

# *"The Enemies of Christ"*

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In a man's scheme of things such as neighbors' feuds, friends' quarrels, sporting events, and even in all our contrived wars, there is always neutral ground, no-man's land, neutrality and one's right to remain so; but no so with Jesus Christ. To coin a vernacular, Christ came to "separate men from the boys," or as he put it, "the sheep from the goats."

The teachings from the bible in the first century and several of the succeeding ones, was, for the most part, different from what the "organized religions" espouse today! Just a simple perusing of both secular and ancient church history will quickly point these differences out to you. That is if you read about Christians being thrown into the arena of the coliseum in Rome along with the lions to provide sport for the Roman citizens; or if you follow them for three hundred-fifty years through the persecutions of the Roman emperors Nero, Marcus Aurelius, Diocletian, Decius and others until the conversion to Christianity of the emperor Constantine. If you do this, you may ask yourself, "what did these Christians of the First Century have that enabled them to make such extreme sacrifices as these, and in the end overcome the Roman Empire itself?"

Yes, a question such as this should bring forth some very interesting answers. It is obvious to me, and perhaps to you also, that most contemporary Christians, regardless of their so-called denomination, would not choose to be burned at the stake, boiled in oil, thrown to the lions, become slaves, or occupy deep dark, dank, dungeons rather than recant their belief in Jesus Christ. However, this is what the majority of the First Century Christians were willing to do, and in fact ...did do! There was a pop song entitled "Fifty Ways to Leave Your Lover;" but a corollary First Century song which might have also been a 'hit', would be "A Hundred And Fifty Ways To Kill A Christian."

To appreciate what our early Christian forefathers gave up in order for us to be able to freely worship the Lord today, you should get a book entitled, "Foxe's Book of Martyrs." It reads like a book of horrors. And all of them really happened! Every Christian should own this book, and read it alongside of their Bible.<sup>1</sup> They used to say, "All roads lead to Rome." But what history leaves out today is the fact that there were times when these beautiful highways were bordered with the heads of Christians impaled on stakes a foot apart on both sides of the road as far as the eye could see! Yes, no doubt about it - these early Christians would "lay down their lives for their friends," and their Lord. From where did this zeal for Christ come? Where did it go? Can you honestly say that you witness such zeal in the majority of Christians today? If not, what do you think caused it to diminish through the years?

It came from the teaching which runs throughout the New Testament and, which is rarely, if ever, taught in our 'organized' churches today. A prominent Baptist minister incorporated it into a service a few years ago, and the press came down on him like "Watergate." Even some of his fellow Baptists voted against him in many of the denomination's conventions. Yet, what he said was straight out of the Bible. What strange power is this that militates its strength against God's word (truth) and causes the person who had the audacity to preach it...to later apologize publicly for doing so? We can know that

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<sup>1</sup> In the early days of our Republic, this book was displayed alongside the Holy Bible in the majority of American homes.

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this preacher was preaching the truth because we are told in **II Timothy 3:12**, "*Yea, and all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*" We know too, that it is the preaching of all of the scriptures found in God's Word which brings about this persecution; yet we know in the **16<sup>th</sup> verse** of the same chapter that, "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and instruction in righteousness.*" (right standing with the Lord.)

What is this teaching that is plainly stated in the Bible and needs no interpretation: but is rarely preached or taught in our churches for fear of persecution? Are you ready? Well then let us go straight to the words of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ for this Biblical secret, which, in contemporary times, has seldom received the light of a church's lectern? In the book of **Matthew, 12:30**, Jesus is contending with the Pharisaic Jews telling them, "*He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.*" This teaching is again recorded in Luke, 11:23. In **Luke 9:50**, Jesus, in a superb teaching mode, tells the Apostle John to, "*...forbid him not for he that is not against us is for us.*" This same teaching is reiterated again in Mark 9:40.

### **THE UNTAUGHT DOCTRINE**

You might be asking at this point, why is this teaching so controversial? I will say to you that it is not what this says that is so controversial, it is what it doesn't say that is the great UNTAUGHT DOCTRINE OF CHRIST. When Jesus stated that a person was either for Him or against Him, what He said without saying, is that there is absolutely NO NEUTRALITY where he is concerned. YOU ARE EITHER FOR HIM...OR AGAINST HIM. This is one of the most powerful teachings in the entire Bible. It is when you take this teaching and apply it to certain unbelievers in our community or nation with whom it certainly and unequivocally fits...the persecution begins. Now if a believer in Jesus Christ is called a Christian, it would logically follow that a non-believer in Christ is not only a non-Christian; but according to Jesus...he is ANTI-CHRISTIAN! NOW, SIMPLY START PREACHING AND TEACHING this biblical truth, and you will soon learn, HOW ANTI-CHRISTIAN THESE NON-BELIEVING ANTI-CHRISTIANS CAN BE!

