America, Repent or Perish!

"THE UGLY" Part 3 of 4

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

This writing is part 3 of 4 for this series subtitled, "The good, the bad, the ugly, and our blessed hope."

I have been before the Lord with fasting and prayer to ensure I convey **exactly what God wants His people to hear**. This message is appropriately titled, "The Ugly." This word from the Lord is the most sobering and painful message I have ever had to write. This writing will ruffle many feathers and will not be well received by the "corporate" Body of Christ. Nevertheless, His truth shall prevail.

This message is not directed at the faithful remnant that is on-fire for the Lord. I personally know and interact with many pastors who are completely sold out to the Lord and understand the seriousness of the hour we are in. However, the majority are not. So if you are a Spirit-filled pastor who is seeking the Lord and doing what He says to do, you should not feel offended by this writing. Unfortunately, most of the pastors who **need** to hear this message have already asked to be removed from my distribution list.

Furthermore, this message will definitely not "tickle the ears of the hearer" and it is not meant to. You get enough of these sermons from the pulpits in churches all across America. Rather, I will convey exactly what is on the Lord's heart and it is not good news.

God has told me repeatedly, "His church is a stench in His nostrils." The very people who are supposed to represent God, the Body of Christ, are the ones who have clearly rejected Him. On Sunday, May 1st the Holy Spirit descended upon the congregation at the church I attend and the Word of the Lord which was prophesized confirmed this writing. The Lord said, "His church makes Him sick."

I have been lead to deliver this message according to 2 Timothy 4:1-5 below.

"I give you a command in the sight of God and Christ Jesus. Christ will judge the living and the dead. Because he and his kingdom are coming, here is the command I give you. Preach the word. Be ready to serve God in good times and bad. Correct people's mistakes. Warn them. Cheer them up with words of hope. Be very patient as you do these things. Teach them carefully."

"The time will come when people won't put up with true teaching. Instead, they will try to satisfy their own longings. They will gather a large number of teachers around them. The teachers will say what the people want to hear. The people will turn their ears away from the truth. They will turn to stories that aren't completely true.

"But I want you to keep your head <u>no matter what happens</u>. <u>Don't give up</u> when times are hard. Work to spread the good news. <u>Do</u> everything God has given you to do."

This writing will convey "why" America and the Body of Christ have been measured by God and found to be lacking. Furthermore, I have also provided many links for you to listen to sermons and read writings from other believers who are Spirit filled and are accurately conveying what the Holy Spirit is saying to His church. You will definitely not hear these sermons being preached from the pulpit at most churches, and this is why I hope you take the time to listen to them.

AMERICA, "ONE NATION UNDER GOD," OR SATAN'S LAIR?

The repercussions of the church not truly understanding the need to establish God's Kingdom as we are called to do results in us living in a society given over to a reprobate mind as illustrated by Romans 1 below.

Wake up America! We have become no better than Sodom and Gomorrah! Our God is the same God that poured out His judgment and wrath on Sodom and Gomorrah for their wicked ways. Furthermore, those **who approved** of these abominations in God's sight perished with the rest!

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. ~ Romans 1:18-20

For although they knew God, (Hello fellow Christians!) they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be

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wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. ~ Romans 1:21-23

Therefore **God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts** to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. **They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator**—who is forever praised. Amen. ~ Romans 1:24-25

In Romans 1:21-23 above it states, "For although they knew God." This is referring to people who are called by His name—Christians. Then it says in Romans 1:24-25 that we have exchanged the truth of God's Word for a lie and worship and serve everything other than God. What do we worship and serve? Money, power, lust, our jobs, sports teams, etc. Furthermore, we have embraced the worldview and have become tolerant and politically correct because we fear man more than we have the reverential fear of God our Creator. Why is this so? We do not acknowledge God except on Sunday for 45 minutes, we do not read His Word, and we do not glorify Him by the way we live our lives. As a result, God has decided He will let us have it our way by giving us over to the sinful desires of our hearts.

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error. ~ Romans 1:26-27

We are seeing the homosexual agenda such as same sex marriage, the repeal of the Don't Ask Don't Tell Law, our students being indoctrinated in schools to be politically correct and tolerant of such abominations to the Lord. Furthermore, we have pastors preaching out of the pulpit who have come out of the closet themselves.

In addition, President Obama who <u>claims</u> to be a Christian is a staunch supporter of the homosexual agenda and seeks to proliferate it.

