew them. I wonder how many professing Christians are, in reality, walking that broad road, all the while believing they are safely and soundly "saved," because they have been purposely misled by cowardly, people-pleasing preachers.

We live in a day and age of such deception and delusion, the likes of which I have never seen before in all my years. If we cannot hear the truth of Satan's lies exposed in our Christian churches, WHERE, I ask you, CAN we? We are now two, if not three generations past the time when people had even a modicum of Biblical literacy. Those days are long past.

Moses warned: "Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, while you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates..."

The words we were to hold onto so securely – AND TEACH TO OUR CHILDREN – included the knowledge, wisdom and understanding of God's Holy Word. I dare say that today, most households in America probably contain numerous copies of the Bible, but they are rarely, if ever, opened. Most church-goers no longer even bother to go through the motions of carrying them to church. After all, the Scripture the pastor has chosen, to prove his point, is placed up there (for our convenience) on the big TV or projection screen. It seems, in our churches today, there is no more need for the Bible.

Thus we have a generation of people so far removed from the truth of God's Word we don't even know what we don't know. A wealth of knowledge and wisdom – all the ancient Holy Scriptures, the very words of GOD HIMSELF – lay there at our fingertips, yet most cannot be bothered to even look, much

less study. We rely on what the "pastor" tells us; and sadly, most of the sermons preached in our modern American churches today PURPOSELY EVADE the whole counsel of God, lest one in the congregation might be offended.

One man recently asked the very serious question: "Why must I go outside the church in order to get the truth?" He was referring to the recent Wisconsin Christian News Ministry Expo and Conference in which we featured expert speakers to directly discuss the topics of Islam, Homosexuality, the God-ordained Family, Apostasy in our churches, Biblical Illiteracy, Political Correctness, and what is required for true salvation in Jesus Christ. We addressed these most important issues HEAD ON – to standing-room-only crowds of people – hungry for truth that they will NEVER hear in their churches. We had people attend our conference from far and wide – coming from all over Wisconsin, at least 7 other states AND CANADA... yet the local pastors in the area actually BOYCOTTED our event, and would not even announce it to their congregations.

This man asked this question ("Why must I go outside the church in order to get the truth?") of his pastor, and his pastor's pastor, and several men in leadership at his church.

None would answer. They consider him a trouble-maker because he presses for answers they are not willing to give. The senior pastor even implied he might be "happier" at another church... a "polite, non-offensive" way of asking him to leave.

This after years of faithful attendance.

I'm becoming convinced that the seminaries MUST have special training courses to teach new pastors how to evade the hard topics completely, lest someone be offended; how to be "people-pleasers," how to run a successful money-making business, and how to be popular and well liked. It seems that's all they know... but there is such a HUNGER AND THIRST for the WHOLE counsel of God – for the WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH... and people are not getting it in their churches today.

After the terror attacks on 9/11, churches nationwide were packed with people... they came to find truth and they came to find answers. They came seeking God, but He wasn't there....

And so within a month, the churches were emptier than before.

Those who were sincerely seeking God had to go OUTSIDE the

churches in order to find Him. I am sad to say that we have turned Christianity into a mere religious exercise, and our pulpits are mostly filled with "hirelings," as we read about in John, Chapter 10: Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd.

The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. The hireling is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away.

Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep."

Am I too harsh? Sorry, those were Jesus' words. Not mine.

Most of today's pastors love to be praised by the people; they love to be popular and well liked. I've said it before, but in case you missed it: PLEASE, show me ONE MAN OF GOD in the Bible who courageously spoke the truth – the whole counsel of God – who was well liked and popular among the people.

Such a one does not exist.

The writer of Hebrews tells us what REAL MEN OF GOD accomplished for their Lord, and what they endured throughout the Scriptures – and what REAL CHRISTIANS should EXPECT to endure even today: "they conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; they shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength, and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.... Others were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning, they were sawed in two, they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated..." Now I ask you: how many of US are willing to endure such things in order to follow Christ today? And perhaps more to the point, how many of our PASTORS would be willing? Sadly, most today are afraid to even mention the hard things that are deemed "politically incorrect," for fear of someone taking offense...much less consider enduring any sort of hardship – or fighting for righteousness.

A case in point: I recently warned a pastor that there were people in his congregation who were embracing and promoting the apostate movie "The Shack," in which God is portrayed as

an African woman, in which Jesus states He does not want people to become "Christians," but rather, ALL religious paths lead to God's acceptance and forgiveness; and the Holy Spirit is portrayed as another woman with a Hindu name. These regular church-goers said it was by far the best "Christian" movie they'd ever seen and were highly recommending it to others. I warned their pastor – "You MUST speak on this!

This is apostasy of the highest degree and people in YOUR church are being led astray by this false teaching!" But the pastor refused to address the issue in any way... because some might be offended if he attacked the sacred cow of this Hollywood heresy.

Last summer I attended a funeral, where the pastor openly declared from the pulpit that "God needed another angel," thus the untimely death of the deceased. SURELY this pastor knows that people are not transformed into angels when they die... yet he purposely led all those people astray, with false doctrine about a false future... he may as well have said, "every time a bell rings and angel gets its wings!" That's about the depth of the theology we are receiving in our modern American churches today.

I am most concerned about our children. Scripture tells us that there is ENMITY between the seed of the serpent (Satan) and the seed of the woman (our children)... Satan goes after our kids the hardest, because they are his greatest of trophies. If he can steal the hearts and minds of our children, he can destroy all of mankind. I believe we are seeing this come to pass in these last days, right now. Our kids spend 6-8 hours a day, five days a week in government schools, better described as Liberal, Socialist indoctrination centers. Then, a scant FEW will spend an hour or two in a church once a week, where they are taught Bible STORIES, as if they were fairy tales.

We have just recently observed the Easter season. I received at least a dozen sets of photographs from people in various places; images from Easter celebrations at churches where they live. The pictures showed senior pastors dressed up like clowns, movie characters and of course, the Easter Bunny. The same thing happens at Christmas, when churches mix Santa Claus in with the birth of Christ. We've turned HISTORY, wisdom and knowledge, found in God's Word into fairy tales... all to

attract kids to our Establishment churches... and then we rejoice when so many kids show up for the easter egg hunt, the bounce houses, the face painting, the jugglers and clowns....

we measure the success of our Easter "services" by how many kids came out and collected candy-filled eggs, after which they heard a short candy-coated message about a fictitious "Jesus." How can we be SO BLIND?! Look what we are doing to our kids. If only we could see the millstones we are heaping around our own necks as we deceive our own children.

I've heard it said that "Church is not supposed to be a museum for saints, but rather a hospital for sinners." I beg to differ. THE CHURCH, (the one of which the gates of hell will not prevail against), is the BODY OF CHRIST... unrepentant sinners will NEVER be comfortable there. Church is SUPPOSED to be the House of God, but we have turned it into a worldly, carnal social club, designed to make everyone feel comfortable and accepted in their sin. But Church is supposed to be a gathering place for the children of God – and contrary to popular belief, not EVERYONE is a child of God. If you are not saved by the blood of the Lamb, then you are at ENMITY with God. You're His ENEMY... you are a child of the devil. For what fellowship can light have with darkness? Yet many churches today, LITERALLY entice the unsaved in with darkness and carnality...