Since we have shown above that these scriptures are given to us by God, the Father, and are "profitable to us for doctrine," why then, have we not been taught this truth? Why is it not part of our Christian Doctrine? The reason is simple. The church is in an era of "go along to get along," and this teaching will separate the Christians from the non- (anti-) Christians. Instead of being taught the doctrine of NO NEUTRALITY, we are instead taught that many of these non-believers in Jesus Christ worship the same God, (Jehovah-the Father of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) that we do; the only difference being that they just do not accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah. But what does the Bible have to say about this? In the **second book of John**, we find the complete answer to this question. It speaks so plainly and succinctly to this completely erroneous position that we need no interpreter. With the exception of the 8<sup>th</sup> verse of the first chapter, I will quote from the **7-11 verses**, and will then slip in the 8<sup>th</sup> verse as a conclusion:

*"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist."  
"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.<sup>2</sup> He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the*

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<sup>2</sup> This is the scripture that got the above-mentioned Pastor in trouble with the press: he stated that prayers of non-Christians were not heard by God since they did not pray through Jesus Christ!

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*Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed (this means to wish him well) is a partaker of his evil deeds." "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward."*

Again these scriptures interpret themselves. They simply state that a person, who does not believe in Jesus Christ the Son, does not have God the Father; but if he believes in Jesus Christ then he has both the Son and the Father. NO SON...NO FATHER! It is as simple as that! These scriptures also tell us not to have any thing to do with these ANTI-CHRISTS. We are not even supposed to "have them in our house or wish them well." If we do, the Bible says that we "become a partaker in their evil deeds." How profound! How often have you been taught that you can lose a part of your heavenly reward? Well, this is exactly what verse 8 in the above quoted scripture tells us. Listen to what Harper's Bible Dictionary (1958) has to say about this scripture:

*"It issues a sharp warning against roving heretical teachers. (v.7) who were endangering Christian truth, not opposing it, but by preaching only certain aspects of it. These false teachers are not to be given hospitality."*

Here then, folks are the enemies of Christ. The unbelievers. You are either with Jesus...or against Jesus. It is very simple isn't it? No interpretation needed...No 'Bible scholars.' No 'Theologians!' WE ARE IN A WAR AND ABSOLUTELY NO ONE IS NEUTRAL.

Well, "GOD SAID IT ... I BELIEVE IT ... AND THAT SETTLES IT!" Right? I wish that it were that simple...but it is not. Unless you have ears to hear, and eyes to see," you will not get this message, and others of you who get it will say, "so what?" However, the Apostle **John** was so interested in you that he records a similar warning in the **first** of his three little books. In **Chapter 4, verse 2-3**, he cries out,

*"Hereby know ye the spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth not, that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is the spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come: and even now already is in the world."*

Herein, John is telling us to check every spirit to see if it confesses that Jesus Christ is come in this flesh; if it does not, then it is not of God, and is in fact the spirit of the antichrist. WE ARE TO LEAVE THESE SPIRITS ALONE!

So important is this teaching to our walk with Christ, and our Christian well being, that in **I John 2:22-23, and 26**, the Apostle further tells us:

*"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you."*

As this work shows, we have been seduced into believing that non-believers are the "Chosen race" Where the bible says that the "Chosen": were given "ears to hear and eyes to see" from the foundation

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of the world. Non-believers "denieth that Jesus is the Christ", therefore they do not have Jehovah-God. The race that God chose has to believe in him as he stated, "they will always be my people, and I will always be their God."

Christians have been lulled to sleep by their own sonorous pastors quoting from the beautiful Psalms, and who are afraid to preach against "the enemies of Christ." Yet, paradoxically, we still sing "Onward Christian Soldiers:" but this is only a remnant of the early Christian tradition since we are no longer told who the enemy is and where the battle is being fought. Is there any wonder we are loosing? We are told in the scriptures, "Not to unequally yoke ourselves with sinners," (unbelievers) and admonished not to even, "wish them well," and yet we support national organizations whose sole purpose is to unite unbelievers with believers. We are to be separate from the world! All of this "togetherness," and "hail fellow well met," which is continually being emitted from the T.V. sets and the pulpits across the land is completely unscriptural, and is the cause of Christian zeal becoming as rare in America today as the buffalo.