The following excerpt is from the April 2010 edition of The Last Trumpet Newsletter. Access the following link to view the entire newsletter at http://lasttrumpetnewsletter.org/2010/04_10.html.

"On February 4th, 2010, Barack Obama attended the National Prayer Breakfast where he pushed his "gay" and "green" agenda. During Obama's speech, he praised the evangelical pastors for their cooperation in his "green program" to save the environment. Obama also thanked the evangelical pastors for their cooperation with his homosexual agenda. Obama went on to honor a homosexual civil rights leader who made the following statement:

"The God of the Bible is a sinful homophobic bigot who needs to seek forgiveness for the pain and suffering which his sinful homophobia has needlessly inflicted upon gay people for the past 4,000 years." (36) Without a doubt, the spirits of Sodom and Gomorrah are in Washington, D.C. In fact, at the beginning of March 2010, "gay" marriage became legal in the U.S. Capital. (37)"

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36.WorldNetDaily, Feb, 4, 2010, http://www.wnd.com. 37. New York Times, Mar. 3, 2010, by Ian Urbina, Washington, D.C.
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Then we have our former Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, who for the first time in the history of the United States addressed the LGBT Pride celebration in San Francisco last year http://www.sfpride.org/Speaker Nancy Pelosi Greets Pride!

Even our military is on board with this breaking news article titled, "Navy Authorizes Chaplains to Perform Same-Sex 'Marriages' in Naval Chapels." http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/navy-authorizes-chaplains-perform-same-s

Then on May 11th it was reported the Navy Halts Move To Allow Gay Unions by Chaplains..."WASHINGTON — Under pressure from more than five dozen House lawmakers, the Navy late Tuesday abruptly reversed its decision that would have allowed chaplains to perform same-sex unions if the Pentagon decides to recognize openly gay..."

This is why it is important to speak up against those things which are contrary to God. In this situation it evidentially made a difference for now.

It is bad enough our leaders promote these abominations to the Lord, but it is an outrage when they seek to indoctrinate our children! Read this recent article titled, "California may add gay history to textbooks."

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The liberal people in California are all too happy to lead the rest of the United States in setting the example of embracing the lifestyle of Sodom and Gomorrah. As a result of their constant mocking of God, they will be experiencing an earthquake with a magnitude never seen before in the United States of America shortly.

Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they

have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. ~ Romans 1:28-32

As the verse above clearly states we are reaping the "fruit" of Satan because God has decided to let us have a depraved mind because our hearts do not belong to Him. This Scripture is addressing believers who are supposed to know and live by God's righteous precepts and principles found in his Word. Furthermore, pay special attention to the part of the verse which reads "But also approve of those who practice them." You may not be doing these wicked things yourself, but "who" and "what" do you condone **by your vote**, **silence**, **indifference**, **and political correctness**?

How can we say we are a child of God and yet elect and support those candidates and legislative issues that support and propagate the homosexual agenda? The same applies to President Obama's pro-choice agenda which sheds the innocent blood of over 250,000 babies in America each year through abortion.

Also, according to Proverbs 6:17-19 there are six things the LORD <u>hates</u>, seven that are <u>detestable</u> to him:

- 1. **Haughty eyes**: Those who are prideful in their own estimation having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy.
- 2. A lying tongue.
- 3. Hands that shed innocent blood (ABORTION)
- 4. A heart that devises wicked schemes.
- 5. Feet that are quick to **rush into evil**.
- 6. A **false witness** who pours out **lies**.
- 7. A person who **stirs up conflict** in the community.

If you voted President Obama into office or support legislation for abortion in anyway, you are an accomplice in this abomination to the Lord and need to repent. Not opposing or remaining silent renders the same verdict in the eyes of the Lord—GUILTY!

Abortion is murder and we embrace this irreprehensible act against God our Creator. President Obama promised to reduce abortions. Yet he wasted no time in following his pro-abortion agenda by surrounding himself with those individuals that support abortion. You can research this yourself by reading an article written by Steven Ertelt, Editor at LifeNews.com titled, *President Barack Obama's Pro-Abortion Record: A Pro-Life Compilation* at http://www.lifenews.com/obamaabortionrecord.html.

How can we as believers justify supporting **and** approving anything or anyone who is practicing wickedness contrary to God's Word? We cannot. Those who embrace and approve these abominations to the Lord are no more a Christian than President Obama is. They are either deceived or a liar.

