

THE CONDITION OF THE AMERICAN CHURCH

It is a hard time for true believers these days that want to be sold out for Christ and live their lives accordingly to God's written word. The modern Church in America has turned away from following Jesus because the cost is too great. The Roman Catholic Church rejected the true Gospel during the Reformation and is apostate because they try to earn salvation through good works and not as a gift of grace through faith in Jesus Christ. But the Protestants are now falling away too. They have watered down the Gospel by picking only themes that are non-offensive and popular. They have become so lukewarm, backslidden, and even apostate because of rebellion to God's word. They have invented a false Christianity that has brought great confusion and even discouragement to the true body of Christ. So deceptive is the working of Satan in the church that many true believers are even deceived. The effect is that many true Christians are living in a lukewarm state but believing they are just fine. Some sincere believers are so discouraged with the modern church they have quit going to church because they don't fit in, but many times not knowing why. Some of you say, "but my church is just fine." But is it? Can it stand up to the scrutiny of God's word? Most churches will be exposed as proselytes of false Christianity if judged by God's word. So many of you believe there is no perfect church, thus, you settle for anything. I agree there is no perfect church because it's made up of imperfect humans, but there is to be a healthy, godly church as scripture demands. If we can't find one, then we should pray God raise one up. We must not support the ungodly, sick churches of America that propagate a false Gospel.

The Church's Unpardonable Sin

Being a pastor and having ministered in several churches, it became apparent what the worst, unforgivable sin was according to church doctrine. What do you think it is? Was it the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? No! Was it unbelief in Christ? No! The unforgivable sin, according to the church, is to criticize or say anything against it by pointing out the failures and faults of the church. Yet the Lord tells us, "Be not deceived," but to prove all things with Scripture and the truth. The Scripture says to "examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith." How much more must we examine the Church to see if it is in the true faith or not? That's why many of you are afraid to discern the state of the organized church. You have swallowed the lie it is a sin to evaluate it.

The Modern Titanic

The Modern Protestant church is like the Titanic of old. In their arrogance they believe they are unshakable and tell all their followers to trust and be loyal to their church because it will certainly get them to heaven. Millions are trusting in their denominations and churches to get them to heaven as they blindly follow them. The Church is telling them they are spiritually safe and secure as they support their churches with tithes, attendance, and prayers and, especially, blind loyalty.

But the American Protestant Church has become apostate. It has rejected Christ and trusted in itself. The Church says in doctrine it believes in God's Word, but in practice it rejects large

portions of it. It has adopted a form of godliness and religious talk but rejects the true power of Christ in a deeply devoted heart full of grace and holiness, rooted in deep repentance of sin and love for the Savior.

Today, churchgoers worship and serve their church, not the Lord Jesus. People have replaced Christ as their Lord and Master and made the Church their false god. They are taught that the Church and Christ are the same. They are not. The Church is to serve and worship Christ, not itself. People have become married to their church not to Christ. The American Church has gone apostate and is sinking. It has rejected the Savior, Jesus Christ, from ruling over them and chooses the world. They have rejected the hot, full gospel that calls men to a deep repentance, true regeneration, taking up the cross, total commitment and a holy lifestyle that does not conform to this world. The Lord is spitting it out of His mouth because they will not receive the word of rebuke and correction because they have become so arrogant and proud. The Church feels it is above reproach and rejects any correction. The leaders are like modern day Pharisees and their followers are loyal to them. Sadly, many real Christians are also clinging to the church by making it an idol in their lives. They worship their church! They trust in it and are more loyal to it than Christ.

The Spiritual Titanic Is Sinking

The modern American church is sinking like the famous unsinkable Titanic, if you stay in it and cling to it, you will die with it. The Lord Jesus is rejecting and judging the American Church because it has chosen hypocrisy, lukewarmness, and rebellion to Him and His Word. It has made a mockery of His name and caused many to stumble. Many Christians have stopped attending local churches because they sense the deadness and hypocrisy and the lack of God's Word being preached.

