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For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted - you may well put up with it! - 2 Corinthians 11:4

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But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

(2 Cor. 11:3-4)

On August 15, 2018, I was preparing for our Word and Spirit meeting that evening in Gatlinburg, TN. I had been praying, asking the Lord for His direction. Suddenly the Spirit of God spoke to my spirit. He said, *"Have you noticed how the spirit that permeates your nation has infiltrated the church?"* I said, *"No, I haven't thought of it."* He said, *"The spirit of socialism is trying to take over your nation, and many are under its influence. This evil socialistic spirit is trying to take over the church world today."*

I had never thought of this. Socialism, in simplistic terms, offers society many things free. It rewards everyone on an equal basis regardless if they earn it or not. It always fails when implemented.



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Socialism

Socialism actually rewards those who sit around and do nothing and takes away from those who are achievers.

I remember when my son graduated, with highest honors, along with some others, the university was very careful not to make a big deal about it. They didn't want to hurt other students feelings who did not achieve this status. Thirty years ago, they would have been marched to the platform and praised by the university president and professors for their hard work and achievements.

Many schools, colleges and universities grade on a curve today to make it easier for students to pass who are lazy and do not study. In many children's sports today, the team that loses and the team that wins both get a trophy to make the losers feel like winners.

When I went to school, and was in sports, this was not so. If you did not study and pass, you failed. If you lost the game, you did not get a trophy. That made you want to study to pass, and practice at sports so you could win. Things have changed greatly in the world.

Socialistic Thinking

I thought about what the Lord said to me about socialism being in the church. It seems that many, in the church world, have the attitude that God does not require anything from anyone to enjoy the benefits of salvation or His Word. That attitude does not agree with the Bible. We all believe in the love, grace and mercy of God towards us. This does not mean He has no guidelines for us to live by.

Tolerance and acceptance are the buzz words of socialism. Many in the church have adopted this way of thinking. They want the church to accept any lifestyle or belief and tell people they are going to heaven, even though they do not live a Christian life. This way of thinking is an evil seducing spirit. God does not tolerate or accept any belief or lifestyle that doesn't agree with the Bible. People think God is tolerant of evil and sin because society is. The simple truth is that you cannot live like the devil and go to heaven. Faith without works is dead/useless.

Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Ja. 2:18-20

The Apostle James stated that faith without works is dead. We are not saved by works, but if you are saved, by faith, you will have evidence of it in your life through your lifestyle or works. A Christian does not desire to live like a sinner.

What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. (Romans 6:15-17)

Many in the church don't accept these simple facts from these scriptures - that you cannot be a servant of sin and Satan and a servant of righteousness and Christ at the same time. If you commit sin, you are a servant of sin and Satan (Jn. 8:34; 1Jn. 3:8). If you sin, Satan is your master and not Christ. Sin is the service of Satan and righteousness is the service of God.

Your actions/lifestyle demonstrate what you truly believe in your heart. Socialistic thinking says all are saved, regardless of what you do or believe.

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It Is Not Fair

Socialistic thinking wants everyone to feel good and be happy. No one should have problems or not be approved, even if they cause the problems themselves. They think God accepts their beliefs and lifestyles regardless of what they are. It is not fair, if He doesn't, they think. That is how same sex marriage, homosexuality, lesbianism, transvestites and many other ungodly lifestyles were approved in many churches. God does not approve of those things, no more than He approves of murder, lying, robbery or any other sin. The Bible teaches those things, and others are sin, and will not be accepted into heaven.

Moved Away From His Spirit

I assume you have noticed how many churches, not all, have moved away from their Biblical purpose. They teach motivational messages, psychology and socialism along with book reports on the Bible. There is no anointing, from the Lord on this, and it produces no lasting change in a person's life. Those messages deal with the mind, will, emotions or soul of a person. Social interaction, with one another, has become much more important than spiritual interaction with the Lord. Humanism has replaced the Holy Ghost in many churches. Pleasing people is more important.

Children's Church

Many church organizations and individual churches are directed by youth/children instead of the Holy Ghost. Socialism has allowed kids to take over schools and disrespect teachers and authority. There is no discipline and very little correction allowed in schools. Then it moves outside the schools to disrespect of police authorities and laws. Teenagers and young adults are allowed to destroy property, burn cars and buildings and shut down cities and parks. This takes place while those responsible for enforcing the laws watch them do it with no consequences.

This same rebellion from many youth and young adults has infiltrated the church. They rebel against the established authority in the church and demand the church change to meet their desires. They don't like the idea that homosexuals, lesbians, and all sinners will go to hell. They don't like that our Heavenly Father has requirements to go to heaven. They don't like submission to the Word of God and the Holy Ghost. They want to do what they want to, when they want to do it. They do not want to reverence and respect the things of God as Holy. They want the world and flesh to be accepted in the church with the Holy Spirit and still call it Godly.

