

Justification is distributed within the worldly church, by men, like candy to children along a parade to hell. With the simple prayer of contrition comes this promise of men; “the Kingdom of God is now yours,” offered freely, to all the unrighteous. A declaration made by the impious as they make a mockery of the things of God. This is nothing short of irreverent blasphemy or sacrilege. In their haughty and activist unawareness, they tread upon the works of Christ Himself and push aside the Teacher of God’s classroom on earth, the Holy Spirit of God.

It is the Spirit of God alone who teaches truth, to the babes in Christ, from God’s holy word. The Holy Spirit whispers into the ear of those who can hear, “*For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified* (Romans 2:13). True justification is won within the Church of Jesus Christ by not only hearing but being a doer or acting upon God’s word or Bible.

In this world the Holy Spirit alone is the Teacher of God’s holy word, particularly to those anointed to preach and teach. Teachings contrary to the law, or word of God, confirms false teachers or prophets.

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FALSE PROPHETS

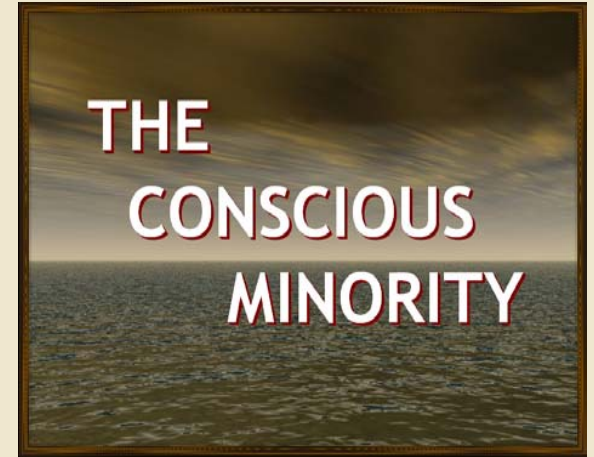
Matthew 12:31-32, **Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.**

False prophets are born of unbelief, unbelief in God’s word, therefore, they hold no respect for the truth. In their unawareness they work against Christ and are in spirit, anti-Christ. Matthew 12:30, **He that is not with me is against me.**

The absence of truth, (God’s word or the Bible) and prayer will be the demise of our nation and the guilty will pay.

I John 2-18, Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

It takes a genuine heathen to claim salvation all the way to the deathbed in a sinful and unrighteous state.



PROPHECY

About the year 1970, Dr. Carl Henry, founder of Christianity Today, sent a questionnaire to what he called, “Twenty of the leading intellectual preachers in the country.” The question he sent out was this: “What do you see for the church of Jesus Christ by the year 2000?”

One reply was from Elton Trueblood, a Quaker philosopher. He said, “By the year 2000 the church will be a conscious minority surrounded by an arrogant, militant paganism.”

What a wonderful occasion we have to hear a prophecy spoken thirty-five years ago, then, immediately see through the years to today, to judge its truth.

The Conscious Minority, or the Church of Jesus Christ, the Quaker spoke of contradicts the vast numbers we see today and so does the word of God. Matthew 7:14, **Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.**

The announcer during a rodeo, recently commented on the high number of Christian Cowboys participating in the bull riding. With two-thirds of America proclaiming they are Christian, you can rest assured of one thing—it's a lot easier to be a Christian than it is to be a champion bull rider.

Years ago I had a dear friend, a pastor, who, in various and perhaps even in an unconscious way, strived to separate his church from our local community. I'll spare the details and give my friend the fictitious name of Jason Brian. Due to my own ignorance, personal insensitivity and trust in Jason, I thought nothing about his actions until I overheard a few locals, in a private conversation refer to our congregation as 'Brianees.'

Though today I am understanding of their position, then, I was insulted and resentful of the tag or title they pinned on my friend and our church. The community naturally resented his ideology.

The same is true with the name Christian. In all probability it wasn't a disciple of Christ who first called them Christians at Antioch.

Two-thirds of Americans proclaiming Christianity seem unconscious to the fact, they, are accountable for two-thirds of America's repulsive statistics. Our statistics speak not of a Christian nation, but of a pagan land. A militant spirit is quickly provoked in professing Christians when they are presented with the truths of the Gospel. The Gospel is strange to their ears, and as Stephen's slayers, they become angry to hear—their religion is flawed. What man calls man means nothing. It's what God calls man that matters and what He calls His people are **"the righteous."** I Peter 4-18, And if **the righteous** scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Christianity is not a title. Christianity is Godliness! It is facts that ultimately write history and our facts sorrowfully tell of a misguided church—the fruits of false prophets.

Gentiles who profess Christianity but fail to live up to the Gospel standard of holy living are pagans. It's not that their failure to adhere to God's word made them pagans, but it's that **their failure to adhere to God's word kept them pagans.** Anyone other than a Jew or Christian, by Christian doctrine, is deemed a Gentile. Gentile of course means heathen or pagan. The visible total of simple reality lays open before our minds eye, revealing to the conscious, the prophecy of Elton Trueblood, is in fact, truth. Our once great, "one nation under God," has fallen, fallen to the pharisaical church.

The Pharisaical Church

The arrogant, militant paganism surrounding the true Church of God is, as always, the pharisaical church. A worldly church, who knows nothing of the Spirit of God, defined, easily and only, by their differing and opposing teachings from God's holy word. Luke 16:14-15, And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. And he said unto them, **Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.**