THE BODY OF CHIRST HAS CLEARLY REJECTED THE ONE WE CLAIM TO SERVE AS EVIDENCED BY OUR ACTIONS

God's judgment which is about to be fully unleashed upon our nation is not the result of what the secular world is doing because He does not expect them to know better—they are lost and need to be saved. Rather, many of the people who believe they are saved and call themselves Christians truly are not as indicated by Romans verse 1:32 which states, "Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Going to church and having Bible studies are pointless if we do not **apply and obey** what God's Word says! We may profess we believe in Jesus Christ but our obedience to Him is everything. Following is God's perspective...

"The Father loves his Son and has put everything into his hands. And anyone who believes in God's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God's angry judgment." ~ John 3:35-36 (NLT).

"I tell you the truth, those <u>who listen</u> to my message <u>and</u> believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life." ~ John 5:24 (NLT)

"If you love me, **you will keep my commandments.**" ~ John 14:15

Do not be deceived and believe you are truly a child of God just because you profess with your mouth you are. The real proof is determined by whether or not we live according to His Word and have the "fruit" thereof. Obedience is everything to the Lord and when we do not obey the Holy Spirit or His Word we are rebelling against God. If we continue in our sin His presence leaves us and He gives us over to the reprobate mind! Eventually the end result is destruction and death. Many of us are praying for revival, BUT it begins with each of us repenting both individually and then corporately. The church cannot have revival without fully embracing the movement of the Holy Spirit. Revival is the activity of the Holy

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Spirit. Take the time to listen to this incredible sermon on what it will take for <u>true</u> revival and the presence of Jesus Christ to manifest in our lives and our nation. Listen to this sermon which will convey this truth in this 5 part series by Pastor Damon Thompson titled, "Jonah."

http://www.kingdomkeysradio.org/blog/Sound of Faith/post/Jonah Part 1/

The majority of Christians in America live according to what is socially acceptable and embrace the worldview. They only pretend to be Christians when it suits their purposes—they are wolves in sheep's clothing. Therefore, is it any wonder why the vast majority of so-called Christians vote for leaders who have the same values as they do?

It is evident by the moral and spiritual depravity of our nation the church in America has become irrelevant. Why? The truth is there is not much difference between most Christians than those who have never come to the saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God has told me repeatedly, "His church is a stench in His nostrils." The very people who are supposed to represent God, the Body of Christ, are the ones who have clearly rejected Him.

Following is an excerpt from a sermon titled, "The Pioneer Spirit" God placed upon Dutch Sheets' heart to proclaim throughout America. Apostle Dutch Sheets has dedicated at least the past 17 years to fulfill the call of God on his life to bring awakening and reformation to America. His website is at http://www.dutchsheets.org. He is addressing the true state of the church in America.

"What does this look like practically? From my grandparents' day until now, we have gone from 65% of Americans having a biblical worldview to now 4% of today's young people sharing these beliefs. This is staggering! Apart from an absolute miracle, which I believe is still possible; we have lost a generation of Americans to Satan and secular humanism. Generally speaking, we are a narcissistic, self-loving nation that has accepted a culture of death, perversion, drugs and violence. We have murdered 51 million babies in the womb and to satisfy the cry for a toleration of immorality and perversion, we are ready to throw away 6000 years of honoring God's definition of marriage and family."

"The church, which is supposed to be salt and light for this mess, is neither. Though a remnant has remained faithful, for the most part the church of America has become totally irrelevant and completely ineffective. We have produced lukewarm Christians and a generation that doesn't know God or His

ways. Our pulpits are filled with smiles, not tears; entertainment, not passion; and self-help stories, not prophetic truth. Our feel-good messages and mega funcenters have anesthetized us to the reality of our condition and, as opposed to offering solutions, are actually part of the problem. We, the church, are not changing our world, we're being conformed to it. It's easier to find the truth about our condition as a nation on talk radio than in our churches. We have left our first love and abandoned our cause. In short, an apostate church, an ungodly government and a culture of death, perversion and self-centeredness has earned us an appointment with judgment."

Access the following link for the full article at

http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=33048&forum=48&29

Listen to this recent sermon by Dutch Sheets which talks about the church failing miserably in being the "Ekkelsia" we are called to be in order to establish God's government on earth. The church has become narcissistic and self serving and therefore intent on meeting the needs of its people. It is all about us! This is why we are not influencing our society as evidenced by the moral and spiritual depravity so prevalent across America.

http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/the-ramp-audio/id400302562

Choose #7 then #6 titled, "The Church and the Kingdom"

We need to realize the "church" is not necessarily called to meet the needs of the people; rather we are called to "do" the will of the Father! God's will is for His church to establish His government on earth as it is in heaven. Does America look and feel like heaven or more like hell?

