The Accountability of the Church

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What we have been witnessing over the past few weeks concerning the radical changes forced upon us by the Clinton Administration, is not simply a demise of our culture, but it is, in reality, a revelation of the condition of the Christian Church in this nation. Christians are mandated by Scripture to be the "standard" for our culture. We are called to lead the world to the truth. We are called to set the agenda and to be an example of righteousness to our nation, not to make excuses about Scripture that will conform Scripture to our comfortable lifestyles, rather than to God's will. As Romans 12:2 says:

"Be ye not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

It's time that our words and our lives said the same things. Christians, by and large, say one thing with their mouths, but their actions speak an entirely different message. On the subject of abortion, for instance, the Christian Church today claims that abortion is murder and that God despises murder — until the world shows the slightest resistance to their message, that is. It seems that, as soon as the media and the atheistic pro-aborts make the slightest accusation against pro-life Christians, that the rest of the Church readily repeats the same unfounded accusations against their own brothers and sisters. This is a shame to the Lord's name.

I am very disturbed by the language I hear coming from Christian ministers and from the so-called Christian news media. Scripture teaches us that if our brother sins, we are to go to him privately and confront the sin. If pro-lifers are "sinning" in their efforts to save children from the clutches of death, then Christians need to point out a Scriptural basis for condemning their actions. If abortion is truly murder, then Christians on all fronts need to defend their pro-life brothers and sisters. After all, those sacrificial men and women on the front lines need all the encouragement they can get.

As we reflect on the last year, we realize that it is not the Bill Clintons and the anti-God liberal mind-set which has "sold America out," it is the "Church." The Christian church has been practicing paganism and materialism in America for decades. It's no surprise to me, that we are swiftly heading toward "forced population control" through abortion and government enforced birth control, when the Church has been practicing these sins for quite some time (whether openly or not, our actions speak even louder than our words).

No wonder we do not get involved in stopping child-sacrifice, when our own philosophy agrees with and sympathizes with the same reasons the world chooses abortion. It's time to stand for truth and stop playing these churchy games. It's not important what you do, whether it be to rescue, to picket, or to work for a Crises Pregnancy Center. It is not just our works which will end this holocaust. Instead we must sincerely repent for our not doing anything, and we must make a daily commitment to "the battle" to end this horrible killing. It is time to stop pleasing the world, we must say what we mean and mean what we say. It's time to be Christians!

Let's all examine our hearts. If you are pro-life and have been working endlessly to stop this holocaust, search your heart for possible bitterness and judgmentalism toward those brothers and sisters who have not carried their fair share of the load. If you are a Christian on the sidelines and have not endured the week-to-week ridicules, and the constant frustration and discouraging reality of watching the abortionists rip and tear babies limb from limb, then maybe you need to put yourself in your brothers' and sisters' place before you cast judgment on their actions at the killing chambers. As long as the world can trick us into fighting with each others, we will not be able to have the impact we must have in the country.

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The Christian Church cannot simply distance itself from its pro-life brothers and sisters and think that the wrath of the world will not be placed upon them. By ignoring the unjust accusations and the persecution inflicted upon many of our pro-life brothers and sisters, we only hasten the same affliction upon ourselves. Remember that the world hates all Christians. We must "choose this day whom we will serve." We are called to "love the Lord our God with our whole heart, soul and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves." (Mark 12:29). If the innocent little babies are not our "neighbor" then at least our brothers and sisters are.

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"They'll know we are Christians by our love for one another." God is shaking and strengthening His Church. He is removing us from our "comfort zones" so he can perfect us for his service. It's true that we "wrestle not against flesh and blood," and that the world is not our "enemy." Our greatest enemy is our own apathy, and it is our apathy which will ultimately catch us by surprise by blinding us from seeing the dangers which await all Christians (not just those who have dared to confront the molests of our society) if things do not change real soon. ■

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