The Church has become so worldly that this scripture surely applies, "Come out from among them and I will receive you." (II Cor. 6:17) Sadly, because the dying church is filled with so many religious activities, most do not realize it is dying. The reason: those attending are baby Christians or false Christians that cannot discern between a healthy church and a dying church that has lost the power and reality of the Holy Spirit being in control.

A Dream

Many years ago, someone I knew had a dream about the American organized Church. It was like a huge ocean liner and it was sinking. There were men that were yelling at the people to get in the small lifeboats quickly because the ship was sinking. But most people refused, they trusted so much in the large ship that even when they were told it was sinking they refused to believe. Sadly only a few believed and got into lifeboats. Only a few were saved and most perished and drowned at sea because they had put too much trust on the big ship and refused to leave it. It is time to wake up. The Titanic is sinking. It is time to flee from it to save your lives -- or you will perish with it.

The Modern Church has blinded Christians

My dear friends, many of you will say to me, “ But I attend a good church where Christ is preached,” but is it according to Scripture or your own opinion? Do you know the difference between a lukewarm or worldly church, and a church on fire for Jesus that is sold out for Christ? So low is our standard that, today, most would see a lukewarm church as a great wonderful church. Compare today’s Church with the early Church in Acts. Most Christians have never seen a church where Jesus is truly Lord and people are sold-out, radical Christians, filled with God’s love and power. Why? Because most Christians are unwilling to give their all for Christ and become radically committed Christians. American Christians have become so brainwashed by the modern Church that they believe if you live the way the Bible says to live you are a fanatic. They reject Christ’s way because the Church rejects it, and they don’t want to be labeled by the Church as a fanatic and be rejected. The extreme evil in the American Church has contaminated believers like cancer. We hang on to the “Titanic” because it supports our worldliness and our own refusal to suffer for Jesus. American Christians are blind to the state of the American Church. I have spoken to other Christians from other countries where Christianity is healthier. They will testify how worldly and dead the American Church is. One purpose of my newsletters will be to evaluate the Church according to scripture so you will be able to see for yourself if your church measures up, or not. I am sure many of you will judge my discussion as overly radical and fanatical when I say 98% of churches are falling away. I have not come to this conclusion overnight. For over 20 years God has been working on me to reveal this to me, and I did not want to believe it. After much suffering and trials within the church, God has opened my eyes and forced me to look.

How Revival Will Come

We need revival so bad in our country. It will not come through the modern Church, but through God’s people who will leave the modern Church and come together and pray. Hopefully, this newsletter may be one catalyst to wake up God’s people and strengthen them, and unite them in prayer so we can see God move in revival. The revival will not be in the modern church; the church leaders are too corrupt. It will take place outside of it through the labor and love of His sold-out, chosen ones. The organized church has become too corrupt. It has too many unsaved leaders who, like the Pharisees, will not allow reform. These corrupt leaders will pacify you by pretending they want reform as long as you will give money to their churches and spend much time and energy to serve their church to build them up. The church has become just a religious business where success is measured in dollars and warm bodies. It is no longer the manifestation of God’s kingdom on earth in the hearts of believers in fellowship. They just use Christians, because without them, there would be no life in their church. They will never permit reform, and if you get too outspoken for Christ, they will turn with a vengeance on you and kick you out. Yet so many are deceived by these modern day Pharisees who use God’s people to build up their own corrupt, worldly ministries. If you continue to support them when they are not on fire for Jesus and declaring the true, complete Gospel, then you support their sin and will also suffer their judgment.

Test Your Pastor

If, in this evil generation, your pastor has not suffered real persecution for Christ, then he is not a faithful man of God, but a phony, political preacher who has sold Christ out for money and a career. II Timothy 3:12 says “Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.” There are very few men of God left who preach the word without compromise. To preach the word with a compromised message, to avoid offense, is a grave evil before God. Does your pastor preach a hot gospel that calls for repentance, total commitment, and holy living? Does he step on toes because he’s serving God and not people? If not, he is a false preacher.

