

Uprooting the World's Deceptions in Our National Crisis

Isaiah 5:20 says, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who exchange darkness for light, and light for darkness; who exchange bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

America is going through what some perceive as a national crisis with the election of a billionaire business man to the highest office in the land, the president of the United States. But what we as American's don't recognize is that the crisis is not because of who was elected, but because of what God is going to use him to restore. It does not take any discernment or wisdom to recognize that Trump said some things on the campaign trail that were off-color, inappropriate and in some instances, downright mean. However, before you cast a stone, ask yourself if you have done the same thing a time or two in your life. I know I have, so I adhere to the words of Christ which say, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone" (John 8:7).

I would like to propose that some people's issue with Trump is not his rhetoric or hyperbole, but rather his policies, his principals, his call for law and order.

Over the past 20-plus years, our nation has gradually and systematically been changed in a way that many missed. With the propagation of proposals came a redefinition of words.

We redefined what marriage is with the acceptance of homosexuals into the word marriage. Marriage by definition around the world is the state of being united to a person of the opposite sex as husband or wife in a consensual and contractual relationship recognized by law (Merriam-Webster Dictionary). Another word that was redefined is that of love.

Love is defined in culture by many as getting your own way, being able to do whatever you want, a feeling or an emotion. With this redefinition of love, our divorce rate has skyrocketed to over 50 percent, because people say, "I no longer love that other person."

We have redefined truth. In John 18:33, Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?" Jesus in John 14:6 said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." In the movie *A Few Good Men*, Colonel Nathan R. Jessep Addresses the Court on "Code Red" and says, "You can't handle the truth!" Truth in a postmodern era has decided it is dependent on what you believe it is.

Lastly, we have redefined what grace is. The church at large has defined grace as the freedom to be you, do you and love you. It's redefined to mean people must accept you without judgment, consequence or question. But biblical grace is defined as the empowerment to succeed. Jesus gave us the grace to repent, to change, to be transformed. Grace is an empowerment, not a freedom from consequences.

I recognize there are many other words we have redefined as a culture, but these are enough to establish the point being made. So what are people protesting, what is their angst about with Trump's election? I believe it is the reality that law and order is about to be restored to our nation.

One of the greatest assets of America, which is unique to many places around the world, is the adherence to law and order. We are a nation of laws, which produce order and keep all the citizens safe. Romans 13:1-7 says, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. Rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil works. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from him, for he is the servant of

God for your good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain, for he is the servant of God, an avenger to execute wrath upon him who practices evil. So it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for the sake of conscience. For this reason you also pay taxes, for they are God's servants, devoting themselves to this very thing. Render to all what is due them: taxes to whom taxes are due, respect to whom respect is due, fear to whom fear is due, and honor to whom honor is due."

Civil authority is for our protection, and if you are not in compliance with the laws of this land, there truly is reason to be afraid, not because the law has not always been there, but because some thought they could avert the law or redefine it.

With the redefinition of words came lawlessness. I know some believe they do not have to adhere to the laws of God as stated in the Ten Commandments, but this nation was formed with Judeo-Christian values in mind, just read the *Federalist Papers* for confirmation of this, but the truth is, we are a nation of laws and with the increase of lawlessness we redefined words to fit our lifestyle.

I am so thankful that this nation rose up and said enough is enough. Lawless people will not throw a party when law and order are restored, but when the benefits of the return of law and order are established, when words are defined as they were originally intended, we will see Yahweh move in our nation with healing, restoration and prosperity again.

However, not all will want this, as Matthew 24:10-13 says, "Then many will fall away, and betray one another, and hate one another. And many false prophets will rise and will deceive many. Because iniquity will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved." This is not about Christianity, for that too has been redefined, this is about the kingdom of God that is advancing

and we are seeing an act of God's mercy on our land and for that I rejoice as God Himself is releasing a reformation for all. {eoat}

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