It is evident by the moral and spiritual depravity of our nation the church in America is dead for all intents and purposes in our role as the "Ekklesia." You may think I am exaggerating but the facts speak for themselves.

Following are three recent news articles that substantiate this truth and shook me to my very core. All over this nation there are many more horror stories attesting to the fact our moral and spiritual decay within the hearts of "We the People" is indeed affecting our society, especially

our children, in ways we never would have imagined. Instead of burying our heads in the sand we should be filled with righteous indignation and realize this insanity must be stopped.

Ten-year-old Florida boy kills himself after being sent to room by mother

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Another 11-Year-Old Boy Commits Suicide After Homophobic Bullying

 $\underline{http://www.feministe.us/blog/archives/2009/04/21/another-11-year-old-boy-commits-suicide-after-homophobic-bullying/}$

Police: Army officer's wife kills her 2 'mouthy' teens

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/41319561/ns/us_news-crime_and_courts/

We have to seriously ask ourselves why children as young as ten years old feel they have absolutely no hope and choose death as their way to escape their despair. We have to gasp in horror as a loving mother based on accounts by family and friends snaps and takes the lives of her beloved children. Look at the mother's face in the article by accessing the link above. Anyone can see there is something seriously wrong. What is wrong is we are reaping the repercussions of a nation who is firmly in the grip of Satan. See my attached writing on the "D's of the Devil." Depression and despair is what is causing our children to take their own lives. This mother was so gripped with depression, despair, and despondency she murdered her own children!

THE LORD SAYS, "MY CHURCH IS A STENCH IN MY NOSTRILS."

Who is God very angry at for the current state of His church and the nation He blessed us with? Who is God holding accountable for leading His sheep astray and why judgment will begin in the house of the Lord? It is the leaders of His church who should know better and obey the master they supposedly serve. Pastors, the following Scripture substantiates the truth of those the Lord has given much will be held to a higher standard of accountability.

"Suppose a servant knows his master's wishes. But he doesn't get ready. And he doesn't do what his master wants. That servant will be beaten with many blows. But suppose the servant does not know his master's wishes. And suppose he does things for which he should be punished. He will be beaten with

only a few blows. Much will be required of everyone who has been given much. Even more will be asked of the person who is supposed to take care of much." ~ Luke 12:47-48

Following is what the Spirit is saying to His Church. We have been measured by God and found to be lacking for these reasons:

"But here is something I hold against you. You don't have as much love as you had at first. **Remember how far you have fallen!** Turn away from your sins (REPENT). Do the things you did at first. If you don't, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place." ~ Revelation 2:4-5

"But I have a few things against you. You have people there who follow the teaching of Balaam. He taught Balak to lead the people of Israel into sin. So they ate food that had been offered to statues of gods. And they committed sexual sins. You also have people who follow the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 'So turn away from your sins! (REPENT) If you don't, I will come to you soon. I will fight against those people with the sword that comes out of my mouth." ~ Revelation 2:14-16

"I know what you are doing. I know you aren't cold or hot. I wish you were either one or the other! **But you are lukewarm.** You aren't hot or cold. **So I am going to spit you out of my mouth.** "You say, "I am rich. I've become wealthy and don't need anything. **But you don't realize how pitiful and miserable you have become. You are poor, blind and naked." ~ Revelation** 2:15-17

"But here is what I have against you. You put up with that woman Jezebel. She calls herself a prophet. With her teaching, she has led my servants into sexual sin. She has tricked them into eating food offered to statues of gods. 'I've given her time to turn away from her sinful ways. But she doesn't want to. She sinned on a bed. So I will make her suffer on a bed. And those who commit adultery with her will suffer greatly. Their only way out is to turn away (REPENT) from what she taught them to do. I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am the One who searches hearts and minds. I will pay each of you back for what you have done." ~ Revelation 2:20-23