Reach This Generation

Many ministers and pastors, not all, have yielded to the ungodly demands of teenagers and young adults. Many of these young people have been brain washed to believe in socialism. They do not know what is right and wrong. We should never give in to their demands, in the church, if they disrespect the things of God. They should be told to be quiet and sit down.

They should never be coddled and applauded for their rebellion against the Bible, the Holy Ghost and our Lord Jesus Christ. I know many don't want to do that because it might hurt their feelings. Feelings, emotions and image play a major part in this generation. Whether it makes people feel good, look good or not, we must tell them the truth about heaven and hell.

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. (2 Timothy 4:2-4)

Preach the Word, not socialism or fables, which are myths about God made up by people. People deserve to know the truth.

It Will Not Last

This move, by many in the church, into cultural trends of society will not last. More ministers will fail and Christians will fall away from the Lord. *Churches that have embraced this will become so culturally relevant to society that they will no longer be relevant with God.* They will eventually implode into spiritual and moral failure and become ghost towns. I am grieved about this, in my spirit, and driven to prayer to hopefully bring change.

Permanent Change

All permanent change begins in the human spirit. That is why no person will ever have permanent change from the soul/mental realm, which is what many churches, mistakenly, major on.

In a structured, controlled study in a drug program, years ago, I learned something. I learned that almost anyone will follow guidelines, rules or a way of thinking for a good while. They mentally/soulically agreed to obey the rules. After a while, they always rebelled if they did not become born again and learn to live out of their spirit through the Holy Spirit.

That is why these outward social strategies in the church seem to be working. Sadly, the day will come that it will all fall apart, probably starting with the senior minister. I am sure you know this.

Secular Accepted As Sacred

Today, worldly, secular cultural trends of society have been brought into many churches and called sacred. I know you have seen this and probably experienced it.

One social trend is secular humanism. *This is humanism, with regard in particular to the belief that humanity is capable of morality and self-fulfillment without belief in God.* This has been taught in colleges and universities for many years now. This thinking has been infiltrating the church for a good while now. Those brought up in that environment want to blend Jesus Christ with secular humanism.

Blending

Another Jesus and another gospel had to be established to accomplish this. This fabricated Jesus accepts everyone regardless of what they believe or do. It is the gospel of tolerance, acceptance and love. The reality of sin is even denied by some. This counterfeit Jesus has been slowly embraced by many in the church world. This new gospel is fraudulent because it does not agree with Jesus in the Bible. This is a major issue in the church world today. The church becoming secular is less than half a generation away, if there is not significant change.

Dagon In The Church

On September 6th, 2018, the Spirit of God said to me, *"They have brought Dagon into My church!"* I said, *"Who?"* He said, *"Dagon!"* I was shocked! Dagon was a manmade god of the Philistines. Read the encounter in First Samuel chapter five. Of course, the church does not call it Dagon today. They call it the new relevant, tolerant, loving Jesus they have invented. The account in the Bible tells how they put the Ark beside the manmade god Dagon twice. Dagon fell over and was set back up, by man, and the second time fell and was almost totally destroyed. They moved the Ark representing our true God away from them.

The Jesus Christ of the Bible and the manmade counterfeit Jesus cannot co-exist - which is another buzz word of this generation. The judgment of God came upon the people who set the Ark by Dagon. The same thing will take place for those who embrace this counterfeit Jesus and gospel. Secular and sacred will never mix. God Himself will not allow it.

Satan didn't try to get the church to set Dagon in the temple all at once. It has taken him years to progressively introduce Dagon into church worship.

Dagon eased into the church through what is called *Casual Christianity*. God doesn't mind so don't be so serious about God, and living a holy life. This thinking led to a new church model and minister.

The stage was changed to rival even the most popular rock and roll groups and night clubs. The strobe lights flashed, danced and kept time with the music as they blinked rapidly. Fog machines belched clouds so thick you could hardly see the platform or people. The lights were turned off so it didn't hinder the light show and set the mood. There was very little difference between being in a nightclub and church.

Many ministers began to seek the help of church growth specialists. This led to further departure from what the Lord originally intended for His church to be. Church social clubs and cafe's became the new way to try to get people to attend. It became social in its structure.

Many churches moved from being spiritually in tune with God to being a social gathering of people. In some respects, it mirrors secular organizations. This has been Dagon's goal all along - church without the Spirit of God.

Jesus said, "*God forgive them for they know not what they do.*" Only two people entered the promised land from an entire generation - Joshua and Caleb. Eight people obeyed God and were saved during the days of Noah - Noah and his immediate family. Ten people withstood the ungodly counterfeit things of their day that millions embraced.

There Is Hope

I encourage those who have been contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints, not to give up. He has heard your prayers and He is working His plan for the greatest outpouring of His Spirit the world has ever seen. You will play a major role in this because you have been proven and overcome the opposition of our day. Great is your reward! His blessings are yours!

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