

It's Time for Authentic Christianity Devoid of Mixture

"[This girl] followed Paul and us, shouting, 'These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation'" (Acts 16:17).

In the above verse, when Satan used a slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination to identify herself and her fortunetelling with Paul's team, it was the enemy's master plan to defile the church of God with other mixtures. He has done this successfully throughout the ages. It's always been his lethal stroke. "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em" is the devil's mode of operation. Throughout history and increasingly so today, Christianity is a myriad of traditions, doctrines of demons, witchcraft and now New Age gobbledygook. Unfortunately, some of this mixture has also infiltrated into the Pentecostal/charismatic camp.

Listen carefully to some of today's most popular teachers. They are popular because most of what they teach is pleasant, affirming and nonconfrontive. For the most part, it's a happiness prosperity gospel. It certainly does not contain any power to get you beaten and thrown in jail. The whole counsel of God is missing from their presentation. In many cases, opinions and feelings are emphasized more than the Scriptures. These teachers and pastors are a part of what I call "progressive" and "seeker-friendly" churches that really are digressive. In many of them sin and redemption have been exchanged for social justice and doing good.

Multitudes of people have hidden themselves behind these fig-leaf churches. They are content in being religious. The fig leaves are their self-righteous works and the natural goodness

of a person, but according to Finney, they are useless for revival:

There is a certain type of Christian that although being constructively involved in the church and pass off as being very good Christians are useless in revival. I do not mean that they are wicked, but they have a form of piety which has no fire and efficiency and actually repels new believers, and wards off the truth.

The social and economic pressure in our Western culture is greater than its ever been. The decade of the 2020s will be filled with increasingly stressful situations in our nation, more natural disasters, some that may greatly alter the socio-economic structure of the nation, and the pace of life will not get any slower. The seeds of socialism and atheistic communism have been sown in America and word is still out as to what kind of harvest they will produce. The indoctrination of an anti-Christ agenda has gained momentum in the last generation. But God!

Here's what I believe and see coming: All of these characteristics of a humanistic new age will result in more and more people connecting with the emptiness of their own hearts. This will result in multitudes sensing their need for the reality of the living God and the peace and joy that comes from Jesus, even in the midst of chaos, hatred and unrest. There will be a great harvest of souls coming, and we must be ready.