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Deadly Heresies Affecting American Churches -2

“The devil is not fighting religion. He’s too smart for that. He is producing a counterfeit Christianity, so much like the real one that good Christians are afraid to speak out against it. We are plainly told in Scriptures that in the last days men will not endure sound doctrine and will depart from the faith and heap to themselves teachers to tickle their ears. We live in an epidemic of this itch, and popular preachers have developed “ear-tickling” into a fine art.” - Vance Havner

Beware of The Mixed Multitude:

“And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children. And a mixed multitude **went up also with them**; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.” (Ex. 12:37-38; Num. 11:4). “And the mixed multitude that was among them fell a lusting and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, who shall give us flesh to eat?”

1. The “mixed multitude” went up the children of Israel. Which means these folk physically joined in with Israel.
2. The “mixed multitude” was at Mount Sinai, some 50 days after the Red Sea crossing.
3. The “mixed multitude” were present at the giving of the Law!
4. The “mixed multitude” influenced Israel to join them in lusting for the leeks, melons, garlic, onions and cucumbers of Egypt (Num. 11:5).

Who Were The Mixed Multitude?

We cannot identify with certainty this mixed multitude, they were obviously from different ethnic and national backgrounds. The word mixed indicates that they were not all of a single ethnic origin. We can safely assume they were black and yellow and red slaves the Egyptians had gathered in their conquests. Nevertheless, this “mixed multitude” reflects the “mixed multitude” in the church today. “For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith” (Heb. 4:2). They died in the wilderness like the unbelieving Israelites, missing the blessing of the Promised Land.

The Mixed Multitude In The Church:

The “mixed multitude” does indeed sound a clarion warning to the assembly today.

1. Hymenaeus – 1 Tim. 1:20 (Will blasphemy the work)
2. Alexander the coppersmith – 2 Tim. 4:14 (Will do evil to the leadership)
3. Demas – 1 Tim. 4:10 (Will leave the fellowship)
4. Diotrefes – 3 John 9 (Will seek the preeminence)

“Satan is not fighting churches; he is joining them. He does more harm by sowing tares than by pulling up wheat. He accomplishes more by imitation than by out-right opposition.” Vance Havner

The Equality Act And Its Impact On Bible-Believing Churches

What A Difference A Day Makes:

This new legislation supersedes **the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993**, which “prohibits any agency, department, or official of the United States... from substantially burdening a person’s exercise of religion.” This bill was sponsored by then-Representative and current Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) – passed the House and Senate almost unanimously and was signed into law by Democratic President Bill Clinton. Today, both stand in sharp opposition to it. Today, they are joined by the entire Democratic Party. **This Act will have no effect on progressive churches!**

The Equality Act Right Out Of Marxist Play-Book:

The new Leftist-Marxist movement has redefined the word “Equality” to coincide with Marxist “Equality of Outcome.” Stripped from the Marxist playbook of class warfare, equality of outcome has become their chief principle. “Society does not consist of individuals... “From each according to his abilities, to each according to his need.” “The last capitalist we hang shall be the one who sold us the rope.”

If The Equality Act Passes The Senate This is What Churches Are In Store For:

Churches will no longer be able to hire someone based upon their beliefs. What this means is that a church could not deny hiring someone because they are an Atheist or because they are gay or lesbian or they live a life contradictory to the church’s teachings. A church will still be able to insist that their ministers ascribe to their Statement of Faith. But if the minister comes out as gay or has sex-reassignment surgery or otherwise begins identifying as a woman, the church would be unable to remove him (or her).

2. Churches will not be allowed to segregate restrooms or locker rooms based upon sexual orientations. Parents should not have to sacrifice their children’s safety in order to attend school. Parents will be hard pressed to find schools where this is not happening.

3. Churches will be forced to obey the state’s public accommodation laws, meaning they must open women’s private changing areas and restrooms to biological men. If the church refuses, it would face crippling fines and even jail time.

4. Churches will be forced to rent out their facilities to gay weddings. Particularly, those churches that lease or make available buildings for events and functions.

5. Churches will not be able to enforce their doctrines about sexuality. The bill would also forbid churches as well as Christian Ministries and organizations from displaying LGBTQ literature. And much, much more!

“At the rate America is decaying morally, we shall have to change our national symbol from an eagle to a vulture.” - Vance Havner AMEN!!! kh