"Here are the words of the One who holds the seven spirits of God. He has the seven stars in his hand. He says, 'I know what you are doing. People think you are alive, but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what is left, or it will Page 10 "The Ugly" Part 3 of a 4 part series titled, "America, Repent or Perish!" by Donna M. Rogers

die. You have not done all that my God wants you to do. 'So remember what you have been taught and have heard. Obey it. Turn away from your sins. (REPENT) If you don't wake up, I will come like a thief. You won't know when I will come to you." ~ Revelation 2:1-3

Those who have ears <u>should listen</u> (HEED) to what the Holy Spirit says to the churches' " ~ Revelation 2:22

It is very apparent God is calling His church to repent from our wicked ways. Rather than just having a National Day of Prayer, we should have a weekly Day of Repentance for our individual and national sins. Following is a link to an excellent article which drives home this point titled, "Why the National Day of Prayer Does No Good without Repentance." http://www.nowtheendbegins.com/blog/?p=4617

Yet, the Body of Christ truly believes they have done nothing wrong and continues to "play church" **and** dance with the devil!

WHY MOST LEADERS IN THE CHURCH ARE NOT ADDRESSING POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES FROM THE PULPIT AND ARE NOT LEADING GOD'S PEOPLE TO REPENTANCE

Some of you may wonder why most leaders in the church embrace the lie of separation of church and state and are not addressing political and social issues from the pulpit in churches all across America. The number one reason why pastors are NOT standing up and speaking out against governmental leaders or legislative issues that are violating God's Word, and rallying their sheep to do the same, is because they have been silenced due to their tax exempt status.

The law which exempts Christian organizations from taxation pursuant to Internal Revenue Service code (c) (3) was indeed the best laid plan of the enemy to make the church in America irrelevant. The Internal Revenue Code ("Code") exempts certain organizations from taxation, including those organized and operated for religious purposes, provided that they do not engage in certain activities, including involvement in "any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office." 26 U.S.C. § 501(a), (c)(3) (1994). This law silences the leaders in the church from taking a stand on important governmental issues and exposing the hypocrisy of our government leaders.

Just like it was never God's will that divorce be allowed, the same principle applies to His church not paying their taxes! As Christians God and His Word is <u>supposed</u> to be our supreme authority and we are not <u>supposed</u> to violate or compromise His Word. Let's see what God's Word has to say about paying taxes.

This is also why you **pay taxes**, **for the authorities are God's servants**, who give their full time to governing. Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. ~ Romans 13:6-7 (NIV)

The following Scripture is in reference to Jesus' response about paying taxes which we already know is a mandate from the Lord based on Romans 13:6-7 above.

"The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people. Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be honest. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor. So the spies questioned him: "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach what is right, and that you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" He saw through their duplicity and said to them, "Show me a denarius. Whose portrait and inscription are on it?" "Caesar's," they replied. He said to them, "Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." ~ Luke 20:19-25.

In other words, Jesus is reiterating we must pay the government the taxes due <u>and</u> we must give to God our tithes and offerings. We are to do both. Jesus didn't say just pay your tithes and offerings and forget about supporting those in authority. Some Pastors and ministry people I know felt led to apply for tax exempt status because it is allowed by law so they are taking advantage of what is legally permissible. The Lord told me I was not to apply for tax exempt status, so I have not and will not do so. Furthermore, He confirmed it according to these Scriptures I am sharing with you now.

The best example in God's Word is in Matthew 17:24-27 below where Jesus paid the temple tax. Jesus implied that He, as the Son of God, was not required to pay the temple tax, for the temple was His Father's house. However, He chose to do so to avoid giving offense and respecting this matter by not asserting His right to be exempt from paying the tax. Jesus set an example for all of us to follow which is sometimes we must engage in

otherwise unprofitable pursuits for the sake of upholding our witness as **citizens** of the communities where God has placed us.

After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the twodrachma temple tax came to Peter and asked, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?" "Yes, he does," he replied.

When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. "What do you think, Simon?" he asked. "From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own children or from others?" "From others," Peter answered.

"Then the children are exempt," Jesus said to him. "But so that we may not cause offense, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours." ~ Matthew 17:24-27 (NIV)

For those in ministry who have accepted the terms and conditions of being tax exempt, they are beholden to the government in order to keep their tax exempt status. The Lord wants us to be as independent from the government as possible so we are not obligated to abide by their rules when they are in direct violation of His Word. As Christians Jesus Christ is our king and our allegiance must belong to Him and honoring His precepts. For those who have accepted the tax exempt status there will come a point in time they will need to draw that line in the sand as to whom they will ultimately pledge their allegiance to. As children of God, ideally we are not to be obligated to man in any way so we can boldly influence public policy to be in agreement with God's Word. We are **never** to compromise God's Word in order to be politically correct.