Supporting the Worldly, Lukewarm Church Is Sin

The time has come for us Christians to stop supporting churches and pastors who refuse to follow Christ all the way and refuse godly living and a life by God’s word alone. I have been in churches where a man of God was fired because he preached the hot, complete Gospel, yet many still continued to attend and support that church as if it did no wrong. To fire and persecute a true preacher is such a terrible sin! It is worse than homosexuality. (Matt. 10:14 & 15) But to support a Pastor, when you know he is either a hypocrite or lukewarm or perverting the gospel, is also evil. The church is causing Christians all over to commit sin; especially the sin of living half-hearted, lukewarm lives for Christ. Jesus said, “If your eye or hand offend you, cut it off. It’s better to enter heaven maimed than go to hell whole.” It’s better to cut the organized church off and go to heaven than to let it take you to hell. If you are supporting a lukewarm, watered-down church, or even an apostate church with your money and attendance, trying to conform and fit in rather than rebuking such sin, then you are living in sin by partaking in their sin, and Christ will judge you along with that church if you keep attending there. Leave while you can and tell them why you must leave if you’re strong enough to do it. If not, at least leave quietly.

Churchianity is Different than Christianity

Today, the modern Church claims to be following Jesus, when they are not. They lie to people and confuse them. They are like the Pharisees of old that claimed to follow God, but made disciples to follow them who became more wicked than they. Today, churches are converting the masses to their false Christianity, not Christ, and this is what I call Churchianity. I would like to show you through the Scriptures, how following Christ is different than following the modern Church.

Churchianity

Rejects Christ’s preachers

1) The church rejects the true preachers who preach the complete Gospel by

Christianity

Receives Christ’s preachers

1) Jesus said that whoever does not receive or hear

termination with no conscience

Perverted Gospel

2) The church perverts the Gospel and preaches a false gospel with “easy believism”: little commitment aimed at self-centeredness rather than true repentance and holiness.

Worldliness

3) Church politics are used to manipulate people through deceit and demanding one’s own way. Church politics are evil, ungodly, and unscriptural; they divide and hurt. The modern church has embraced worldliness by both its style of authority and its perception of success. They use a board of unlearned, lay people to govern the church (unscriptural). The idea that the church is a democracy is total rebellion. The Church is to serve Christ, its head, and do God’s will.

Pleases people

4) The Church seeks the praise of men rather than the praise of God.

Serves money

5) The Church loves and serves money and materialism and sees success in crowds and buildings rather than truly changed lives.

Rejects bearing cross

6) The church rejects Christ’s command to take up the cross and suffer for Christ, but chooses, rather, to conform to the

Christ’s preacher shall bear a judgment worse than Sodom and Gomorrah.
Matt.10:14 & 15

True Gospel

2) God says in Galatians 1:8, “If anyone great, such as an apostle or even an angel preaches another gospel, let him be accursed.” Jesus says we are to love one another and speak the truth in love and be humble, and not demand one’s own way, but seek to do God’s will.

Godliness

3) The Bible says in I John 2:15 & 17, “Love not the world nor what is in the world. If one loves the world God’s love is not in him.” The love of God is not in most churches because they love the world. The Bible says in Heb. 13:7, that those who preach and teach God’s word as pastors and apostles should rule and guide the church, and not a board of lay people.

Pleases God

4) Gal. 1:10 says, “Do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.”

Serves God

5) Matt. 6:24 says you cannot serve God and also serve and trust in money and material things at the same time. The true church loves and serves God, not money.

Takes up cross

6) II Tim. 3:12: “All who live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.
Luke 14:27: One must forsake sinful life

world for acceptance and rejects the Lordship of Christ.

Rejects Lordship of Christ

7) The Church rejects Christ's call to be totally committed and sold out to Him as Lord and labels anyone who does as a fanatic.

False faith

8) The church teaches a false faith like the devils have, which is only mental acceptance, without a changed life through repentance.

Earn salvation

9) Saved by faith, but by subtleness, teach good works. "Saved" means religious church activities and morality, rather than a radically changed life in Christ.

Rejects Scripture's authority

10) The Church claims, in word, to believe in the authority of Scripture and the Lordship of Christ, but, in works, rejects the authority of scripture and the Lordship of Christ, teaching traditions and teachings of men and their polity books.