Perhaps some of you may think that this is a radical position to take. It is; but I would say to you that the Bible itself is radical, and Jesus Christ, who is supposed to be our leader, was the most radical person of his day and in fact, all time. It was certainly not timid Christians who conquered Rome and the British Isles for Christ. Jesus knew who his enemies were and what did he do about it? He personally went into the Temple, looked the Pharisaical Jews in their eyes, and called them "a generation of vipers," and told them that their "father was the devil." The early Christians had this same zeal for the Lord and his word. That is why Peter could deny him three times and then preach so strongly that he ended up being crucified upside down. All of the Apostles, except John and Judas Iscariot were killed by unbelievers, and such was the case for millions of believers down through the ages. You see, it is the non-believers who are the enemies of Christ. He said so himself! "You are either for me, or against me."

### **Who Killed Christ?**

Regardless of what is said to the contrary today about who was responsible for the Crucifixion of Christ, the Bible tells us plainly that the church leadership put him to death. The fifth chapter of Matthew states the Pharisees (church leaders) were censured by Christ. In Matthew 9:34, Mark 2:18, Luke 5:30...and countless other verses of the New Testament we find Christ controverting with them. Matthew 12:14, and Mark 3:6 we find the Pharisees plotting to do away with their nemesis, Jesus Christ. Finally, in John 5:32, they send officers out to seize him. Jesus is then taken to their ecclesiastical court and is shuffled from one authority to another. They soon realize that a death sentence cannot be meted out by their body since they are under civil authority of Rome. Therefore, they send the prisoner (Jesus Christ) to Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor and pressured him to Find Christ guilty of something, and pronounce the death sentence upon Him. This was finally done, and the Lord was hung "upon the tree." Of course, this was prophesied in the Old Testament, and had to be done or Jesus would not have been the Messiah and the Jews would have been right.

Yes, early Christianity and Christians were radical. Feeling strongly enough about something to die for, certainly is radical. I met such a person recently. He was handsome, quiet mannered, and most sincere. He told me about the government's attempt to enforce school bussing in the neighborhood school where his young daughter attended. She was to be bussed across town to a "less privileged" school. This young man looked me in the eye and calmly stated, "I got up early that morning, and got ready for work. I strapped on my pistol, and kissed my wife goodbye. I told her; today I am going to

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die. I am not going to let them take our daughter away from our neighborhood school. Joe, (a neighbor, friend and parent) is prepared to die with me. He too, is taking his gun. Bill, he continued, "I was never more serious in my life. It was this dedication, however, that won the battle for us, and our daughters were never bussed."

Folks, I was impressed with this man's testimony, as you can see, and I lived it vicariously as he related it to me. It was Patrick Henry's, "give me liberty, or give me death," and Nathan Hale's, "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country," that obtained our freedom to live and worship freely. Fence straddlers have never stirred up anyone. Timid people never change a thing. Jesus was no fence straddler. He mounted no pabulum pulpit. He uttered no "social gospel." He went straightway into the Temple which was then a "den of thieves" ... platted a cat o' nine tails, and physically whipped the "thieves" ... overturned their tables ... and cleared the Temple area of riffraff. Time and time again, he returned to the "den" to contend with the clergy. He called them, "a generation of vipers...hypocrites," and told them in no uncertain terms that they were, "not of God," "not his sheep," and that their "father was the devil." Have you ever heard a sermon like this? I'll bet not! Wonder what it will take to get our church leadership mad enough to fight? They seem to like to fight over who controls their denomination's church organization but most won't fight for Christ. Our children are being stolen away for porn movies, sex, sacrifice for devil worshipers. Blood banks are murdering innocent people with Aids. Dope is destroying both our children and our country. Network TV continually ridicules Christians, Christian values (family, home, and God) and the organized church supports it, <sup>3</sup> millions of babies are killed through legal abortions. Sex education, along with condoms are passed out in public schools. Teen-age pregnancies are rampant as is teen-age suicide, freeway killer-gangs control the streets in our neighborhoods – teachers fear of being assaulted, guards in the halls of our "fenced schools" – dogs sniff out dope in our children's lockers – "white collar" criminals get away with stealing billions from our savings and Loans, etc. One wonder what Sodom and Gomorrah were like that caused God to remove them from the face of the earth? Yet our preachers have done little condemnation of the "antichristians" who have mounted these attacks on our Christian communities.

