## The Church And Its Mission Today, Part 2



By Pastor Mike Spaulding

In Part 1 of this series I presented my belief that the Church has for the most part abdicated its position of moral authority in the American culture. Nature abhors a vacuum and thus the hedonists, atheists, humanists, and unconverted self-identifying Christians rushed in to fill that place with their morality. The result is that any vain and evil thing that can be imagined is advocated as normal and celebrated as liberating and natural today. The only liberty and freedom these deviants and their supporters are experiencing is liberty and freedom from conscience. Doctors include this trait in their diagnosis of sociopaths. God describes them as "worthy of death" (Romans 1:32).

The mission of the Church today is multifaceted and I want to touch on a few of those in this series. Let me begin by denouncing the propensity of evanjellyfish to excuse their cultural indifference by appealing to what they think are two unassailable truths: (1) Romans 13 and, (2) Separation of Church and State. What these poor deceived, misguided, duped, and unthinking people do not comprehend is that Romans 13 does

not support blind obedience, loyalty, or support for any civil authority that does not uphold good and punish evil as God defines those terms. Read Romans 13 again until the truth of what it says sinks in - governing authorities are to reward good behavior and punish evil behavior. If authorities refuse to fulfill this God-given mandate they are no longer worthy of obedience. When people support the view that all governing authorities are to be obeyed regardless of their behavior then they have become enablers of the continued insanity of what we see today — advocating for men showering with women because the man insists he is a woman, men using women's bathrooms because again, he says he is a woman, men being permitted to compete with women in athletic events, parents insisting on gender-change operations on their young children and the demonic deception of the so-called gender identity crisis, men marrying men and women marrying women, and the rise and support of the Satanic geopolitical ideology known as Islam, just to name a few things. By refusing to engage governing authorities and to rebuke them and their upside down morality, Christians bear responsibility for what ensues. Burke had it right when he said that evil will continue if good people do nothing.

Separation of Church and State is another façade many people hide behind. The excuse is that as a "religious institution" the Church is not permitted to speak for or against any politician or legislation. There's a Greek word that describes that idea — hogwash! The first point of information for people who hold this view is that it is not in any of our governing documents. The closest anything comes to saying this is the so-called "establishment clause" within the First Amendment. But for those who believe this means separation of Church and State I say again, reread until the truth sinks in. The fact is the establishment clause only says that government will not establish a state religion. In other words, our government must keep their noses out of and hands off the religious expressions of Americans.

By misunderstanding these two things (whether willfully or through ignorance) too many people believe they have a reason to not rebuke the evildoers among us, but by these excuses they neglect to be the salt and light they are called to be. Some would argue that they are being salt and light by their many ministries to the poor, drug addicted, and spiritually disabled. I'm not downplaying those contributions but what I am saying is that Christians are expending their efforts on the symptoms. Why not take an axe to the roots and destroy the origin of the problems Americans experience daily? For example, if people really want to assist drug addicts then let's stand together against our own government that benefits handsomely from the drug trade they control. Is that news to you? So many people think drugs are provided by some hidden, dark, secret cabal of kingpins. The thought that the US Government aids and abets the continued destruction of its own citizens by providing cover for drug dealers is unimaginable. Folks, the US Government is in Afghanistan and other places of the world for a couple of major strategic reasons but none more strategic then the protection of the poppy fields and the Afghans who harvest this cash crop. Have you noticed the number of states now making the retail sale of marijuana legal with accompanying local, state, and federal taxes applied of course? It's only a matter of time before more powerful and addicting drugs become the newest retail business operations of the US government. I don't even want to get into discussing oil rich nations of the Middle East and our government's continued nation toppling and building designed to give the US government and the globalist corporations it serves more control.

We can also point to the phony war on poverty. Trillions of dollars have disappeared into this black hole and Americans are worse off than ever. Under the recently deposed Obama monarchy food stamp recipients hit an all-time high and Obama thought it a wonderful sign of his administration's assistance to the least of them. A lot of religious people agreed thereby

showing their complete ignorance of the truth. Recently religious organizations like Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and Church World Services have entered into the "business" of resettling mostly Middle Eastern men into cities across America. They are of course being paid millions of dollars a year in taxpayer monies for their "acts of compassion." The truth is that without taxpayer funding these subcontractors would not exist. Refugee resettlement is an issue because in the overwhelming majority of cases the "refugees" are supported by welfare programs that will enslave them in a permanent poverty class. Folks, there is no war on poverty. There is a war on America and a war on the middle class. The goal is to create a serf class of obedient workers for the globalist corporations and our politicians are being paid handsomely to remain quiet and go along for the ride. This is nothing short of the Cloward-Piven economic implosion strategy and Soros' open borders agenda to make a permanent slave class.

Here's my point in this Part 2 — if the Church is to have a moral voice in America again then it is time to stop being played by the political parties and their candidates and start speaking the truth about everything that is wrong with America and why it is wrong. We must stop the flannel graph sermons that intoxicate people for another week with feel good, mind-numbing nonsense and start telling people to get out in their communities and confront the evil all around them. This will mean speaking to the seats of power in the mayor's office, at school board meetings, to judges, justices, law enforcement, and others who have civic or moral authority where you live. It is long past time to stand up to the leviathan called Washington DC and say, "NO! We will not do that and you better stand down!" Then chop off the tentacles of this beast system limb by limb.

What we are witnessing today friends is Romans 1:28 which says in part, "God gave them up to a debased mind." That is the

result of the continual and deliberate act of disregarding God and His Word. Our goal must be to shine the light on the darkness and expose it. Be prepared for battle friends. The darkness hates the light and will do whatever they can to stop the exposure. Fight on anyway.

Part 3 will continue this examination of the Church and Its Mission Today.

E-Mail Mike Spaulding: <a href="mailto:drmichaelspaulding@gmail.com">drmichaelspaulding@gmail.com</a>

**BIO:** Mike Spaulding was ordained to the ministry in 1998. Since then he has planted two Calvary Chapel churches — Calvary Christian Fellowship, St. Marys, Ohio, in 1998, and Calvary Chapel of Lima, Ohio, in 2005, where he currently serves as teaching pastor. Mike holds a B.A. in Organizational Management, a Masters Degree in Theological Studies, and a Ph.D. in apologetics.