As conveyed in Romans 13:6-7 we are supposed to pay our taxes to support those in authority because they are God's servants and devote their full time to governing the people. Again, we missed the mark because we do not elect people who are God's servants in the first place. Rather we elect them based on the fact they are the best money can buy, or what they can do to better our economy. America's number one idol is money! As an example of what I am talking about is when President Bill Clinton lied under oath that he did not have improper relations with his intern while committing adultery. Many Christians said they did not have a problem with President Clinton because under his leadership our economy was doing well. The reason we are okay with our leaders not being people of character and integrity is because many believers possess the same

qualities themselves. This is a fact according to the latest statistics from the Pew Research Center below.

28% have no problem with extra marital affairs

36% view living together w/o marriage to be no problem

39% have no moral problem with divorce

34% have no moral problem with homosexuality

20% have no moral problem with drunkenness

30% no problem with pornography

32% moral Relativist

It is apparent that many people who think they are born again no longer believe we are to live by the moral code written in God's Word. More tragically, many do not believe God's Word is the absolute truth and only seek to live by those precepts which will not impact the way they live their lives.

Again, this is because **some** leaders of the church are leading their sheep astray because they themselves do not live according to God's precepts found in His Word. In addition, many teach a one-sided message based on the grace and mercy of the cross and nothing about the fact that righteousness and justice are the foundations of His throne. Also because the God we serve is holy He expects us to **live holy** and in a manner which emulates His essence and characteristics for we are called to be ambassadors of God Almighty. This is based on 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 below.

"Finally, brothers and sisters, we taught you how to live in a way that pleases God. In fact, that is how you are living. In the name of the Lord Jesus we ask and beg you to do it more and more. You know the directions we gave you. They were given by the authority of the Lord Jesus. God wants you to be made holy. He wants you to stay away from sexual sins. He wants all of you to learn to control your own bodies. You must live in a way that is holy. You must live with honor. Don't long to commit sexual sins like those who don't know God. None of you should sin against your brother by doing that. You should not take advantage of him. The Lord will punish everyone who commits those kinds of sins. We have already told you and warned you about that. God chose us to live pure lives. He wants us to be holy. So if you refuse to accept my teaching, you turn your back on God, not on people. God gives you his Holy Spirit."

Many do not address the sin so rampant in the lives of the people who sit in their pews week after week. Many are false teachers proclaiming their interpretations of the Scriptures rather than the truth of God's Word. Last, but certainly not least, they are not leading their people to be the salt and the light we are called to be in the civic arena to prevent the further decay in our society.

Furthermore, many have prostituted the name of Jesus Christ for their own profit and leading the pack are many leaders in the Body of Christ. They not only collect tithes and offerings but they don't pay taxes either. More tragic, many churches do not have outreaches to help those less fortunate either. What a sweet deal they have going on and this is why judgment of the Lord will begin in the House of God! He will shake these dens of robbers to their very core with His upcoming judgments. In Matthew 21:13 Jesus said, "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.""

Read the Book of Acts—it is the church—not the government who has the obligation to provide for the widows, the orphans, and the needy! If Jesus Christ was walking the earth right now He would definitely be overturning many money tables in His temple! It is for this reason you will begin to see these large, user friendly mega churches who compromise the Word of God to be politically correct and tolerant begin to crumble from the shaking God has in store for them. "Woe to them if they do not repent." says the Lord.

In addition to the tax exempt status silencing most pastors from speaking out against relevant social and political issues from the pulpit, there are many other factors involved too.

Many pastors and ministries are too busy establishing their own kingdoms instead of establishing God's Kingdom. They are more focused on meeting the desires of their people by providing entertainment and programs so their sheep will keep coming to "their" church. They lose sight of the truth that "their" ministry is God's ministry in the first place.

"This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you! Now go up into the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild my house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord. "You hoped for rich harvest, but they were poor. And when you brought your harvest home, I blew it away. Why? "Because my house lies in ruins, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, while all of you are busy building your own fine houses." ~ Haggai 1:7-9

Let me ask everyone who is a leader in the Body of Christ this question the Holy Spirit wants you to consider. "When America becomes a third world country **and** all our freedoms are lost, especially our religious freedoms, what will become of your ministries then?" Don't you think it would be exercising Godly wisdom to get His house in order in America first before we attempt to put all our focus on overseas missions and make them twice as much as a son of hell as we currently are?