Twists Scriptures

11) The Church twists and corrupts the meaning of Scripture to support their perverted Christianity. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." I Tim. 4:3

Hypocrisy

12) The Church has a form of godliness that is rooted in hypocrisy based on self-effort, rather than true holiness, rooted in the power of the Spirit.

and bare his cross and follow Christ or he cannot be His disciple.

Worships Christ as Lord

7) Luke 14:33 says that unless you forsake all, you cannot follow Christ. Rom. 12:1 says that we should present ourselves as a living sacrifice to God.

Saving faith with repentance

8) James 2:19 & 20 says that there is a false faith that one can proclaim like the devils, but that has no true fruits of holy living. The Gospel teaches saving faith.

Salvation is a gift of grace

9) Eph. 2:8 & 9 tell us we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus. Salvation is a gift; not earned by good works.

Scriptures are authority

10) II Tim. 3:16 says all Scripture is inspired, or written, by God and should be used for teaching, correcting, and guiding the believers.

Rightly divides Scripture

11) II Peter 3:16 speaks of unlearned, ignorant men (such as present church leaders) who twist scripture to their own destruction. We are to rightly divide and interpret God's Word.

Sincere godliness

12) II Tim. 3:1-8 speaks that in the last days there will be people with a form of godliness, false Christians, who are very religious, but arrogant, selfish, and boasters, who practice sin and reject

those born again, sold-out Christians as fanatics.

Idolatry toward Church

13) The church promotes idolatry because it demands worship and loyalty of members to itself, through fear, to maintain its membership.

Makes disciples of Church

14) The churches have corrupted the Great Commission by making disciples of Churchianity (followers of churches or denominations) rather than disciples of Christ.

Denies Christ

15) The Church waters down the Gospel and denies Christ. It makes it non-offensive, with the excuse, “We will offend sinners and drive them away,” when it’s really afraid to suffer for Christ.

Perverts God’s nature

16) The Church portrays a perverted god with a perverted nature that is only all merciful and loving with no judgments. They avoid proclaiming God as also holy and totally just who will punish men for sin in eternal damnation and hell if they reject the true Gospel.

Glorifies Church

17) The Church teaches that to serve “it” is the same as serving God, which is a lie. The Church is not a savior. It is idolatry to worship and serve the church as a substitute for God.

Worship of God

13) Ex. 20:3-4 says we are not to have any other gods that we worship besides the Lord God of heaven. Neither shall we erect gods (like the church or its leaders) as an idol.

Makes disciples for Christ

14) Matt. 28:19-20 says we are to teach others the commands of Christ and make followers of Jesus.

Confesses Christ

15) In Matt. 10:32-33 Jesus says that whoever would deny Him, He would deny them. Christ denies the modern Church because it denies Him. Whoever confesses Christ, Christ will confess to the Father.

Proclaims a Holy God

16) Rom. 2 speaks of God’s severe judgment against all sinners that are rebellious and do not obey the gospel of truth, and His blessing of glory and eternal life to those who, by faith, live good lives.

Glorifies God

17) Matt. 4:10 says, “Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou worship and serve.” The Church is only a vehicle that God wants to use to teach us how to serve Him and to manifest His glory through our fellowship and love.

Rebellious

18) The Church no longer seeks to only do God's will and to glorify God, but rather does the will of men who seek to only use God and Scripture to propagate and glorify the Church and its leaders.

Lacks fear of God

19) The Church has become sacrilegious by using God's name and Word irreverently (without true reverence and worship of God) to promote the Church, its leaders, and man-made doctrines and not to glorify God.

An anti-christ

20) The Church has become a type of anti-christ, pretending to point people to Christ while, in truth, actually teaching them they must trust in the Church as their savior and obey the Church if they want to be saved and go to heaven.

Lukewarm and disobedient

21) The Church, at best, is advocating a lukewarm type of Christianity, full of religious activities for the Church, that refuses to forsake all for Christ, suffer for Him, and truly submit to Him as Lord, but, rather submitting to dogmatic, religious leaders. The Church, at worst, is apostate and totally rebellious.