Is it any wonder, then, that there is now emerging a REMNANT – those who take the Lord and His Word SERIOUSLY... they are COMING OUT of these carnal social clubs and as Jesus said they would be, they are scattered – sheep without a shepherd – because of the wolves, and the hirelings that refuse to speak the truth. Church should be a place of discipleship and growth, where shepherds teach their flocks to GO OUT and make disciples, teaching them to OBEY all Jesus commanded. Not a place of entertainment and indulgence. Our kids see through the hypocrisy clearly, and want no part of it, if that's what "Church" is all about. "Christianity," they say, does not "work" for them.... thus they choose instead, the false doctrines of demons, if they follow any spiritual path at all. You see, they've been taught that the Christian life is one of peace, prosperity, comfort and ease. Free candy when they're kids and comfort and ease when they grow up. We, as adults, often believe just the same. We are never challenged to study

and dig into the Word of God ourselves. We're rarely asked to DO anything at all. We simply come and sit, and pay our "dues," and listen to a comforting message that makes us feel good about ourselves.

Contrast this to what Peter spoke of regarding what the REAL Christian life is like: "Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ...If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you...If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household."

Jesus does not call us to a life of comfort and ease, indulgence, carnality and acceptance of sin. He calls us to repent, to go OUT and make disciples, teaching them all He commanded. That REQUIRES us to be politically incorrect in this world filled with demonic delusions and lies. Those who follow Christ will NOT be popular or well liked. But neither will they hear those awful words one day, "Depart from Me, you worker of iniquity... I never knew you."

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'Men Are Called to Be Servants'

The Holy Spirit has made it clear to me that the topic of Godly marriage is one of the most important and URGENT things we must come to UNDERSTAND as a people once again. Our culture is self destructing and it's because we have purposely DESTROYED our very foundations. Godly marriage IS the

foundation of the family, and Godly families are the most basic building blocks that make up a civilized, righteous society. When we shun God and His perfect design for life, the only POSSIBLE outcome is utter destruction. Look around. What do YOU see?



Marriage between one man and one woman is God's PERFECT PLAN for us, one of the first, most basic and essential things we learn about in the very first chapter of the Bible. In Genesis 1 we

read, "God created man in His own image. In the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them and God said unto them, 'Be fruitful and multiply.'" There we have it: God's DESIGN for marriage and family. And God's DESIGNS are ALWAYS perfect! One man united with one woman in HOLY MATRIMONY, for LIFE. Couldn't be simpler. Yet we think we know better.

By the way, the word "Matrimony" literally means "Motherhood." Not so long ago, people understood this. It's God's PERFECT design that only in the bonds of Holy Matrimony should a woman become a mother. You see, ANY male and female couple can fornicate, and sadly, in today's permissive, Godless culture, more often than not, precious innocent children are viewed as "accidents," "inconveniences," born as the result of unbridled sexual lust – with NO sacred bond – between two unmarried, uncommitted people...or worse yet, murdered in the womb.

Now compare that to the security of an intact, Godly home with

a devoted Mother and Father, who have given themselves, one to another and entered into the SACRED BONDS of Holy Matrimony, where the “D” word is not even in their vocabulary; where they build their lives together and their homes, and their families on the Word of God. A home where Jesus is not only welcome, but earnestly sought after! We have more dysfunctional families today than ever before because we have CHOSEN to turn from God and ignore all the precious wisdom He has imparted to us in His Holy Word, the Bible.

Today, I’m speaking from the point of view of a husband, father and grandfather, from a MAN’s point of view. In the past when I have encouraged men to be Godly husbands and fathers, leaders and ministers in their homes, and shared with them the importance of honoring, adoring and serving their precious wives, I have frequently received calls from angry, bitter men who are currently living in relationships that are fractured, broken and dysfunctional. These men are bitter toward their wives (or the women they are living with) and want me to preach about the responsibilities and shortcomings of the women – actually they want me to CONDEMN the women, and say it’s all their fault.

But I’m not going to do that. I speak here, specifically to the men, because that’s who I am, that’s what I have personal experience with and knowledge about. And God’s Word instructs us that the MEN are the ones who are to be the leaders in their homes, to LOVE, HONOR AND SERVE their wives. If only the men of this world would ACT like men and uphold Christ’s commands, there would not be so many women who are so lost, so confused, so empty inside and so very disillusioned.

You see, men are called to be MINISTERS to their wives and families. That doesn’t mean your wife becomes your slave as we see in the Islamic culture. Actually, in a Christian home it’s the exact opposite: the very definition of “Minister” is SERVANT. Pay attention, now, guys: Jesus said, we are to be the “servants of all.” In our homes, and in every area of our

lives, our JOB is to SERVE. We are not here to be waited on hand and foot and served by others. WE are to be the servants. THAT is the example Jesus gave us to follow.

It would be easy to make a comparison between the dysfunctional family and the dysfunctional church, where so many professing "Christians" are confused, lost, and laden down with sin burdens. And WHY IS THAT? Because they have not been LEAD by those charged with shepherding and discipling them in the whole counsel of God. Instead, they have been MIS-LEAD by those who preach a phony, false "feel good," "love gospel," where Jesus never judges anyone, where there is no need to follow God's Word or the commands of Christ, and certainly no need of repentance.

"Come as you are," is the call of the apostate preacher looking to pack the auditorium and fill the collection plates.... and "stay as you are, all are welcome... Jesus loves you unconditionally!" How many of us have heard these lies preached from the pulpits? And so these baby believers start off in a "honeymoon state" with stars in their eyes. They begin with unrealistic expectations of what God can DO FOR THEM, how God can WORK for THEM, providing health, wealth, easy living and eternal trouble-free lives. This fictional god becomes OUR servant. How goofy is THAT?! The Creator of the universe created us so He could become OUR servant? But ultimately, they WILL discover the truth and when that disillusionment hits, they divorce themselves from the church entirely – some never to return again.

They were promised wonderful, happy, trouble-free lives but what they found was that the GENUINE Christian life – like Godly marriage – is HARD. It is NOT for the weak or faint of heart. They discovered what the preacher would never reveal: God doesn't work for US; instead, WE are here to SERVE HIM! And so the "honeymoon" abruptly comes to an end. So it is with marriage today.

Proverbs 18:22 tells us, "He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord." If you are a young man, engaged to be married to a young woman, praise the Lord – you have found a wife! And if you have been married for 70 years, praise the Lord, because you have been GREATLY BLESSED by God to have a lifemate, a "help-meet," and an intimate partner in your lifelong journey, ...and whether you realize it, or acknowledge it or not, she is the greatest blessing God has ever given you. Be thankful, for you are greatly blessed by the Lord!

