

Churchianity—Worshipping Church Instead of God

As in Christ's day, Temple worship turned to "Temple Worship!"

When Jesus came in the flesh to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, temple worship had become twisted and used by Satan to blind most in leadership to the Savior, though, He stood right before their eyes.

Jesus took God's people away from this strange form of idolatry; where the actual place of worship of God had become an idol, an idol of the *act of worship*. The routine, rituals, political and social interaction, offerings—the whole temple worship system itself became the experience of worship, but God was not included in these experiences. The temple system was ruled by leaders that Christ called "hypocrites." In the New Testament (Koine Greek) the word "hypocrite" means actor.

Indeed, Jesus said of them: "*So, for the sake of your tradition, you have made void the word of God. You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.'*" (Matthew 15:6-9).

All kinds of wickedness developed in association with the rituals held at the temple and even the synagogues. There was contention between Christ and the corrupt leadership of the day. When this issue was raised, Christ made a startling prophecy: "*And as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, 'As for these things which you see, the days will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.'*" (Luke 21:5,6).

The Pharisees, the High Priests, and most other temple leaders hated Christ for exposing and confronting their lies and idolatry of temple worship and religious pretense. Speaking of the coming judgment, Jesus also prophesied: "*...and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation*" (Luke 19:44). This and other confrontations triggered the High Priests, the Pharisees, and other leaders to devise a plan to murder Christ.

This kind of idolatry is prevalent with in Christianity now. Church, as a physical place to meet, has again become a powerful blinding tool used by Satan to keep the majority of God’s people aloof from God and asleep to the coming hour of visitation.

Worshipping Christ, the Holy Spirit, and Father God have become a perverted system of worship that many have termed churchianity—the act of worship becomes an idol. Most who embrace churchianity actually attack true Christians and those who preach the uncompromised Gospel of Christ.

The physical and social church experience has developed into idolatry, carnal spiritualism, and hypocrisy. Fellowship no longer encourages Christians to become holy and sincere; truly changed in character and enabling God to build within each heart a temple for God to dwell in with His power, discipline, and grace.

Churchianity is a deception driven by a demonic power or principality of darkness, where leadership has become enthralled with church growth, not growth in Christ-like character within those called by God. The outreach message of most churches accommodates and entices the curious seeker of God and gives the impression that following Christ will make life on earth easy.

“*Come one, Come all,*” is the message evangelists and pastors use to draw crowds; like carnival barkers, promising the blessings of God without warning of the cost to follow Christ. The ranks of most fellowships are filled with pseudo believers who never experienced the “call of God” unto salvation with a true rebirth generated by the Holy Spirit.

Unfortunately, most are called by the will of man through man-made church growth marketing schemes, using billboards, commercials, mailers, and cute bumper sticker slogans like “Try Jesus.” This causes an attachment to the ministry or church and not an attachment to the true Christ. Churchianity falsely promises freedom and a life-style that will magically meet every need.

In addition, Christ and His discipline are seldom given their proper place in worship and fellowship—where the work of the cross is taught and allowed to crucify the carnal desires and the works of the flesh.

Furthermore, church events take the place of the Lordship of Christ and true intimacy with the Holy Spirit allowing demonic spirits to counterfeit spiritual experiences. Many become enthralled with these experiences.

Multitudes follow a variety of leaders who exude enthralling and entertaining personalities but do not have the character of the true Christ formed within them. They purport to know Christ and devise teachings that teach Christians to mimic a false version what and how a Christian should be. Christians in masses follow all types of christs in the form of false leaders but not the true Christ. *“For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray”* (Matthew 24:55).

Many learn to follow a christ of their liking but few allow the true Christ to make them His disciple. *“For false Christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Lo, I have told you beforehand”* (Mathew 24:24, 25).

Because of religious, ritualistic behavior, and fabricated doctrines of men, the true fear of God for the believer often becomes false and misguided—causing many to be in “awe” of the leadership instead of in “awe” of God. Masses follow their favorite teacher or pastor in blind loyalty and learn to model their favorite leader’s version of Christ.

Jesus warned five of the seven churches in Asia of this type of shallow, idolatrous, and sin-ridden belief and worship of God. In Revelation, we read the stern warnings to those five wayward churches. It is worth our time to review these passages to help see that the Church of America carries the same serious issues and consequences as did the churches in Asia, cited in these passages:

The Church in Ephesus, Christ warned: *“But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember then from what you have fallen, repent and do the works you did at first. If*

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not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent” (Revelation 2:2-5).