The country is literally collapsing around us and our "establishment" churches build entertainment parks, cathedrals in the sky, drive-inn quickie churches, more auditorium space, hold revivals featuring the "Power Team for Christ" (muscle men), "the man who plays the piano for Christ," solos, duets, trios, quartets, and entire traveling choirs ... and on and on! No wonder we are loosing! Gimmicks won't win the war! Folks, we do not need any more entertainment. The world is the entertainment Mecca, and we get enough of it as it is. What we need is some hard preaching. The kind that Jesus Christ did in the Temples of Judea. The kind that got Him crucified. Do we hear preaching like this? No! We hear sermons with "two points and a poem," usually written out and read from the pulpit. They do not "stir up" anyone. Their prayers are "around the world" prayers. This is what the young people called prayers of our preacher at a church I belonged to for many years. He would pray for our armed servicemen, our foreign missionaries, our President, the people who were there, the people who were not there, the United Nations, etc. etc. What does the Bible say about this?

**Matthew 5:5-6** Jesus is teaching, *"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say*

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<sup>3</sup> See the Tavern Tithe

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*unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."*

Tell me friends, what is the difference between Pharisees "standing in the churches praying, to be seen of men," and our preachers today, "standing in the churches praying, to be seen and heard of men?" The Bible says they have their reward! If you are asking "how we can know when they are standing praying, to be seen and heard of men?" The answer is simple. Please bear in mind that our God, Jehovah is all seeing and all knowing. Therefore, when a preacher prays supposedly to our God, and makes such a statement as, "God, you know we are a humble people, and we love you with all our hearts," since God already knows our hearts, and the preacher acknowledges it, you know the statements must be for the audiences' benefit ... not God's. A sincere prayer should be a petition. We petition God for the desires of our hearts. We do not tell God anything ... he already knows it. I have heard many sermons preached while a preacher is supposed to be praying, and so have you. The teaching of Jesus to pray in secret is given us, to prevent this very thing from happening. God is not going to honor prayers such as these. He says so in the above quoted scriptures. The only prayers needed in church are congregational where everyone prays simultaneously.

The early Christians "esprit de corps", I believe, was somewhat like our early pioneer life. It was hard to be a Christian. It was hard to be a pioneer. Danger lurked at every corner. For the Christian it was the Emperors Nero and Domitian; for the pioneer it was the Indian, wild animals, or the elements. But in addition to the dangers, there was something else in their defensive armaments which we do not have today. I am thoroughly convinced that their "gospel" was somewhat different from ours. It was a hard gospel. It taught that Jesus said, "Ye are either for me or against me." They knew that there were no "neutrals" in this battle for men's souls. By understanding this doctrine, it was easy to know who the enemy was and they dealt with them. History reveals how this was accomplished. Early Christians were taught not to even associate with non-believers, because to do so makes you, "a partaker of their evil deeds." Hard words these; but they are all found in your Bible, and have been quoted elsewhere in this chapter. Our preachers today spend their time making trips to the holy land and come back preaching "togetherness" and founding organizations to get their believing together with non-believing "anti-Christ".

"Jesus gave his disciples a glimpse of the Kingdom of Heaven and who would get there. He told them that all nations (people) would be gathered at his feet, and that he would separate his "sheep" from the goats." The sheep would be "placed on his right, and the goats on his left." The sheep on the right would go to "everlasting" life in the Kingdom of Heaven, but the goats would be cast into the "everlasting" flames. Now what do you suppose the determining factor is as to whether one received everlasting fire, or everlasting life? Here is what the Saviour said:

### **Matthew 25:34-40:**

*"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*

*For I was hungry, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:*

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*Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.*

*Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink?*

*When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? Or naked, and clothed thee?*

*Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?*

*And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren,<sup>4</sup> ye have done it unto me."*

We have already seen what happened to those (goats) who did not do these things for the brethren! One would assume that if one were a Christian that he would wish to please the Saviour. Well, are you a Christian? Do you want to please the Saviour? It is easy to know whether you are pleasing him or not. Are you doing these things, which he said he required of you? When Christ separates "the sheep from the goats," do you want to be one the right of the Saviour, or on his left?