It's very sad that so many men just don't understand that. They are all excited and infatuated with their brides-to-be ... at first. But the honeymoon is often short lived... And I don't think I'm going out on a limb here, to say that every time a marriage and home becomes dysfunctional, the root of the problem is that God has not been welcome or active in the home – or in the lives – of the couple. But when God dwells there, in the homes and hearts WITH them – and the MAN understands the great blessing he has received from the Lord by giving him a wife, he naturally appreciates so great a blessing and easily learns to honor, adore, protect, provide for and SERVE his wife, because he understands, as Solomon wrote in Proverbs 31, "...She is far more precious than jewels."

Do you understand that guys? SHE IS YOUR WIFE! Your greatest blessing in this life! A Godly man of integrity will honor her, treat her with respect and seek to win her heart each and every day, just as he did at first. How did he win her heart? He SERVED her, he sought to PLEASE her. His greatest goal in life was to be found acceptable in her sight, and he would do everything in his power to win her dear heart. The "honeymoon" does not have to EVER end, if you are a man who understands these concepts and embraces them.

Speaking as one who has been married for nearly 27 years now to the greatest blessing the Lord has ever given ME, I can tell you, I am more in love with my wife, Lisa, today than I

have ever been, and our love for one another, and our spiritual bond just grows more solid and more close and more beautiful with each passing day. Because I am her SERVANT; I minister to her. I do my utmost to make her life easier, to protect, provide, care for and LOVE her. That is my job as her husband. As Christians, we must do no less for our Lord. He is not our errand boy to satisfy our wandering desires. We are His ministers, His servants, His hands and feet in this world, and we must understand that – and we must make it a priority that all we do is designed to please Him and be found faithful, acceptable and righteous in His sight.

The institution of Marriage is a serious matter... and as couples SHOULD be admonished during the wedding ceremony, something “not to be entered into lightly.” Indeed, when two people are united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony, the two become one flesh. It’s all wonderful at first, as you start out. But then LIFE happens.... the cares of this world come upon us. Don’t think it’s all going to be easy, nor will it always be “fun.” Giving one’s life to their beloved COSTS something; we must learn to give up OUR selfish desires and learn to minister (serve) and seek to please our wives. That is our job. It’s also what Christ requires of those who would follow Him and be called by His name. He doesn’t call us to a life of luxury and ease. No. He calls us to “take up our cross DAILY and follow Him.” Godly marriage, like Christianity, is a life of selfless devotion to the one we love, the one we have pledged our lives to. It is NOT for the faint of heart, the cowardly or the weak.

That’s how things SHOULD BE. But we are now two, if not three generations past the time when God was revered in America and when divorce was a shameful thing and very rare. It seems lifetime commitments are a thing of the past for most. All because of selfishness, an unwillingness to submit and serve, and a total disregard for God’s Word and Christ’s commands. So now, we’re reaping the consequences of everyone doing what

they feel is “right” in their own eyes, completely APART from God. How’s that working for us?

Sadly, MANY today even go IN to what is SUPPOSED to be the sacred marriage covenant with very low expectations. I once attended a marriage ceremony of two people who did not believe in God at all, gave Him no acknowledgement whatsoever, but they still wanted a “church” wedding, for the “atmosphere” and “tradition.” Atmosphere and tradition; that is what we have reduced God’s Word to in our modern world today. Indeed, that is what “religion” is now, to most. The ceremony was held in a FORMER church which has been turned into a Community Music and Arts Center. This building still has the original stained glass windows and the church pews, and it LOOKS like a “church.” But this is no church. And the official who performed the ceremony was no righteous man of God either.... he was strictly in it for the fee he received for his services.

This particular couple also wrote their own meaningless “vows.” When they got to the part that USUALLY says, “as long as we both shall live,” they CHANGED the words to say: “as long as we both shall LOVE.” In other words, as long as they FELT like being together, they would stay together. How’s that for a commitment? Whatever happened to: “til death do we part?” No sacred bond, no “two becoming one flesh.” Just selfish, self-centered, “whatever feels good, and only for as long as it feels good” so-called “marriage.”

People today are so narcissistic. It’s all about THEM. Is it any wonder, then, that our divorce rates are what they are? Is it any wonder that sexual perversion and depravity is running rampant and being celebrated with wild abandon? Is it any wonder that even HALF of professing “Christians” today believe it is perfectly normal for men to “marry” other MEN?! And the other half, the half that still believes it’s wrong, are so cowardly and so fearful of speaking the truth, they simply say “who am I to judge?” And “to each his own.” This is the result of a culture that has completely abandoned God, choosing

instead to believe the LIES the “snake” whispers in our clueless ears.

“To each his own.” And therein lies the problem. Forgetting the commands of God Almighty, and each doing what he feels is right in his own eyes. Even professing “Christians.” Shame. And no one wants to serve or minister to anyone anymore. Friends, without Jesus as Lord of our lives, without the Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us, without following the perfect plan of God for our lives, marriages, homes and families, we are a lost people, doomed to destruction. So MEN, it is time for you to “Man-up!” It’s time for you to LEAD, and by “lead,” I mean “Minister.” And by “Minister,” I mean SERVE. It’s time you learn to serve God, your wife, your children and God’s people.

We’ll continue this discussion next time, as we address specific problems – and reveal practical, biblical solutions for men who truly want to live and SERVE as Christ commanded us, creating lifelong, covenant marriages, Godly homes and families, and truly living up to the commands of Jesus, with the wisdom of Scripture and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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The homosexual agenda

Today’s message is not pleasant. In fact, it is utterly revolting. Yet, if we really intend to be true Salt and Light in a world ruled by the demonic, we MUST face the facts of the spiritual war that is raging all around us. We MUST be

informed, lest we perish for lack of knowledge. I pray the Lord will open some eyes to the truth of the topic at hand today: The Homosexual Agenda.

I can hardly believe things have “progressed” this far down the path of deviancy, here in the United States and 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 it does so by FORCE – as it must – 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 opposite... So, in order for this Homosexual Agenda to go forward, there must NOT be, there CAN NOT 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%).

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” for me. On the contrary, they – and their legions of advocates – are the LEAST tolerant and LEAST loving people

on earth. "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, demanding their perverted lusts be satisfied. Hear this people:" 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 MANY pro-fessing Christians and many professing Christian churches. THAT is where we are at. Our culture has embraced it under the guise of "equality," "civil rights" and "tolerance." The Homosexual Agenda has MASSIVE funding by just about EVERY major corporation in the world. Recently many of us were aghast over the flap about Target opening their restrooms to so-called "transgender" individuals, so that men can now use the womens' facilities. Yes, Target is one of the most pro-sodomite corporations out there. But they are only one of THOUSANDS. The better question might be, which corporations DO NOT support the Homosexual Agenda... because you'd likely be able to count those on one hand. Let's face it; you cannot get away from this depravity. It's everywhere, infiltrated into our churches, our government, our schools and colleges, our businesses, our factories, the news media, the entertainment world, the internet... You name it, it's everywhere.

Let me give you one quick example. Go online and look up the definition of "Homosexual Agenda" on Wikipedia, which is the free "encyclopedia" on the internet. Here's what it says, and I quote: "Homosexual agenda is a term introduced by sectors of the Christian right (primarily in the United States) as a disparaging way to describe the advocacy of cultural acceptance and normalization of non-heterosexual orientations and relationships. The term refers to efforts to change

government policies and laws on LGBT rights-related issues. Additionally, it has been used by social conservatives and others to describe alleged goals of LGBT rights activists, such as recruiting heterosexuals into what they term a "homosexual lifestyle."