The Church in Pergamum, this warning: *“But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice immorality. So you also have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Repent then. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth” (Revelation 2:14-16).*

The Church in Thyatira, Christ warned: *“But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and beguiling my servants to practice immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her immorality. Behold, I will throw her on a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her doings; and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches shall know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you as your works deserve. But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay upon you any other burden; only hold fast what you have, until I come” (Revelation 2:20-25).*

The Church in Sardis also received a stern warning: *“I know your works; you have the name of being alive, and you are dead. Awake, and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. Remember then what you received and heard; keep that, and repent. If you will not awake, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you” (Revelation 3:2,3).*

The Church of Laodicea is perhaps the most disturbing warning: *“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing; not knowing that you are wretched,*

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pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, that you may be rich, and white garments to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and chasten; so be zealous and repent” (Revelation 3:15-19).

These were the major issues: Loss of love for God, following teachers who sold the Gospel and sold the power of God, tolerating individuals within the fellowship that deliberately misguided others to practice immorality, pretense, hypocrisy (pretending to be alive but in reality are dead), lukewarm towards Christ because of wealth, and the avoidance of the discipline of the Lord that leads to true sanctification and holiness.

These major issues plagued these churches and required a prophetic warning from Christ through the Apostle John. These warnings carried serious repercussions if these issues were not corrected. As in the case of the Church of Laodicea, these repercussions were the loss of relationship with Christ—loss of salvation!

Most churches across America also suffer from these very same issues and in many cases much worse. Some denominations ordain homosexuals and become apostate by renouncing the teachings of Christ and the sound doctrine found in the word of God. Then there are the many practices and teachings by the different movements within the Evangelical, Pentecostal, and charismatic churches that overwhelmingly contradict the teachings of Christ.

The predictions of Christ found in the Gospels concerning false teachers misleading the masses at the end of this age are happening before our eyes. The Apostle Peter warned, specifically, about these false teachers misleading masses of Christians when writing his Second Epistle: *“But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their licentiousness, and because of them the way of truth will be reviled. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words; from of old their condemnation*

has not been idle, and their destruction has not been asleep” (2 Peter 2:1-3 underline added).

God’s people also suffer cruel exploitation by greedy leaders who devise such movements as the Mega-church, the Prosperity doctrine, Word of Faith, Toronto Blessing, and similar exotic, charismatic revivals and evangelical campaigns to bring in new believers who have never been called by the Holy Spirit.

In fact, these kinds of movements have allowed false brethren and evil people to fill the ranks of most fellowships. This is another end-of-the-age prophecy being fulfilled and the infiltration of evil among the true as predicted by Christ. Few Christians see this as a work of Satan—implanting weeds (evil people) among the wheat (true believers).

In His parable of the weeds among the wheat, Matthew 13:24-44, Christ warns of this work of the devil. The disciples did not understand the parable so Christ explained: *“He who sows the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world, and the good seed means the sons of the kingdom; the weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth”* (Matthew 13:37-42).

Many pastors practice contemporary theology or consensus teaching of false doctrine in fear of losing attendance. These popular but false teachings sweeping through Christianity intimidate the sincere pastor or leader from preaching and teaching all that Christ taught.

The most powerful life-changing truth in Scripture that is ignored and often opposed is the work of the cross in the believer’s life. This cornerstone principle facilitates death to the old nature for the true believer. It is an all-important doctrine and is a daily process that allows the character of Christ to replace the carnal character that is so predominate among believers today.

Instead of preaching the work of the cross in the believer's life and the other more difficult teachings of Christ, false teachers espouse (for ill gain) quick-fix methods that encourage believers to imitate a carnal version of Christ-like character. This is why many who follow Christ today do not really know Him nor does He abide within them. The pseudo Christians today sit in the church pew entertained and enthralled by Balaam-type leaders and ignorant of the grave danger of their being locked out of the Marriage Feast after Christ appears.

In addition, the development of this pseudo Christian outer persona—the inner character and heart of the believer is left twisted and defiled—offers little resistance to temptation and sin. We see high profile leaders one after another being exposed because of immorality and causing scandal and mockery of the Gospel.

Idolatry of Leadership and Loss of the Fear of God

Most Christians are taught to rely on their pastor or a special anointed leader to act as an intermediary or middle-man in their walk with Christ as a believer. Those who buy into this end-of-the-age deception try to “connect” with the faith of their favorite leader and the imagined power of God that they believe the leader possesses. The Apostle Paul warned that deceivers would come in the last days.

This passage describes today's leadership idolatry: *“As Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men of corrupt mind and counterfeit faith; ... Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived”* (2 Timothy 3:8-13 underline added).

The two men that Paul cites, *Jannes and Jambres*, were the sorcerers working for the Pharaoh in opposing Moses with magical powers. These powers had a real effect and duplicated the power of God for the first three plagues. But these sorcerers could not duplicate the fourth plague that God brought on Egypt through Moses.

