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FOR MANY WALK, OF WHOM I HAVE TOLD YOU OFTEN, AND NOW TELL YOU EVEN WEEPING, THAT THEY ARE THE ENEMIES OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST. - PHILIPPIANS 3:18

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RANDALL GRIER MINISTRIES

Brethren, followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ve have us for an ensample. For many walk, of whom I have

they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things. For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 3:17-20)

The Holy Ghost, through Paul, is addressing Christians in these scriptures. He is not speaking about the unsaved, but those who have confessed that Jesus Christ is their saviour.

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Enemies Of The Cross

While weeping, the Apostle Paul said about some fellow Christians, "They are the enemies of the cross of Christ." Had he lost his mind? How, under Heaven, could a Christian be called an enemy of Christ? He describes what an enemy of Christ is in this passage of scripture. I desire to be accused of following the Holy Ghost and the Lord Jesus Christ, too closely, than being an enemy of Christ, In fact, I am accused of that.

Earthly Things

Enemies of Christ are Christians who place more value on earthly things than heavenly

told you often, and now the tell you even weeping, that CREER SA things. They are Christians who identify more with the culture of the world than the Bible, the Holy Ghost and the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember. this is what the Holy Ghost said through the Apostle Paul.

> Heavenly Father, help us to desire heavenly things more than the things of this world. May not one Christian be an enemy of the cross of Christ.

> I don't understand how Christian/minister would want to identify with the world. My thinking is, you can't straddle the fence. Either you desire to be like Jesus Christ or be like the world Is there any such thing as the unchristian Christian? Yes, many in the church world today could be defined as unchristian Christians.

Progressive Christianity

In the political arena, there are those who are involved in what is called progressive politics. They are against the Constitution of the United States and the laws that govern our nation. This is why we have all the problems we do today.

I believe that evil spirits are behind this progressive, political ideology in our government. They embrace and desire evolution, abortion, homosexuality, same-sex marriage and want a socialist government. They further want the Bible and Jesus Christ totally removed from society. This all leads to communism eventually. Communism is a society where God is not allowed. This will lead to the total downfall of society and the nation. Many people will die as the nation self-destructs with this ideology.

Progressive Christianity follows the same general thinking. They desire Heaven without Christianity. Evil, seducing spirits motivate Christians to think this way, and to believe that it will actually work. (Heavenly Father, keep us from all evil in Jesus' name.)

The first thing that progressive Christianity does is to fail to accept the entire Bible in context. Isolated scriptures are used to promoted an unscriptural ideology. Unscriptural, because it does not agree with the rest of the Bible. Some of the New Testament is declared not for the church today because it contradicts the unscriptural ideology being proclaimed. This leads to religion without Christ.

Another Jesus

But now I am fearful, lest that even as the serpent beguiled Eve by his cunning, so your minds may be corrupted and seduced from wholehearted and sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For you seem readily to endure it if a man comes and preaches another Jesus than the One we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you once received or a different gospel from the one you then received and welcomed; you tolerate all that well enough!

(2 Corinthians 11:3-4 amp)

Paul said, "You tolerate all that." He did not tolerate anything that did not agree with the gospel of Jesus Christ. He even rebuked the Apostle Peter for yielding to the wrong spirit. The Apostle Paul adamantly protected the truth of the gospel in his day.

Today, it seems we have too many ministers saying the people want it this way and I am going to permit it. The church has become too tolerant and allowed the culture of the world into the church. False doctrine has been tolerated also. Many now believe that everybody is going to heaven without being a Bible-practicing Christian. This belief is false doctrine, according to the Bible and Jesus Christ. If this was true, everybody would go to heaven without the gospel of Christ.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
- Romans 8:14



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Requirements Of Jesus

Many may be astonished to learn that Jesus Christ was crucified because he was not tolerant of an unrepentant society in His day. He was murdered on the cross because He told people the truth about the requirements to get to Heaven. He didn't agree to get along, He spoke the truth in love as a minister should today. Most everyone rejected the message of His Heavenly Father that He preached. He did not change His message to fit the culture of His day. He kept preaching it.

Jesus Christ was crucified because He told the truth when it was not popular.

But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God:this did not Abraham. (John 8:40)

Jesus was crucified because He told the truth when it was not popular. Many have the idea that Jesus was not confrontational.

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. (John 8:44)

He confronted those who were against the message of His Father by telling them the truth.

The majority of those who claimed to follow God rose up against Jesus. They were directly responsible for His death. God manifested in the flesh, through Jesus Christ, was unknown to those who claimed to know Him. Could the same thing be possible today? Can the church who says they know Him not really know Him? Jesus Christ did not fit the profile of the Messiah the religious people wanted. It was for this reason they sought to kill Him, mocked Him, made fun of Him and marginalized Him as a kook to all the people.

