



Grace Bible Chapel

Lord's Day, October 25, 2020

Pastor Ken's Biblical Nuggets

God Is Still Looking For Men Who Will Stand In The Gap

Ezekiel 22:30

(Ken's Commentary: Social Justice – has it arrived at your church?)

The Lord Jesus Christ:

“But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive” (John 5:42-43). “I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death” (Revelation 1:18).

Matthew Poole's Commentary:

“I am come clothed with an authority from my Father, sent by Him for this very purpose, to reveal His will to men for their salvation; I speak, I do nothing but by the authority of my Father who sent me; nor do I aim at my own glory, but the glory of him that sent me; yet you give no credit to my words, nor embrace me, as him whom God hath sent for the Saviour of the world. If another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive; through the corruption of your hearts, and the just judgment of God, giving you up to strong delusions to believe lies. If any seducers come, without any authority from God, nor sent from Him, nor speaking His words, nor seeking His glory, or your good, you will readily enough receive them.”

Pulpit Commentary:

Christ did not profess to have come in his own name. He was not a mere evolution of humanity, or of Israel, or the House of David. He was the Only Begotten of the Father, born from above, sent down from heaven. They desired a king greater than Solomon, a prophet more terrible than Elijah. When he came with the real glory robes of the love of God, and with the majesty of the name of the Lord, there was widespread hatred, spite, disappointment and cruel rejection of his commission. The eagerness on the part of the Jews to find a Messiah has led them to accept to no fewer than 64 false Christs. However, the ultimate false Messiah is yet to come.

The Jewish Historian:

The Jewish historian, Josephus, records that a string of messianic pretenders arose in the years before A.D. 70. This verse (John 5:43) contrasts the Jewish rejection of their true Messiah because they did not love or know God. Jews are not known to have preserved the writings of Josephus perhaps because he was considered a traitor having given the Lord Jesus Christ credibility in his writing.

There Is Only One Just And Justifier:

The apostle Paul states: “To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just and the justifier of him who believeth in Jesus” (Ro. 3:26). This verse contains the substance of the good news of the gospel. The word “just” does not mean benevolent, or merciful, though it may sometimes in context have that meaning. But strictly speaking it refers to the fact that God had retained the integrity of his character as a moral God; because he had shown a due regard for his law, and to the penalty of the Law by his plan of salvation. Because should he forgive sinners without an atonement, justice would be sacrificed and abandoned. The Law would cease to have any terrors for the guilty, and it and its penalty would be nullified. Therefore, the only Holy One who decreed the penalty; “The soul that sinneth shall die” (Ezek. 18:20). He is the same Holy One who paid the penalty in full. “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit” (1 Peter 3:18). “For he made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Cor. 5:21).

The Social Gospel Gave Birth To The Social Justice Movement:

On October 22, 1995 – Cuban President Fidel Castro spoke to at Abyssinian Baptist Church on West 138th Street in Harlem, New York. When he arrived, about 45 minutes late he received a standing ovation and long chants of “Fidel! Fidel! Fidel!” He spoke for more than a hour. The invited guest filled each of the 1,300 seats and roared their approval on everything he said. Castro declared: “I’m a Christian in the sense of Social Justice”. He stated that “Christianity is all about Social Justice.” Upon which Pastor Calvin Butts led the congregation in a standing ovation.

Leading Practitioners of The Social Gospel And Social Justice:

Jesse Jackson: – the founder and President of the Rainbow Push Coalition, is one of America's foremost civil rights, religious and political leaders. Over the past 40 years, he has played a pivotal role in virtually every movement for gender equality and social justice. On Aug. 9, 2000, President Clinton awarded him President Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. He's a supporter of abortion and the LGBTQ agenda.

Al Sharpton: - is an internationally renowned civil rights leader, founder and President of the National Action Network, which has more than 100 chapters across the country. A disciple of Jesse Jackson. Sharpton is a supporter of abortion and the LGBTQ agenda. He preached his first sermon at the age of four. He was ordained at the age of ten. Sharpton is a champion for social justice and Liberation Theology. He is a divorcee.

Fuller Theological Seminary: - Fuller Theological Seminary was founded in 1947 by Charles E. Fuller, a radio evangelist known for his Old Fashioned Revival Hour. Today the staff and students are divided on Biblical inerrancy. The school is in full support of Black Lives Matter and has allowed a LGBTQ student club to organize on campus; called, “One Table” and became the first LGBTQ group within an evangelical seminary.