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to. Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are." ~ Matthew 23:13-15

Other factors playing a role in why God's House in churches across America are in shambles...

Some ministries are nothing more than businesses to bring in more revenue by pleasing the people they receive tithes and offerings from rather than seeking to serve God. Furthermore, they are not leading God's people to repentance, they are not equipping and making disciples of their people, they are not leading their people to be spiritually and physically ready for the end-times, and they are not abiding in God's presence themselves and hearing what the Spirit is saying to the church. This is why the Lord is raising up Houses of Prayer all over this nation for a time such as this.

Many pastors are burned out because they exhaust themselves trying to meet the needs of their sheep instead of equipping and empowering others to help lighten their load. The pastor was never intended to carry the full load by themselves. It is for this reason churches are supposed to be operating under the five-fold ministry of Jesus Christ. This ministry is comprised of five leadership gifts given by Jesus to the church to equip God's people to do the work of ministry and is based on Ephesians 4:12 (KJV), "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

Furthermore, I have talked with some pastors who have been asked to not speak out about the homosexual agenda from the pulpit from their board members or people in

charge at higher levels in their denominations. In other words, they are being asked to compromise the Word of God or else lose their job. Therefore, some pastors are allowing the fear of man and the loss of their income to override preaching God's Word without compromise. As a result, some pastors have become the "hired" hand and they are in their vocation for the money.

"The **hired hand** is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me, just as I know the Father and the Father knows me – I lay down my life for the sheep'" John 10:11-15

"From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit." ~ Jeremiah 6:13 (NIV)

"They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace." ~ Jeremiah 6:13-14

In addition, many have the yeast of the Pharisees, Sadducees and Herod! We are warned by Jesus in Matthew 16:6-12 below to beware of the yeast (sin) of the Pharisees and Sadducees who were the religious leaders at the time of His earthly ministry.

"Be careful," Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." They discussed this among themselves and said, "It is because we didn't bring any bread." Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, "You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread? Do you still not understand? Don't you remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? How is it you don't understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. ~ Matthew 16:6-12

The Leaven of the Pharisees:

They insist on imposing the legalistic aspect of God's commandments and are so committed to obeying all the commandments they miss the "intent of the law." They have

a "religious spirit," and are so obsessed with obeying **their** interpretation of the law they completely disregard God's message of mercy and grace. As a result, they believe salvation comes from perfect obedience of the law and is not based on being justified because of what Jesus Christ did on the cross.

They do not have or take the time to cultivate a personal intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, and as a result, do not lead their flock to do the same. This is what Jesus Christ was talking about in John 5:39-40 (NIV), "You diligently study the Scriptures <u>because you think</u> that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, <u>yet you refuse to come to me</u> to have life."

They lead their followers by their own religious rules rather than by the truth of God's Word. Their training either through seminary or Bible school is based mostly on man's interpretation of the Scripture. They are so filled with pride they believe they know the Bible better than anyone and therefore do not see the true meaning of God's Word. They no longer rely on what the Holy Spirit is saying and do not have a teachable spirit. They think they know the God of the Bible and will be shocked to hear the Lord say, "Get away from me I never knew you."

They have left their first love—Jesus Christ. They do not take the time to cultivate a personal relationship with Him and abide in His presence; therefore, they have no idea what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church. They are operating based on their knowledge of the Bible rather than the revelation of God himself. God's anointing has left them long ago and they are operating by their own efforts.

They are hypocritical because their virtue is not sincere and they themselves do not practice what they preach in their own lives. In other words, they persuade others to live up to standards they are not willing to live by themselves.

They are wolves in sheep's clothing. They appear to be the epitome of righteous living but their motive is to seek the approval of men rather than obeying God. Inwardly they are corrupt beyond measure and their motives are self serving.

The Leaven of Herod:

Jesus warned about the yeast of Herod in Mark 8:15, "Be careful," Jesus warned them. "Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod.

Herod allowed himself to be manipulated by a woman with the Jezebel spirit. The jezebel spirit uses manipulation, control, seducing spirits to get leaders in the church to commit sexual sins.

The Leaven of the Sadducees:

They rely more on logic and "head" knowledge than faith. They do not believe in a bodily resurrection, eternal life, heaven or hell, angels or demons. They have the mindset that life on earth is all there is and live based on what they believe to be true in their own eyes. Their motto for living is... "Eat, drink and be merry—this is all there is and live your life according to what <u>you</u> believe to be true."