Divisions

22) The denominations and strong sectarian spirit the churches promote are evil and in rebellion to God's Word.

Obedient to God

18) Matt. 7:21-23 speaks of those who call Christ Lord in pretense and even do great religious works for their own glory. Jesus rejects them by saying, "I never knew you, depart from me, workers of iniquity." Those who know the Lord, obey His commands.

Fears God

19) In Exodus 20 God says, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy god in vain." In Matt. 15:7-9 Jesus says, "You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you saying, this people draws near to Me with their mouth, and honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. But in vain they do worship me...teaching commands of men."

Points to Christ

20) "It is the last days and now are there many anti-christs." I John 2:18
"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God." I John 4:1

Hot for Jesus

21) In Rev. 3:14, Jesus speaks to the Laodicean church similar to churches in America that are lukewarm, trust in their money, and have great material wealth, but are spiritually poor, blind, and wretched. Jesus hates lukewarmness and will spit the American Church out of His mouth.

Unity

22) In I Cor. 1:10-16 Paul denounces the divisions in the church as wrong. Eph. 4:3 says, "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

The American church, though full of material wealth, at its best, is lukewarm, blind, poor, and wretched. Its people refuse to be on fire for Christ by forsaking all to give themselves up entirely for Christ. A false type of Christianity is taught where one may be a Christian through a shallow repentance, sometimes even none, with a shallow, no cost, mental faith and with a half-hearted commitment that is directed more at the church than to God. Usually the church takes the place of Christ. No wonder very few in the Church are actually experiencing the new birth in truth. Most, so called, conversions today in the Church are false, because people mentally accept the watered down perverted gospel, say a formulated sinner's prayer, and then are told they are saved, even though they never experience God's power that changes lives. They are even told they need not feel anything. Amazing! God's Spirit can come into your life and radically change you and you will not feel a thing. This is great evidence the Churches serve a dead god and preach a dead gospel and not the Almighty God who raises the dead to life by the word of his power. For the kingdom of God is not in dead church rhetoric but in the Holy Spirit's power. The Kingdom of God is not being manifested in the organized church any longer.

Most Protestant churches have become apostate. It is the time of a great falling away of the Protestant church in America. It is easy to see this among some denominations as they embrace abortion and homosexuality, but it is only the mature Christian who can discern this among the so-called gospel-believing churches of the evangelicals and Pentecostals. Sadly, there are very few mature Christian leaders around any more. Most have gone the way of Balaam, who sold out God for money and popularity with men. So, likewise, most Pastors have sold Christ out for money, career, and men's acceptance and preach for their itching ears. People are hearing a perverted Gospel that converts people to the Church rather than Christ. The Pastors and Christians who try to serve Jesus as He commands are being persecuted by church leaders and are thrown out or driven out of the churches. This is why the Church is becoming a type of anti-christ. The church has substituted itself as the means of salvation instead of Jesus Christ. The leaders have fallen into the same sin as the Roman Catholic Church that teaches their people to trust in the church and its leadership and the church will save them and get them to heaven. The Protestant Church is more subtle and deceptive, but it is the same sin. The scriptures teach us so clearly only Jesus Christ can save us, and He alone. "For there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Acts 4 :12.

Beware of the Modern Church and its Hypocrisy

1) Judge your church by the scriptures. If it is not on fire for Jesus and wholly serving the Lord, leave it. Don't be deceived by the idea you can change them. Paul said a little leaven leavens the whole lump and bad company will affect your lifestyle (I Cor. 5:6-7). They will change you; you will not change them. If you are truly on fire yourself, then they will persecute you and drive you out. But if you are not on fire, then they will put you into a spiritual apathy and sleep. It will cause you to grow hard, lukewarm, and even make you backslide. It will tempt you to sell out Christ and compromise your belief to fit in. Your heart will grow cold, but you will not realize it because of all your religious activities.