This is a direct quote from Wikipedia... and it only took them 11 words before they vilified CHRISTIANS in their supposed "unbiased" explanation of what "The Homosexual Agenda" actually is. Even I was amazed that Wikipedia would be SO sodomite on their website, which I thought was alleged to be socially and culturally neutral. Yet in their first sentence, they basically stated "it's those HATEFUL CHRISTIANS, those horrible "homophobes" who want to squelch the rights of the wonderful freedom fighters who've been locked in a closet of shame for so long." Wow.

But let's delve a little deeper, and go back to the year 1987, when a man named Michael Swift penned a commentary for the "Gay Community News," entitled "Gay Revolutionary."

The "LGBT" community will be quick to ridicule me for sharing this, saying it was meant to be "satire." But one need only look at what has happened to our world to see that the sodomite Utopia Swift dreamed of in 1987 is here today.

It took me three tries to read the entire essay, because I was so repulsed by it. Let's see if I can just give you the gist of the message here... time and space does not permit me to include all of it, nor will I bring myself to repeat some of the language used in this... but you'll get the idea. Here we go.... "The Gay Revolutionary," by Michael Swift, written in 1987:

"We shall sodomize your sons... We shall seduce them in your schools, in your dormitories, in your gymnasiums, in your locker rooms, in your sports arenas, in your seminars, 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.

“Women, you cry for freedom. You say you are no longer satisfied with men; they make you unhappy. We, connoisseurs of the masculine face, the masculine physique, shall take your men from you then. We will amuse them; we will instruct them...Women, you say you wish to live with each other instead of with men. Then go and be with each other. We shall give your men pleasures they have never known...

“All laws banning homosexual activity will be revoked. Instead, legislation shall be passed which engenders love between men. All homosexuals must stand together as brothers; we must be united artistically, philosophically, socially, politically and financially. We will triumph only when we present a common face to the vicious heterosexual enemy.

“If you dare to... (I am substituting the word ‘object’ here)... we will stab you in your cowardly hearts and defile your dead, puny bodies... We shall write poems of the love between men; we shall stage plays in which man openly caresses man; we shall make films about the love between heroic men which will replace the...heterosexual infatuations presently dominating your cinema screens.

“Our writers and artists will make love between men fashionable... and we will succeed because we are adept at setting styles. We will eliminate heterosexual liaisons through usage of the devices of wit and ridicule, devices which we are skilled in employing.

“We will unmask the powerful homosexuals who masquerade as heterosexuals. You will be shocked and frightened when you find that your presidents...your industrialists, your senators,

your mayors, your athletes, your film stars, your television personalities, your civic leaders, your priests are not the ...heterosexual figures you assumed them to be. We are everywhere; we have infiltrated your ranks. Be careful when you speak of homosexuals because we are always among you; we may be sitting across the desk from you; we may be sleeping in the same bed with you.

"There will be no compromises. We are not middle-class weaklings. Highly intelligent, we are the natural aristocrats of the human race, and steely-minded aristocrats never settle for less. Those who oppose us will be exiled.

"We shall raise vast private armies...to defeat you. We shall conquer the world... The family unit...will be abolished. The family unit, which only dampens imagination and curbs free will, must be eliminated...

"All churches who condemn us will be closed. Our only gods are handsome young men...We are free to live our lives according to the dictates of the pure imagination. For us too much is not enough.

"...Any man contaminated with heterosexual lust will be automatically barred from a position of influence. All males who insist on remaining stupidly heterosexual will be tried in homosexual courts of justice...

"We shall rewrite history, history filled and debased with your heterosexual lies and distortions...We shall be victorious because we are fueled with the ferocious bitterness of the oppressed ...We, too, are capable of firing guns and manning the barricades of the ultimate revolution. Tremble, hetero swine, when we appear before you without our masks."□

There you have it, folks. This was written in 1987. The sodomites will argue this was meant to be satire, and perhaps at one time, by some, it was. But just look around you today, and see how much "progress"□ this Homosexual Agenda has made,

especially in just in the past eight years under the sodomite tyranny of Barack Hussein Obama.

The devil has a team, and his demons are ORGANIZED and highly effective and de- ceptive. Meanwhile, those who claim to be God's people scurry about... confused, dis- jointed, not knowing which way to to turn or what to believe. Why? Because they do not know their Bibles, and the Shepherds who are charged with the task of leading the flock, teaching them to obey all Christ has commanded are too ashamed of their Savior, too timid and too weak, too afraid of being called a "homophobe" or "un-Christ like" or "unloving" to tell the people the truth. They'd rather be well liked and popular. They prefer the praises of the people to the commands of Jesus. Let's face it: MOST PASTORS WILL NEVER, EVER speak a single word about this. But it's time we get informed. It's time we SPEAK the truth, even though, in our world today, the TRUTH sounds like hate, because SO MANY HATE THE TRUTH!

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important things that we, as God's remnant Church MUST deal with in such a time as this... Please plan now to join us. WE NEED GOD'S TRUE PEOPLE, WE NEED CHRISTIANS to show up for this! It will be the most powerful event you've been to in a VERY long time. And... WHERE ELSE will you get all this information, and also be emboldened and encouraged to STAND COURAGEOUSLY for truth, and for your Lord? Call me for me details... or follow this link.

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The foundation of the family

I would like to begin today with a few verses of Scripture that I believe you are all familiar with. The first passage is from the book of Deuteronomy. For those who are unaware, Deuteronomy contains the messages of Moses written in the final days of his life. The Israelites had wandered in the desert for a generation. Many of those who had witnessed God's miracles during the Exodus had, by now, passed away, and so Moses was speaking to a new generation, one that had not witnessed God's power, miracles or the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. As Moses' life was coming to an end, he was speaking to the KIDS of those who had been firsthand witnesses, giving a final reminder of the most important things this new generation needed to know. He was passing down the sage advice and wisdom of an elder, as a leader, as God's chosen man.

His listeners at the time were fearful. Moses had been their leader their entire lives. Now, Joshua was about to assume that role. The people were camped on the plains of Moab, about to enter the Promised Land. They were doubtful, afraid, facing impending war with the inhabitants of the land, and tempted to run away, yet there was nowhere to run. No direction to go but forward – led by a new leader they were not quite sure of yet. Additionally, they were about to start a whole new way of life. Rather than being wanderers, they were now to become settlers, pioneers. Finally, they would have a place to put down roots and call “home,” in the land the Lord had promised their parents and grandparents. An entirely new concept to them.

So in his old age, as Moses wrote these words, you can imagine he was careful to make sure he emphasized those things that were most vitally important. Thus, his writings in Deuteronomy were his last chance to give final instructions as to how to live a Godly, righteous and pleasing life before the Lord, and thereby receive the blessings of God, raise healthy families in Godly homes, create a nation and a culture that would flourish and be pleasing before the Lord. And it was his hope that these precious words would be heeded and followed for all future generations. He didn't just make a speech or give a sermon – he WROTE THESE WORDS DOWN – for his people then, and for all of mankind, for all time. Ancient wisdom of antiquity, yet we can still read these very words for ourselves today. Despite the fact that evil men have done their best to stamp out God's Word from existence, from the minute it was originally written and in every generation since, it simply cannot be done... praise the Lord for His loving instruction, not willing that any should be lost, or left without His divine guidance.