Such is the power of false leaders today who walk in a counterfeit faith, opposing the truth of the Gospel as Apostle Paul warned. They are

corrupt in their thinking, evil in nature, masquerading as the anointed of God, very bold and obscene. They are deceived themselves and in turn deceive the masses of ignorant and naïve Christians. This phenomenon is happening in Christianity all across America.

This deception is supernaturally backed by the devil using his spiritual power to counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders to deceive the naïve, gullible, greedy, and wayward Christian. There is also no real fear of God with regard to these issues like hypocrisy, sin, and selfish motives. In addition, Christians struggle with carnality, including bitterness and selfishness, and miss out on many of God's blessings. As James wrote, *"You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions"* (James 4; 3).

Millions in this condition pray and do not receive. Instead of dealing with wrong motives and an impure heart so that their prayers may be answered, they turn to deceitful leaders who walk in counterfeit faith. These lying leaders promise blessings from God that is based on the receipt of financial gifts and financial offerings or by believers purchasing their deceptive teachings. They make promises of freedom from problems without the biblical truth of repentance and suffering the death of the carnal self.

This is what Peter had to say about this sort of leadership: *"They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children! Forsaking the right way they have gone astray; they have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing, but was rebuked for his own transgression; a dumb ass spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness. These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm; for them the nether gloom of darkness has been reserved. For, uttering loud boasts of folly, they entice with licentious passions of the flesh men who have barely escaped from those who live in error. They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption; for whatever overcomes a man, to that he is enslaved"* (2 Peter 2:14-19).

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Jesus said, “*For many are called, but few are chosen.*” It is unheard of today of leadership ever attempting to filter out those who are truly called by God from those who demonstrate duplicity and insincerity. The word of God says “many are called.” But those who are called and do not press in to become true disciples of Christ will only continue as simple followers and not disciples.

Many in this condition are placed in leadership roles. They were never sanctioned and released by God for ministry. Instead, a board of elders, Bible colleges, seminaries, or a denominational governing body appoints to leadership many who are disqualified by God.

These leaders, as Peter stated, cause *many to follow their licentiousness*. Millions of Christians are at risk of being locked out of the Marriage Feast, as described in the parable of the wise and foolish maidens, because they sat under leaders who taught false doctrine. When confronted sometime later, they are hardened in heart and reject the word of truth.

They are gospel-hardened believers who hear Christ’s words but do not practice them. They are foolish and at great risk; they carry on as if nothing is wrong—like the Christians attending the Church at Laodicea: “*For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing; not knowing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.*”

Shoo in Christians are at Great Risk!

*Many will hear these terrifying words,
“I do not know you.”*

How can a believer in Christ not enter into eternity? For years, preachers, teachers and evangelists proclaimed that all you have to do to be saved is to come forward publically and confess Christ as Lord, and salvation would be a *shoo in*.

The old phrase *shoo in* came into use in the late 1920’s with regards to horse racing. The phrase implied cheating: a horse was expected to win not on its abilities but by the race being fixed. In the original usage, the phrase carried the connotation that the horse was a *shoo in*, a winner,

even if it lackadaisically wandered up to the finish line and had to be “shoed in” by someone to cross the finish line.

Shoo in theology is an appropriate term I use to describe the popular but erroneous teachings concerning salvation in Christ that so many profess today. Most Christians are ignorant of all that Christ and the Apostles taught concerning truly becoming born again and working out and growing up into salvation.

James wrote that just believing in Christ does not assure salvation; though, it is critical and a necessary primal condition of one’s heart: *“You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you shallow man, that faith apart from works is barren? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered his son Isaac upon the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by works...”* (James 2:19-22).

The author of Hebrews wrote: *“Take care, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we share in Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end...”* (Hebrews 3:12-14).

In this passage the Apostle Paul exhorts believers to: *“work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure”* (Philippians 2:12, 13). Believers must both work out their salvation and grow up in their salvation. 1 Peter 2:2 says: *“Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation...”*

This process is not done without the Spirit of Christ personally orchestrating situations in life that bring discipline and challenge. In other words, Christ brings divine pressure in life; encouraging and challenging us to work with Him to become transformed in character and holiness. Jesus put it this way: *“Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter*

by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few” (Matthew 7:13, 14).

The New Testament book of Hebrews clarifies this process of discipline in this passage: *“It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons” (Hebrews 12:7, 8).* Many are taught that suffering and trouble that builds faith and purifies the heart is not of God.