And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. But he passing through the midst of them went his way, And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days. (Luke 4:29-31)

He was not welcome because of the message He preached from our Father God. The message our Heavenly Father has given us to preach will not be popular with the enemies of the cross of Christ. Notice, this was what we would call church folks that wanted to bust His brains out. Today, most all believe that Jesus Christ preached a message of love and tolerance only. He preached truth from God.

PSYHCOLOGICAL

The Apostle Paul said the enemies of Christ were those whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.

Belly Christianity

Belly Christianity has been around from the beginning of the church according to Paul. He wept about how wrong it was then and it still is today. It could be called social Christianity today. Many believe that the church is a place of social interaction only. Therefore, the design is to create a party atmosphere with different clubs and groups among people who have like interests It is psychological and has nothing to do with the church of Jesus Christ. It is all about playing games, having fun or making memories.

This concept teaches the people to party while the world goes to hell and the nation falls apart around them. Living the crucified life, in Christ, is not taught. Intense prayer to change the church, world and nation is forgotten. No, I am not against fellowship among Christians, but if that is all we do it turns into belly Christianity.

Glory In Their Shame

This describes the "me gospel" of today. The focus is on what the people want, not what the Holy Ghost or the Lord Jesus Christ desires. The introduction of what the Bible calls flesh prevails in this church.

The glory in their shame church has leaders or life coaches who may not be saved themselves. They and the people are baptized in the secular. worldly, modern culture of society around them. Usually, the meeting begins with secular rock and roll music to attract the world. Everything is timed to the exact minute to get the people in and out before they get bored too much. A motivational speech of about eighteen minutes is given with great emotion to make the people feel good and then they leave. It is psychology which affects the mind and has no lasting change from His Spirit.

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I a m n o t a g a i n s t encouraging people, but change and repentance must be preached also. Because the meeting is designed around the people, the Holy Ghost is not invited or desired because He might mess up the program. Secular music and worldly methods grieve the Spirit of God and He will not be in the meeting. I refuse to offend the Spirit of God with secular methods and you should too.

Mind Earthly Things

This is those that desire Christianity without Christ and Heaven without Jesus. Sounds confusing doesn't it? Psychology has replaced sound Bible doctrine and the teachings of Jesus Christ. What did Jesus say about this?

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you:depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (Matthew 7:22-23)

I cannot imagine doing a lot of wonderful things in the name of Jesus and being told this by Jesus Christ Himself. I never knew you, depart from me, you that work iniquity. He didn't say they committed murder, robbery, homosexuality, same-sex marriage or things like that. He said they did many wonderful works. May the Lord Jesus help us all to do what He says and not be earthly minded in this day.

WHAT THE LORD DESIRES

In 2007, the Lord spoke to me and said, "I have been trying to get My church to walk in the revelation I gave Kenneth E. Hagin in 1987." For twenty years then, Jesus had been pleading with His people to obey Him.

Jesus Christ has been trying to get the church to practice the revelation of *Plans, Purposes and Pursuits* that He gave to Dad Hagin in 1987. Dad Hagin's three hour visitation with Jesus, in 1987, is summed up below.

Dad Hagin was asked, "What did Jesus emphasize the most during His three hour visitation with you?" What Jesus emphasized the most was His plan under the New Covenant is for every believer to be filled with the Holy Spirit. To be led by His Spirit and yield to His gifts and anointings was the top priority. Honoring the Holy Spirit is the key to having manifestations of His Glory in the church.

Praying prior to the service and finding out what the Lord wants to do is the only way to please Him. What man esteems most is unacceptable in the eyes of the Lord Jesus Christ. His house should be called the house of prayer. This is the doorway into the realm of the Spirit where God dwells.

Substituting brass for gold is the problem in the modern day church. Learning the boundaries the Holy Ghost operates in and implementing them will bring great power in the church. May we all lay aside anything that displeases Him.

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Man's plans abound in the church today and the Lord is highly displeased. The "brass of the world has been brought in the church and replaced the gold." His mercy, grace and love has been waiting for the church to judge these things and get them out. Now He is judging these things Himself. He has given us space to repent and there is yet a little time but it has already begun.

Judgment upon a person, nation, or group gives those who witness it a chance to repent and turn back to the Lord so that they will not die and go to Hell. God loves everyone, but He will not allow His church to be destroyed. He has His plans and those who continually stand against them will find themselves being judged by the Lord.

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