In Chapter 5 of Deuteronomy, Moses repeated the Law given to him by God Himself, as recorded in the book of Exodus. Then, in Chapter six, he emphasized this: “And these words that

I?command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them dili- gently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

As you read the Bible and understand the history of God’s people – and perhaps more importantly, the history of the WORLD – you realize that when these words of Moses were followed, the family unit – and the culture at large – was always blessed by God.

But when the wisdom and instruction of God were abandoned, families collapsed, chil- dren ran wild and anarchy and cursing of nations resulted, every time. Today it has been more than 3400 years since Moses penned the words of Deuteronomy. Few today read them anymore at all; and when they are proclaimed in our churches, they seem to go in one ear and directly out the other. They’ve become nothing more than “nice plati- tudes” – but almost no one really takes them seriously anymore.

As a result, we see our entire WORLD in turmoil, and here at home in the United States, the word “family” has been completely redefined to be the exact OPPOSITE of God’s design. Men sodomizing other men and calling THAT a “family.” Women aban- doning their natural affections, turning instead to other women and calling THAT a “fam- ily.” And now we’ve strayed so far from God that we can’t even say for sure which gender we are.... how twisted we become when we abandon the laws of God and nature!

The basic building blocks of a Godly, righteous society have been undermined by the enemy of our souls, working through evil men and women who despise God’s author- ity. The definition of “family” has now been replaced by moral relativism, re-written to mean whatever WE want it to mean. As we go about being “wise in our own eyes,” the foundation of our families has crumbled and we no longer look to God for

wisdom and rescue. Now we look to secular thinkers and government to be our saviors. How's that been working for us? Surely abandoning the antiquated precepts of a "superstitious, Patriarchal religion'" would free us and bring about utopia on earth, right? Take a look around. I report, YOU decide.

Next, I would like to remind you of a verse we hear often, written by the wisest man on earth, Solomon. Proverbs 2: 6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Paul reiterates the concept of properly raising children in Ephesians chapter 6: "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Yet what has happened to our kids today? I certainly do not mean to criticize ALL young people, because I know MANY who are stellar examples of integrity, honor, courage and Godliness. In fact, I know SOME who are more Godly, courageous, bold and honorable than most adults. But as I follow the news from our college campuses around America, I am NOT encouraged. Their worldviews and ideology are twisted and demented, their minds depraved. As I see the herds of young people after public High School and Middle School lets out for the day, walking in packs down the street, all looking down, all staring blankly, mesmerized by their smart phones, I can guarantee you, they're not reading Scripture. Statistics bear out the fact that our public schools here in America are failing our kids. Despite the fact that there are many good, well-meaning teachers in these schools, the dumbing down of America, I truly believe, is intentional and orchestrated. This is by design.

Here are some statistics: According to the website RankingAmerica, the US ranks 24th in LITERACY, while at the same time, 2nd in IGNORANCE of moral, social and historical knowledge. We also rank 1st in all the nations of world when it comes to ANXIETY DISORDERS, 4th in the world in PORNOGRAPHY USE and 21st in overall HAPPINESS. Meanwhile, more and more Americans are leaving church, abandoning their faith and

embracing either no faith at all, or choosing Secular Humanism and Moral Relativism; not to mention the concept of "Democratic Socialism," which could be better described as "Mobocracy." According to studies, a full 85% of young people leave their faith in Christ the minute they leave home and begin college. I dare say that many never had much faith to begin with, due to inadequate Christian education from their churches and a lack of consistent, Godly leadership in the home.

In the book "Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers," authors Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton report: "The majority of teenagers are incredibly inarticulate about their faith, religious beliefs and practices, and its place in their lives. The de facto dominant religion among contemporary.

U.S. teenagers is what they call 'Moralistic Therapeutic Deism': A God exists who created and orders the world and watches over human life on earth; God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions; the central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself; God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when God is needed to resolve a problem; and good people go to heaven when they die."

These are the predominant beliefs of modern American teenagers; and while most attended a Christian church during their childhood, their faith and theology is absurdly shallow. So what WAS their church experience growing up? Bible STORIES in Sunday School and "Childrens' Church" where they heard a story, presented like a fairy tale, then colored a picture page and were given a snack and had play time. Then they returned to the secular public schools where God was never allowed, but foul cursing of His name was readily accepted in the hallways; the truth of His Word was replaced by the lies of secular science, and the radical leftist opinions of God-

hating socialist instructors formed the worldviews of our precious children. Parents did NOT keep the commands of God on their hearts, nor teach them to their children diligently in their homes, when they walked by the way, when they laid down or when they rose up. They left all that to the "Church."

Then the kids went off to college where the instructors seem to have two main goals for incoming freshmen: 1) get them to abandon any shred of Christian faith they may have left and 2) get them to question their sexuality and experiment freely with alternative lifestyles. When those children returned to their parents, their parents no longer recognized them, and wondered where they went wrong... after all, they took them to church every Sunday!

Now, it's confession time for me. And I hope you will grant me some grace. I was raised in a Christian home. I was the first kid in my town to ever sign up to be an "AWANA clubber." We attended a rock-solid Bible church and I learned and memorized God's Word from my earliest childhood. But as I became a teenager, I began to drift. AWANA, for me, had ended. I was too old. Our youth group at church was not the best. I still read the Bible on my own, but the enticements of the world drew me in. I made many poor choices as a youth and many mistakes I still regret today.

I never finished college, but while I was there, I wrote for the college newspaper. Believe it or not, I wrote an article advocating Jesse Jackson for president. Yes, within just a few months of attending a state-run public college, I had already sipped the liberal Kool-aid. I attended only one year, and decided it was not for me. I can't imagine what would have happened to me had I stayed for four years or longer. Instead, I went out and learned a trade and opened my own business – a photography studio. That was the best education I could have ever obtained, because I not only taught myself a trade, but the experience also trained me up for life in the real world, and the Holy Spirit continued to work within me, and guided

me back to clear thinking.

It took a while to shake off the indoctrination of liberalism I had received during my time in college. I remember hearing Rush Limbaugh speak on the radio for the first time, and thought he was a real “jerk” because of his conservative stance. And it’s incredibly embarrassing for me to admit today, but I also stood in line for four hours in 1990 to hear Jerry Brown, now the governor of California, speak as he campaigned for president. Then I stood for another hour afterwards to shake his hand. (Incidentally, he had the softest, most delicate hands I’ve ever encountered on a human being ever before, or ever since – clearly, he has never done a single day’s hard work in his life).

But I DID grow up. As the Scripture says, “when they are old, they will not depart from it.” The thing with this, though, is, it takes some people a LOT longer to grow up, and “old” is not a specified age. Yet the promise remains. But the promise includes a command: “Train up a child in the way he should go.”

