

Christianity is a Contact Sport



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One of the major issues that we are dealing with in America is the absence of the voice of Christians in the political and cultural debate. Although we would all agree that the message of THE LOVE OF GOD is important it is not the entire message. Jesus exhorted us in Mathew that His followers were to GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND TEACH THEM TO OBSERVE ALL I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. The idea that Christianity is a passive...personal only...system of beliefs has given us the cultural sewer that we find our children swimming in today!!

Jesus Said We Would Be SALT Not Sugar

A quick Study will show you the elements of SALT. Unfortunately, many in the American Church system have been trained to present the Gospel as Sugar. Here are 5 elements of Salt. Ask yourself if the average American Christian is being trained in how to be salt in a poisoned culture.

- ◆ Salt is a preservative. It keeps things from rotting. Salt came before refrigeration.
- ◆ Salt regulates the function of the body.
- ◆ Salt adds flavor.
- ◆ Salt heals wounds.
- ◆ Salt melts Ice...and cold hearts.
- ◆ Salt stings
- ◆ Salt kills slugs.

That's just to name a few. Sugar kills. Salt heals. CHRISTIANS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SALT!

Who Are You To Judge?

I don't know what it is like in your circle of influence but being accused of being "too judgmental" is the standard response of those who don't particularly like the effects of salt. Jesus didn't tell us not to judge...quite the opposite. He told us to clear our own eyes so that we could judge righteously. Do you teach your children to judge? Right from wrong? Good from bad? What kind of fool doesn't judge? You see, we are WITNESSES...not JUDGES. We testify to the Truth...and let God do the judging. Pointing out sin is WITNESSING...NOT JUDGING.

We Are to Judge the Things of This World

Passive Christianity will not carry the day. The Bible teaches that we WRESTLE, (wrestling is not a passive sport...) against Spiritual wickedness in HIGH places. High speaks to authority, not physical location. Government, Schools, etc. In fact, the Bible tells us that "ALL CREATION GROANS WAITING FOR THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SONS OF GOD." That would be me and you...US...the world is waiting for CHRISTIANS to show up and do our jobs!!

Meat, Eat, and Retreat

Unfortunately, that has become the Siren Song of American Christianity. Much of American Churchianity has devolved into Self-Help Centers where Christians gather to invoke the "blessings of God" on the selfish desires. The Name it and Claim it version of Christianity marketed by Christian Celebrity Pastors has watered down the saltiness of the TRUTH. Today, many Christians go to Church on Sundays to "get their batteries recharged." There is no power to "ADVANCE GOD'S KINGDOM" because everyone is striving to advance their own.

Here is a simple question I love to ask my fellow Christian

teammates. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TODAY TO ADVANCE THE KINGDOM OF GOD? It is hard to build God's Kingdom when our focus is on building our own.

Simple question. When was the last time YOUR CHURCH took a PUBLIC stand for Christ outside the four walls? Has your "pastor" taken your church to a school board meeting? City council meeting? A homosex grooming session at the local library? Do your local mayor, city council, school board, or County Commissioners even know your church exists? Do they care? "The squeaky wheel gets the grease." Can't the Body of Christ even squeak?

Let's Advance the Kingdom Of God

America is in flux. The wickedness around us is being exposed. Especially in the "Government." At no time in my life has there been a greater opportunity to tear down the Kingdom of Darkness. Bear with me as I share with you the LORD'S prayer. HIS PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be they Name; thy KINGDOM come, THY WILL BE DONE; ON EARTH as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but DELIVER US FROM EVIL. For THINE is the KINGDOM, the POWER, and the GLORY, FOREVER. AMEN!

The LORD's prayer...His wish...is that HIS KINGDOM would be expanded over all the earth. He uses HUMANS...BOND SERVANTS!!

Christians are the AMBASSADORS of the KINGDOM of GOD and it is our job to "Go into all the world... and teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Wake up your Pastor!! Shake the elders out of their slumber. It is time for the BODY OF CHRIST" to come out of hiding and engage the enemy.

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