One of the distinguishing characteristics of the foolish maidens was their lack of discipline by Christ. Believers left in this undisciplined condition, (illegitimate) often walk in counterfeit faith, not ever allowing Christ to author, perfect and complete their faith. They think they are following the true Christ and believe they know all about Him, but they are not truly known by Him. This is another reason why many will hear these chilling words from Christ: *“I do not know you.”*

We are to *“work out and grow up”* into salvation, obtain the grace of God, and walk in true holiness that is not religiously fabricated. Paul wrote: *“Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Well, I do not run aimlessly, I do not box as one beating the air; but I pommel my body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified” (1 Corinthians 9:24-27).*

Develop a proper fear of God and run the race according to biblical standards, without cheating. If you try to take short cuts, you will be disqualified. Therefore, renounce any beliefs like the *shoo in* theology and submit to His discipline which will expose what is hidden in the heart and bring death to the works of the flesh.

If you truly belong to Christ, you will succeed in crucifying what is fleshly and carnal in you. Apostle Paul wrote the following concerning Christians still in the flesh: *“I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God... And*

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those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (Galatians 5:21-24).

The Big Lie!

The most influential *shoo in doctrine* that keeps millions of believers lackadaisical and from properly growing up into salvation is the pre-tribulation rapture lie. Jesus was very clear concerning when He would send forth His angels to gather His elect, true believers who are ready. It is recorded in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, and because it is paramount for us to understand and take heed, both passages are quoted:

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken; then will appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory; and he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other” (Matthew 24:29-31).

“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven” (Mark 13:24-27).

Christians will have to endure those terrible days leading up to Christ’s appearance, immediately after the tribulation and the rapture of true believers. The pre-tribulation rapture theory is conjecture and a convenient lie to soothe the fears of Christians who are not ready but do not know they are not ready. That is why these *shoo in doctrines* appeal to the foolish and lukewarm believer. This lie eases the painful conviction of the Holy Spirit for those in this self-deceived state.

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Soon there will be great persecution directed at Christians that will cause many pseudo believers to fall away from the faith. Then, false prophets will deceive many Christians as the Great Tribulation takes place. Jesus put it this way: *“For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been shortened, no human being would be saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. Then if any one says to you, 'Lo, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. For false Christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Lo, I have told you beforehand”* (Mathew 24:21-25).

As true believers, we must be prepared to endure to the end and be ready for His appearance.

Another warning Christ gave emphasizes the need for purity and obedience and is quite specific: *“But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare; for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. But watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of man”* (Luke 21:34-36).

Many Christians are bogged down with the cares of this life and the desire for riches and will not have spiritual strength from Christ to endure the coming trouble.

Counterfeit Spirit Impersonating Jesus and Misleading Rambunctious Christians

The Apostle warned the elders of the Church in Ephesus saying: *“Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to*

draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert..." (Acts 20:28-31).

Further, Paul wrote to the Church at Corinth, warning: *"But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and preaches another Jesus than the one we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you submit to it readily enough"* (2 Corinthians 11:3, 4).

Just as the Apostle Paul warned Christians in the early churches, fierce wolves and imposters have come into main-line Christianity today, speaking perverse things to mislead multitudes. These imposters preach *another Jesus, a different gospel, and are empowered by a different spirit.*

The different spirit that Paul speaks about is a demonic spirit or principality impersonating the Spirit of Christ and the Holy Spirit by means of false signs and wonders, exotic spiritual experiences that are fantastically strange and perverse, and injecting into the believers' spirit a false peace and false joy. Undiscerning Christians believe these spiritual activities are genuine and they confirm that those preaching and teaching false doctrine are of God.

Paul clarifies this activity of Satan in this passage: *"For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is not strange if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds"* (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

False conversions, false spiritual experiences, and self-driven enthusiasm for Christian service and ministry make for *rambunctious* (noisy, very active, and hard to control, usually as a result of excitement or youthful energy) followers of Christ, errant in doctrine and presumptuous with the things of God.

Mega-churches and false movements are driven by carnal agendas for church growth and fund raising. It is clear to the discerning believer

that these works are not of the Holy Spirit but are purposely driven by cunning men and women who serve their own appetites and do not serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

Masses of Christians throughout all denominations bounce from church to church and from teaching to teaching looking for an easy, magical formula to bring prosperity, instant inner peace, and the joy of the Lord.

Since a magical panacea that eliminates the painful and hard work of the cross and sanctification does not exist, most of these Christians become fickle and jump from one ministry to another. Easily bored with sound doctrine, they excitedly throng to what is believed to be the more entertaining, superlative teacher and settle on a teaching that temporarily suppresses their problems. As Paul prophesied: *“For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths”* (2 Timothy 4:3, 4).

Many cannot or will not endure sound doctrine. When confronted concerning their poor relationship with Christ and lack of true Christ-like character, many often attack those who are faithful to the Gospel of Christ and who speak the truth. True ministries who teach all that Christ commanded struggle to stay afloat and often hide from any open confrontations due to vicious opposition from the false teachers and their followers who often attack them with destructive, carnal prayers—a form of Christian sorcery.