Our country’s culture and our world is in complete disarray today because we have multiple generations that have never done that. They have let their kids “decide for themselves” regarding any sort of faith. They have NOT trained them up. They have NOT taught them in the home and parents have NOT modeled the Christian life in front of their children.

When my wife and I got married, we determined to do life right, and to raise our children knowing Jesus. We prayed for each one from the moment they were conceived, and together as a family every day. Our kids are not perfect, but neither have they departed from what they know is true, or ever strayed, for very long, from the narrow road.

God’s Word lays out, clearly, to all who will hear, instructions for building the Foundation of the Family,

which truly IS the Foundation of a Godly society, culture and nation. Doing life any other way will only bring calamity, which we see now, regularly, in our daily news.

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Spiritual deception of the new age

We are seeing the words of Scripture play out in living color before our very eyes every single day now, though the unsaved world can not comprehend it. With all we have to contend with, it's easy for us to get distracted, focusing on the things we see in this physical world every day, and forgetting about the invisible, spiritual world all around us. But this is where the REAL war is actually being waged.

The abominations we SEE on this earth are actually just the manifestations of intense warfare being played out in the spiritual realm. Ephesians 6 tells us, "We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but...against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." There is a whole SPIRITUAL WORLD "out there" that we do not see while we live in these earthly bodies, yet it is as just as real as the ground we walk on. And these "spiritual forces of evil" are working overtime against all of us. Peter warns us to be aware of this. "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour."

Scripture tells us that these last days will be times of great deception and delusion. People will have seared consciences and reprobate minds – they will be unable to think or discern truth any longer, because they have chosen – get this: they have CHOSEN to deny God!

You may think that "all" I do is publish a Christian newspaper, and broadcast a Christian commentary program on the radio. I won't go into ALL I do, but part of my work includes taking and responding to prayer requests that we receive here by mail, email, telephone and through our website. We get a lot of prayer requests, we always have. But now increasingly,

the prayer requests are for matters pertaining to spiritual warfare, demonic attack, loved ones denying God, following strange religions, cults and demonic deception. There is a pattern to this and it is increasing at an alarming, exponential pace.

I'd like to share some of these prayer requests with you here. I am not giving any names or betraying any trust here, but I want to share some examples of what I'm talking about. This first one came from a concerned mother and grandmother in Minnesota: "Please pray for my son and his son. Please pray against witchcraft attacks through the birth mother of my grandson. There has been intense spiritual warfare over my grandson since he was born 15 years ago. His mother is heavily into the occult."

From a young woman in Wisconsin: "Please pray for me. I grew up going to church but for the past ten years I have been studying a lot of different religions, mainly practicing Wicca for the last few years. Recently I have been reading your newspaper and the Bible and have had intense mental anguish over all this. I feel like the devil is pulling at me with a dark presence I can't explain."

From a man in South Dakota: "My wife and I were married in a Christian church ten years ago, but we haven't been following God for most of our marriage. I've been more serious than she has, and now I just really feel like I need to get right with God again and I wish we could do this together. My wife has been into New Age stuff for a while now, like earth worship and native American spirits, and she has gotten more and more hostile to Christianity. She says if I want to be a Christian that's fine, but Christianity doesn't 'work' for her, and she is happy doing her own thing. But the closer I get to God, the meaner she gets toward me. I even have to hide just to read my Bible if I don't want a fight..."

The great spiritual battle rages on: it is God, our Creator

versus Satan, the deceiver. Where did it all start? Satan rebelled against God by refusing to worship Him, and by demanding to be worshiped himself. God cast him out and so now he seeks revenge. His greatest revenge is achieved by destroying the lives and souls of God's precious children – you and me. He preys on the ignorant, the weak and vulnerable. He lies, he tempts and he leads his victims to eternal damnation. The worst thing anyone could ever do to me would be to hurt one of my kids. Surely any loving parent would feel the same. How much more must our Heavenly Father be crushed when His own dear children are led astray and slaughtered.

Now, if you don't know God and understand Scripture, I'm sure this sounds as ridiculous, as primitive and superstitious as tales of Greek mythology. But I assure you, the story is true. And frighteningly real. In our human arrogance, we think we have "evolved," that our intellect has expanded and our knowledge increased. We think we understand things now, because we've opened our minds to an amazing "universal consciousness," through the teachings of the New Age.

Of course, most everyone believes in a Creator, a higher power. The true atheist is rare, indeed. But those who practice "New Age Spirituality" believe that all paths lead to God. Like the spokes of a wheel, leading to a central point. All peoples of the earth have their own traditions, their own understandings of who God is. God reveals Himself to all of us in many different, but "loving" ways, and it is our job to find, and then embrace the path that "works" for us, ...accepting that all people are given their own special path to God, the 'Great Spirit' – and each one is equally valid and true.

Do not judge anyone by the path they choose, because we are all "one," we are all on this journey together, and regardless of how we choose to get there, we will all eventually take our own personal path and arrive at the center of the "wheel," as long as we embrace this journey with love. We will all find

God in our own way, and that's ok.

Have you heard this before? These are the modern teachings of the "New Age." This "New Age" spirituality manifests in many ways and goes by many names... but the root of all these false teachings is the same: Lucifer, Satan, the devil. Now, I am sure that statement sounds terribly narrow minded and exceedingly arrogant. But please, if you are as open minded and loving as you claim to be, my enlightened New Age friends, I challenge you to hear me out.

Many New Agers delight to find some secret knowledge, perhaps even "ancient" wisdom that the world has long forgotten. Perhaps ancient wisdom that has been suppressed by self-serving religious leaders (namely Christians) who have hidden this knowledge away to maintain their own power over the people. Now, New Agers revere all sorts of writings and books, and often the older a book of knowledge is, the better. Yet they will recoil at the thought of reading God's Holy Word, the Bible, which, ironically, has been proven beyond the shadow of a doubt, to be the most reliable work of antiquity the world has ever seen. Friends, know this: just because the Bible is freely available and not some "secret, hidden thing" does not mean it is not true. It simply means that no matter how much Satan and evil men through the centuries have tried to destroy it, it is still here. Miraculously and lovingly preserved by God for all generations, so we can know Him in a personal way, ...if we really want to.

The first incidence of Lucifer deceiving mankind was in the Garden of Eden. There, he approached Eve, the first woman, when her husband was not around. This is significant. I am not being a "male chauvinist" when I say that God's plan for a man included protecting and defending his wife. Not because women are stupider or more incompetent than men. Because Satan specifically targets women for abuse and deception. He goes after them deliberately and intensely because he hates women. Why? Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that God's

Son, Jesus Christ, would be born of a woman. Scripture tells us that there is enmity between Satan and women. He hates them intensely and he targets them directly.

The first thing Lucifer did to deceive mankind was to get Eve to question and doubt God. The lure was the promise of becoming "like God" with great knowledge and wisdom. This is the same lie that is told today in the form of "New Age Spirituality" – some forms of this religion even promise that you can become your own god when you evolve high enough spiritually and are reincarnated enough times.