2) If your pastor is suffering true persecution and not just an inconvenience, like all men experience, but real suffering: rejection by people, loss of job, slander that destroys his ministry and reputation, loss of salary or mass support that really hurts, then he is living a godly life and has taken up the cross. All hell will break loose from sinners and religious people when the true Gospel is preached, because the prince and power of the air is Satan. What most pastors call persecution is a joke and false pretense. True persecution is the way the Apostles suffered.

3) Do not judge your church by the pretty oration or sermons the pastor gives. If the sermons just make you feel good or entertain you or even are boring, then you have a false preacher. A man of God will bring challenges to you as well as conviction as he calls for repentance and holy living in God's love and grace. He will cry out against worldliness and lukewarmness and teach total commitment to Christ.

4) Do not be so naive as to think that a big crowd is God's blessing on the work. Most large churches today are false churches with false preachers who have perverted the gospel to make it more popular with sinners to get money and support. The reason the churches usually are big is that a perverted gospel draws larger crowds. Because of man's sinful nature, false prophets will always have a bigger crowd than true prophets. American church success is based on money and crowds today, and not on the truth of the Scriptures and true Biblical holiness. Typical false preaching focuses on popular themes, such as healing and wholeness and even forgiveness with "easy believism", where God is like Santa Claus who meets our every whim without requiring anything of us but a perverted faith. These preachers avoid topics that will offend, such as a call to repent of personal sins, the total commitment and self-sacrifice required for discipleship, taking up the cross to suffer for Christ, and submitting to Christ's authority completely over our strong self-will. Also, they avoid topics like what it really means to be born again with a holy lifestyle that hates worldliness. This watered-down, perverted preaching is a sign of selling Christ out for itching ears to gain financial support and men's praise.

Come Out From Among Them

The word of the Lord to His true people is to discern through righteous judgment the state of the church you attend. If it does not measure up to what the scriptures describe as a healthy church, then you must leave. Do not try to reform the backslidden, reprobate church you may be attending by staying, because the leaders are just like the Pharisees of old, proud hypocrites. They will not reform. I have heard the lame pseudo-spiritual excuse; "I don't feel led to leave." Do you live by feeling and convenience or God's written word? These leaders will often wine and dine you to stay, but in the end, persecute you if you have the courage to stand up against their corrupt ways. Seek out a church with a pastor that is being persecuted for standing for Christ, preaching and obeying the true Gospel. But be careful they embrace the true Gospel, because the cults also are persecuted. The true Gospel believes in the holy Trinity and calls men to true godly repentance and a true Faith in Jesus Christ by God's word where men and women forsake all for their love of the Savior to live a holy lifestyle through the grace of God poured into their hearts by Holy Spirit at the new birth. If you cannot find one, then search and pray to find sold out believers in your area for fellowship. In the meantime, meet at home with your

family for church or at a fellow true Christian's home. If you're not a preacher then get some tapes with some hot preaching from preachers on fire for Jesus. Reformation preachers are good also, as long as they are not extreme Calvinists who believe God picks some to save and some to damn. But they should preach full surrender to Christ and holy living. If you do not know of any, you may order tapes from me. I have several that will challenge you to live godly lives. It is better to cut off the modern church and go to heaven than keep attending the church and let it drag you into sin and eventually hell itself. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers (this includes false brethren) ... Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate says the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you." (2 Cor. 6:14 & 17) As always, what I have shared is based on Scripture. If you can prove by Scripture that I am wrong, I will gladly change my position. Always let us discern the truth based on Scripture and not according to our own carnal reasoning. May the Lord give you understanding in this important matter as the coming of Christ draws near and we must prepare ourselves for His coming and be ready.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

There is an expense to get this newsletter out for the Lord. I believe it can become an important vehicle to spread God's word and encourage believers everywhere who sincerely follow Jesus. I hope you will seriously pray about supporting this ministry by becoming a partner and subscriber. I will send you the first two newsletters. If you desire to receive a monthly subscription for one year, please send \$40. You may send it all at once or two \$20 payments. You may also send an offering to this ministry, which will enable us to get the newsletter out to other believers who feel isolated and discouraged. If God is willing, this newsletter may be a means to help bring lonely, isolated believers together in some areas with other sold out believers and also bring them encouragement and comfort.