The enemies of Christ do not do these things. There is an amazing discovery of mine since I have been writing this book. There are no international charitable organizations in the world outside of western Christian countries. You see, you become like Christ when you have compassion to respond to the needs of others! Only Christians do it. Non-Christians are anti-Christ ... and therefore, they do not do these things. Christianity is a hard religion. It is not Hart, Schafner, and Marx suits, Christian Dior dresses, and Eves St. Layrante parfume and cologne. It is not pipe organs, baby grande pianos, and red-carpeted aisles! Listen ... listen to Jesus ... our leader:

**Matthew 10:34-36:** *"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household."*

Pure Christianity (the whole word) is divisive, it segregates the believers from the non-believers not unites together- no multi-culturism, how many sermons have you heard preached like this in our pleasure palace churches? Probably none, because if they were preached, it wouldn't be long before there would not be enough attendance to fill the first few rows, much less pay for all of the refinements. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on an ass, not a chariot and six horses. Remember, Jesus said, "You are either for me or against me." There is no neutrality! Look at the non-believers and see if they are neutral. Is Madelyn Murray O'Hare neutral? Absolutely not! Through their aggressive anti-Christian actions our children can no longer pray in our schools, which, for the most part, were built with taxes collected from Christians. Though the aggressive actions of non-Christians many of the Christmas programs in our

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<sup>4</sup> See Acts 15:23 to find out who the "brethren" are!

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schools and public buildings have been ditched. Christian crosses are removed from public parks, and Nativity scenes from public properties. During the past few months a judge ruled that we can't offer a prayer at a football game. Soon there will be no prayers at any sporting event. These actions, all of them, are performed against Christ and Christians, by ANTI-CHRISTIANS. Neutrality did not get these things accomplished! Christ has practically been x-ed out of Christmas (XMAS), and "Jeeesus Charrist man," "Charrist" and "Jeese Guys," are all favorite expletives of the Un-neutral crowd, and are always prominent in our un-neutral movies and television.

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The un-neutral crowd has gained control of our country's communications media over the past several decades. They own the transmitters and we have paid for our receivers (T.V. screens) thus in practically every home in America, we are being visually educated against Jesus Christ... the Christian religion ... Christian values of family ... home ... country ... honesty ... and industry ... which were once the hallmarks of our Christian society! There is hardly a program, which does not glorify at least one or more of the following:

1. Singles living together. (fornication – a sin)
2. Sex between same sex. (Homosexual ... forbidden in Bible – a sin)
3. Pitting children against parents. (Does not honor parents – a sin)
4. Children calling adults, including parents, by the given names. (Does not honor, or respect authority – a sin)
5. Sex outside of marriage. (adultery – a sin)
6. Create a disdain for the law and lawmen. (shows which portray policemen as stupid ... and private eyes, etc. as having all the answers.)
7. Make outlaws into heroes whereby young people emulate them. (Jesse James, Clyde Barrow, Bonnie Parker, etc. – robbing and stealing – a sin)
8. Filthy, un-Christian language. (The filthy will not enter into heaven.)
9. Make it humorous and fun to break the law. (Dukes of Hazard, etc.)
10. Nudity is in and modesty is out. (against entire teaching of Bible.)
11. Flesh to flesh bedroom scenes. (Creates lust ... anti Bible)
12. Lord's name used in vain. (Explained above)
13. Prostitution glorified ... (This has been going on since the days of western saloons to the "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas.")
14. Devil worship promoted by excellent news coverage.
15. Racial hatred is continually promoted. (Blacks are the good guys and whites are bad.)<sup>5</sup>

The list goes on and on. These are the programs, which are brought into our homes by the un-neutral, non-believers in Jesus Christ. "THEY ARE EITHER FOR HIM OR AGAINST HIM." It is obvious that these programs, which are carefully screened and edited, cut, spliced, etc., before they are run on primetime, are written and produced by ANTI\_CHRISTIANS. Who but anti-Christians could produce a blasphemy such as "Blazing Saddles," and "The Last Temptation of Christ?"<sup>6</sup>

These are the programs, which proceed and follow the Church Services, Crusades, etc., which are offered up over these same networks, and on our same visual receivers by the religious

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<sup>5</sup> Up until modern era "white" was the same as good. The opposite is true today!

<sup>6</sup> Ask how many sermons they've heard against T.V. these evils. Recite story of Bro. Harvey & X-rated movies.)



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establishment. Through our support of these "Christian" television ministries and services, programmed on non-Christian networks, we are giving aid and comfort to the enemies of Christ. Instead of being "blessed," we are being punished by God for this abomination!<sup>7</sup>

In order to help you further see and understand the position taken here regarding T.V. and why we should combat it rather than support it, reference "the Tavern Tithe" sermon on this website.

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<sup>7</sup> Send for our booklet "The Covenant."

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