Ever wonder why, in our culture today, it is "cool" to talk about all kinds of religion and spirituality – EXCEPT Jesus? The daytime talk shows are replete with pagan spirituality. Wicca, Transcendental Meditation, Yoga, Gaia worship, along with channeling, reincarnation, shamanism, occultism. Anything goes. EXCEPT Jesus. And if they DO speak of Jesus, I guarantee it will be by a teacher or author with some "new" concept of God and Christ that goes directly AGAINST the teachings of Scripture. They will claim to have some profound new way of looking at God, some brilliant new enlightened insight, but it is a lie. You see, God doesn't change, and Satan doesn't care which god you worship, as long as it isn't the real one.

The Bible tells us in 2nd Timothy that these false teachers will go after women specifically, just as Satan does. In Chapter 3, Verses 6 & 7 we have this: "They...worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth." Once again, I am not bashing women here, nor is God's word. But it is significant that Oprah, Ellen and other shows of this nature are watched mostly by women. And the content of these shows is often glorifying of New Age, false spirituality, NEVER true Christianity. This is by design. Because Satan hates women and he targets them purposely. These women love this stuff, and if you are one of them, I dare say

you find my message today particularly offensive and possibly even cruel. But just as the Scripture tells us, you love studying these alternative spiritual practices, don't you? They challenge your mind and excite you. You find it fascinating. You can't get enough. But read the Scripture again: These false teachers have wormed their way into your home; they have gained control over your thoughts and your mind so that you will reject the God of the Bible and believe it is really YOUR idea, making your own choice; just as the Scripture says, you are "always learning, but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth." In short, biblical Christianity "doesn't work" for you. You don't get it.

Another great lie of the devil is that "all you need is love." If your "spiritual path" is done in love, then it is peaceful, good, pure and right, and all such beautiful paths will take you ultimately to God. But this is contrary to the Bible. What did Jesus say? "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except by Me." Since both concepts cannot be right, one must be wrong. The seeker sees two options: all paths are equally valid as long as they are loving. Except the Christian path, which is arrogant. Result: reject the Christian path... it is not loving or inclusive. Satan is big on counterfeit love. Currently, he is having a field day with the deception that "love is love" and that marriage can even be between two men or two women if that's what you want; after all, if no one is hurt by it, why not?

This is another satanic deception. The theme of the Wiccan religion is: "if it hurts no one, do what you will." Many of those practicing paganism and Wicca believe they are operating in love and benevolence. They see themselves as "good" witches, practicing "white" witchcraft. They really believe and embrace the freedom of, "if it hurt no one, do what you will."

But have you heard of Aleister Crowley? He is one of the most famous satanists in history, and the author of the satanic

“Book of the Law.” He channeled the book while on a trip to Egypt with his wife in 1904. While in a trance, he was given the words by a mysterious spirit who said, “I am the snake that giveth knowledge. To worship me, take wine and strange drugs whereof I will tell my prophet (Crowley)... and ‘Do what thou wilt’ shall be the whole of the law...”

And so here is the serpent, the snake, Lucifer, Satan admitting who he is. He comes promising to give knowledge. His succinct message: “Do what thou wilt.” To the Wiccans he says, “If it hurt no one, do what you will.” To Eve he said, “Did God really say...?” “You won’t surely die; for God knows that when you eat of it, your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Satan is still promising to give knowledge and wisdom. He is still promising you can do as you please, that all paths lead to the same promise of god, and he even cloaks his demonic claws in a disguise of love. Scripture tells us he appears to us as an angel of light, so that we will believe him. If you’re caught up in strange spirituality that goes contrary to the Word of God, I challenge you to think on these things today. There is so much more to learn on this subject, and I will continue this teaching next time. Meanwhile, please, consider this: If what you THOUGHT you knew about your spirituality turned out to be WRONG, WHEN would you like to know?

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Farewell to abomination

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan." (Proverbs 29:2). Have you been groaning for the past eight years? As I sit down to write this message, Obama has less than a week left to occupy our White House. For some of you, by the time you hear this program, he will, Lord willing, already have left. I dearly HOPE that this will be the last time I need to speak about Barack Hussein Obama, but I feel it is necessary to bring closure to what has arguably been the most devastating eight years our country has ever endured at the hands of a single enemy within.

I remember the day he was chosen. Millions rejoiced and danced in the streets. The press labeled him the "new messiah," because of the way millions seemed to worship him. As I watched the events unfold on television that night, I was reminded of the Israelites dancing around the golden calf, a false idol, as our rebellious country shook its collective fist at God Almighty. "At last," the 'liberals' rejoiced – "we have an advocate who will do away with the last vestiges of our American heritage, and help us remake America in our own image."

His first order of business was to make phone calls to leaders of Islamic countries around the world. No one knows what was said in those conversations, but immediately after that, he called a meeting of the joint chiefs to order "a new mission" for how our military would proceed going forward. He has since proven himself to be a loyal ally and adherent to Islam. He even wears a sacred ring on his finger, inscribed with the words, "There is no other god than allah."

Time does not permit to even begin to address ALL the ways this single individual has harmed our nation. But let's take a few minutes and review the Obama legacy.

After a world-wide apology tour, bowing down to Islamic kings, princes and leaders, he got to work. He filled his staff with devout Muslims. Perhaps you are not aware of this. Let me clue you in: John Brennan, current head of the CIA is a Muslim. Obama's top advisor is Valerie Jarret, a Muslim born in Iran where her parents still live. She wrote her college thesis on how she wanted to change America into a Muslim-friendly nation.

Hillary Clinton's top advisor, even as Secretary of State, was Huma Abedin, whose family is part of the Muslim Brotherhood. The Assistant Secretary for Policy Development for HOMELAND SECURITY is also a Muslim. The Homeland Security Advisor HIMSELF is a Muslim. Another Obama advisor has been Salam al-Marayati, founder of the Muslim Public Affairs Council. And are you aware Obama has a "Sharia Czar?" That would be Imam Mohamed Magid of the Islamic Society of North America.

Nancy Pelosi appointed Representative Andre Carson as the first Muslim lawmaker on the House of Representatives Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Carson receives intelligence on the threat of Islamic militants in the Middle East. He has suggested that US schools should be modeled after Islamic madrassas, where education is based on the Qu'ran. And you may remember Minnesota congressman Keith Ellison, as he took HIS oath of office on a copy of the Qu'ran.

Before Obama took office, intelligence reports and training manuals for the military showed clear evidence of the threat of Islamic terrorism. But Obama took care of that, literally ERASING from every official document, every instance where Islam was linked to terror. Many have wondered, why, in the face of clear evidence, on a CONTINUAL, DAILY BASIS, why Obama would steadfastly refuse to utter the words "Islamic terror." BECAUSE, You see, to do so would be to blaspheme Islam, an offense punishable by death.

But what about the rest of his legacy? In his farewell speech,

he claimed "the American people are much better off today than before I took office." According to the Independent Journal Review, he claimed, "healthcare costs are rising at the lowest rate in fifty years." But today, Americans are facing another round of cancelled insurance plans and premium increases. In some states, premiums increased more than 100% this year.