If you do not agree with me, I challenge you to write to me and prove to me with Scripture I am wrong. Sadly, the Church has fallen so far from the Reformation times and the early church into such rebellion, that Christ must judge the Church and take His true people out. But most of us have grown so accustomed to its terrible condition that we are blind and we do not see its true state. As you search the Scriptures you will be amazed how far the Church has fallen. It is my vision to be a voice for Christ to God's true people who want to genuinely follow Christ, live godly lives, and prepare our hearts for His soon coming.

If you enjoyed this newsletter and bear witness to its truth, then share it with others to help encourage them to follow Christ during this confusing time full of false preachers and false gospels. You may copy this newsletter as long as you give due credit by using my name and address, and as long as you do not change any of the words or anything in it.

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Where Are You?

I am praying for all of you that you will evaluate life in the light of this truth and ask yourself, "Am I part of the problem or part of the cure?" I do not believe true reform will come from within the church. It will come from without as God's people begin to repent, leave the organized church and ban together in true unity under the true Lordship of Jesus Christ. Please turn from all known sins and self-centeredness and give your all to Jesus Christ. Some of you may think you are saved when you have never been truly born again. The church is teaching that if you choose to believe in Jesus and just say something like the sinners prayer that you are saved. This is a lie. You must ask yourself the hard question: "Am I really born again the way Jesus and the apostles taught?" If someone who knows you questioned whether you were saved or not, would you be offended and get angry with them. If so, then you are not saved. If you feel you are above such evaluation and cannot talk about it, it's a sign of great spiritual pride, which a true born again believer does not have. A true believer would be glad to be challenged, for it gives him a opportunity to share the reality of Christ in his life and prove it by his works of faith. Did you experience a deep, broken sorrow and hatred for sin and a deep humility from how wretched and damned you were before your new birth? Did God really change you and make you a new person filled with love for God and others, who hates his old life and now lives to do God's will only? Do you really call Jesus your Master rather than just Savior? Did others notice the change when you were saved, how you were different because God's Spirit was in you? Since you were saved have you suffered for Christ by being persecuted for standing up for Christ and sharing the Good News about Jesus with others? Did salvation come to you hard through a crisis that made you seek God till you found His love and new life in Christ, rather than through some easy believism and shallow religious experience? Have you experienced deep understanding and new revelation of God's word by the Holy Spirit? Do you live according to God's written word rather than by personal revelations that some spirit brings to you to make you feel super spiritual? Do you truly forgive others that hurt you and your loved ones, rather than holding grudges and unforgiveness in your heart, or do you cut people off that hurt you, pretending to be nice when you really hate them? If you can say yes to these questions you probably are born again . If you said yes to most you may just be awakened and not saved. If you said no to most you are not born again. Please be willing to admit the truth if you are not saved and begin to seek the Lord through repentance, prayer, and the study of his Word until you truly experience the new birth. So many are missing it because they have been deceived that they are saved when they are not. Jesus said, "You must be really born again if you are ever going to enter God's Kingdom and go to heaven." John 3:5

The Nation's Crisis

The Lord is trying to speak to America by the recent terror attack to tell her she must repent of all her worship of false gods and to truly deeply repent of her many sins. Americanized Christianity causes Americans to call on God in this time of trouble without repentance as if God is a big Santa Claus who will hear just because we pray. But our God is a Holy God and our Nation has sinned greatly. The Lord, who is merciful, will help us all during this crisis because of the true saints who are praying for this land, but if, after this calamity is over, we do not repent of our national crimes, such as outlawing public prayer and scripture reading in schools, legalized abortion, promoting homosexuality as well as all sexual immorality, plus all the idolatry with such hypocrisy; then He will judge us again, and next time it will be more severe. As you pray for our nation, pray that God will forgive us, for great is our sin against Him. The sudden destruction and death by the terrorism on Sept. 11, made me realize anew how our false securities of this world can change over night. The unexpected suddenness reminded me how Jesus will come back so quickly and change this world. He is coming back soon and we will only be ready if we are living godly lives that please him. May God bless you all and keep you in His love, peace, and care during these dark times.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Steve