They do not believe God's Word is the absolute truth. Therefore, they preach, teach, and live by Scriptures that are in agreement with the way they live their lives and discard the rest.

They have a spirit of "unbelief" concerning gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as speaking in tongues, divine healings, casting out demons, etc. They deny the power of the Holy Spirit, and as a result, do not walk in the power and authority of Jesus Christ. They do not teach on the power of the blood of Jesus Christ, rather they teach on what "man" can do to better their lives. They have a form of Godliness, but deny the power thereof because they reject the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit. Paul warns us in the following Scripture that in the end-times apostasy would flourish and indeed it is.

"You should know this, Timothy, that **in the last days** there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. **They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!"** ~ 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NLT)

Believers must pray and expect to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which is available to <u>all</u> believers to empower ministry for Christ and which is evidenced by the gifts of the Spirit. God's people need to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and pray to receive the gifts thereof more now than ever before.

Below is the truth from God's Word not the lies which are being taught from the pulpit! Hebrews 13:8 states, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Jesus Christ is "the Word" and His Word stands firm until the end of time. Who are you going to place your trust in for your salvation God and His Word, or your pastor?

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will **baptize** you with the Holy Spirit and fire. "His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." Matthew 3:11-12 (NKJV)

"And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Acts 1:4-5 (NKJV)

"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:1-4 (NKJV)

"The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ; He is Lord of all; "that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. "And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. "Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, "not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. "And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. "To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins." While Peter was still

speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because **the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also**. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days." Acts 10:36-48 (NKJV).

"And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' "If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?" Acts 11:15-17 (NKJV)

IT WILL BE THE FAITHFUL REMANT WHO WILL LEAD GOD'S END-TIME ARMY—NOT NECCESARILY THE PASTORS IN THE CHURCH

We have all bought the lie Satan uses to keep us from being a light and salt in the civic arena as we are called to do. Furthermore, many denominations and leaders in the church are involved with the President's interfaith movement which is the beginning of the Harlot Religious System. This initiative of a One World Religion is already underway being led by Tony Blair and Bill Clinton. Read the series about this by Paul McGuire titled, "The Coming One World Religion, Tony Blair, Rick Warren and Modern Evangelicalism" at http://www.paulmcguire.org/.

Following are a few news articles of <u>some</u> who claim to serve God who do not.

PELOSI THANKS UNITED METHODISTS FOR PASSAGE OF OBAMACARE

http://thelastcrusade.org/2010/03/25/pelosi-thanks-united-methodists-for-passage-of-obamacare/

The Emerging (Global) Church

http://www.crossroad.to/News/Church/emergent.html

Page 21 "The Ugly" Part 3 of a 4 part series titled, "America, Repent or Perish!" by Donna M. Rogers

U.S. Churches Push for Two-State Israel-Palestine Solution

http://www.christianpost.com/news/us-churches-push-for-two-state-israel-palestine-solution-32030/

I and many others have spent the last two years working with various initiatives to get the pastors across the United States to hold solemn assemblies to pray for our nation. It has been like pulling teeth, and for the most part, they are not responding. Furthermore, I was on a national conference call and one of the leaders said, "We have got to get the pastors to buy into praying for our nation!" It is ludicrous if we have to get the pastors to buy into praying! More recently at least 212 invitations were sent to various pastors in the central Florida region to attend a very much needed Pastors' Liberty Forum to help reclaim our spiritual heritage and the event was cancelled because only three pastors responded they would participate. The Lord has told me to forget about the pastors and concentrate on His sheep. The following news story should open your eyes to the truth many pastors will not heed the call to seek God and avert disaster.

Read this article written by Andrew Strom titled, "Awful Shaking in ChristChurch" at http://www.johnthebaptisttv.com/2011/02/17/awful-shaking-in-christchurch-andrew-strom/

Therefore, it is up to God's faithful remnant to shine the light of God's truth in the civic arena and be the salt we are called to be to prevent further decay in our society. We must arise from our slumber and make a difference for our country now. So I ask you this question, "If not you, then who?" "If not now, then when?" Seek God's face and ask Him what specifically you are called to do for a time such as this and then "obey" by "doing" what He has mandated you to focus on.

The next and final writing will convey the truth that repentance and returning to God is our only hope for saving ourselves and our nation.