He also claimed, "race relations are better than they were 10, or 20 or 30 years ago." Tell that to the citizens of Chicago, St. Louis, Baltimore, Milwaukee or any number of other cities where Obama has done his best to inflame racial tension, division and hatred.

Obama also claimed, "We shut down Iran's nuclear weapons program without firing a shot." In point of fact, in addition to billions of dollars given to the Iranians, the Obama administration just recently agreed to another shipment of uranium to Iran – 116 metric tons – enough to build ten nuclear bombs. In addition, his "Deal" with Iran includes a stipulation that they are allowed to "self monitor" their nuclear program. In other words, we are "taking their word for it," even as they continue to shout "Death to America," and are vowing to wipe Israel off the map.

He claimed, "No foreign terrorist organization has planned and executed a terror attack" on American soil while he was in office. Time does not permit to list all the Islamic attacks on American soil, because they have gone on constantly. But let us remember all the murders committed by Muslims here in America as fathers killed their own children in "honor killings." And in 2009, the founder of a Muslim TV station in Buffalo, New York who beheaded his wife because he found out she was seeking a divorce.

Then there was the attack on the military recruiting station in Little Rock Arkansas in 2009. Another Islamic "honor killing in Glendale, Arizona in November of 2009, when a father ran his daughter over with a car for being too

“westernized.” Three days later, a Muslim gunned down thirteen unarmed soldiers in Fort Hood, Texas while shouting praises to allah. Ashtabula, Ohio, 2013: a Muslim walked into a church service with a Quran and shot his father to death while praising allah. Three weeks later, the Boston Marathon bombing.

And let us never forget Colleen Hufford, who was beheaded at her job in Moore, Oklahoma by Islamic co-worker Alton Nolen. Or the two New York police officers ambushed by Muslims in Brooklyn that same year. How could we forget what happened in Garland, Texas, when two people were killed by Muslims at a community center, where an event was taking place that featured cartoon drawings of Mohammad? Then there was the Islamic suicide attack at a recruiting center in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Need I mention San Bernardino in 2015?? Orlando Florida last June? Or St. Cloud Minnesota, where a Muslim brutally stabbed ten people at a shopping mall after first asking them if they were Christians. ISIS itself claimed responsibility, calling the attacker, “a soldier of the Islamic State.” And most recently, the carnage that took place at the Fort Lauderdale airport. These are only a few of the instances of Islamic terrorism in our country since Obama has been in office. I’d be here all day if I were to attempt to list them all. You see, Obama LIES. In Islam, it’s known as Taqiyya.

He also singlehandedly increased our national debt more during his eight year tenure than all other US presidents combined. His family vacations alone cost American taxpayers \$85 Million.

We have an all time record high of Americans who are no longer in the work force. Average household incomes have dropped substantially. Under Obamacare, the average family plan now costs \$18,000 a year, substantially more than most people pay for their mortgages.... and because of absurdly high deductibles, most never receive anything of value from their

mandated insurance policies. We have a record number of Americans on welfare and 45 million Americans living in poverty.

Obama has also fomented hatred between citizens and police and even today, in our nation's capitol, the Obama democrats are proudly displaying a painting which depicts police officers as pigs. He has also worked to weaken, feminize and homosexualize our military. This past July, the Pentagon issued a comprehensive manual detailing protocol for service members undergoing a sex-change transition, providing them with extended time off and a host of other special benefits. The manual also mandates how heterosexual service members are required to submit to the new rules and accept the special privileges afforded to "transgenders." Incidentally, those with Obamacare insurance will find they are covered for sex-change operations, while the elderly and military veterans are often denied coverage for critical and necessary healthcare. Need I mention his attempt to force transgenderism into all our public schools, allowing boys to use the girls' restroom and shower facilities and vice versa?

Further, Obama has undermined our Constitution, writing his own laws using his magic pen and phone, and allowing the Supreme Court to make laws on their own out of thin air, to fit his "new world order" agenda. He has promoted socialism, using his skills as a Community Organizer, skills honed by the likes of Bill Ayers and his mentor, Saul Alinsky. He's alienated our allies around the globe while bowing down to Islamic leaders worldwide. He's erased our borders to allow a free flow of illegal immigrants into our country. These illegals are then transported and dispersed nationwide, and given free housing, healthcare, welfare and a myriad of other government benefits, all paid for by you and me... while WE go without. He's flooded our cities with Muslims. And he has used the IRS and the EPA to attack those who object to his tyranny.

One of his favorite things to do is to bask in the spotlight

and rub elbows with celebrities, and of course, raise funds. I do not recall any other “president” in my lifetime handing out so many Presidential Medals of Freedom. Here is just a short list of some of the recipients who received Medals of Freedom from Obama:

Meryl Streep • Barbara Streisand • Robert DeNiro • Tom Hanks • Cicely Tyson • Stevie Wonder • Gloria Estefan • James Taylor • Bruce Springsteen • Warren Buffet • Oprah Winfrey • Ellen DeGeneres • Bill Gates • Harvey Milk • Gloria Steinem • Angela Merkel • Madeline Albright • Stephen Hawking • Billie Jean King, and most recently, Joe Biden. Can anyone say “PAY TO PLAY?!”

As we prepare for Donald Trump to take office, I am encouraged; finally, we will have someone in the Oval Office who is actually an American, legally, and at heart. He has lived the American dream, and he has accomplished REAL things in the REAL world. He has not spent his entire life as a politician, nor has he spent his life as a professional anarchist or Community Organizer. I truly believe he wants to unite this country and lead us out of the pit of socialism and tyranny we have all had to endure for so long. He can’t do it alone, but he has surrounded himself with the best and the brightest of advisors, not because they have passed the Muslim Litmus Test, or because they made large contributions to his campaign, but simply because they are the best ones for the jobs.

Having said that, I don’t believe Trump knows much at all about Christianity. But neither is he a Muslim or a socialist, and he is willing to identify the enemy and protect and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. I honestly do not believe that was true of his predecessor.

I still have some concerns and reservations about Trump, don’t get me wrong. He has a lot to learn, but there is hope. As

Christians and as Americans, we need to hold him accountable as he has promised to drain the swamp in DC. Now is not the time to withdraw, saying "peace, peace, when there is no peace." For we know from Scripture, it is when people are saying "Peace and safety," that destruction will come suddenly. We should never look to ANY government or leader to be our "messiah." GOD is our king, and He has instructed us to not be cowardly, but rather to stand up and as HIS Church, once again be a restraining influence, salt and light in a world ruled by darkness.

It's going to be hard work for all of us. The battle is only just beginning. The devil's team is not ashamed or hesitant to spread his lies. And like trapped wild beasts, they are now about to lash out and fight for the false gods they worship.

As a new day dawns on America, I pray we are ready to stand against the attacks of the enemies within that are surely coming. It is because the Church has been so apathetic that we have suffered the Lord's wrath for so long. If we repent and turn now, back to God, He promises to hear our prayers and heal our land. I pray we will have the courage and the willingness to be true Christians, unashamed to represent and glorify HIM, and that we may all be part of the healing process that is so needed in our country...so that when we meet Jesus face to face, He will know us, and we will hear those joyous words, "well done, thy good and faithful servant."

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