

# WHY JUDGMENT BEGINS

*"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? 1 Peter 4:17*

If you think about it, Peter was the perfect Apostle to send us the message above. He had been there that day when judgment first began with the house of God. In fact, it was Peter himself who preached the sermon that was the beginning of judgment.

Peter cast his eyes over the crowd like the huge net he cast so effortlessly and gracefully into the sea. He pulled the netted people toward him and began to speak. After only a few minutes of words that came from a place far beyond this world of space and time, and yet, strangely not beyond at all, Peter concluded, "Therefore, let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Scripture tells us that, "When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart..." Acts 2

## CUT TO THE HEART

Was there anyone in that crowd who had actually thrust the sword in Jesus' side? Was there one there who had actually hammered the spikes into his wrists? One who had jammed the crown of thorns on his head? One who had slapped him, or had spit upon him, or cursed or mocked him as he hung on the cross?

Possibly, but it is doubtful. Chances are no one in that crowd could be convicted in a court of law for crucifying Jesus. Yet, still, there they were: cut to their hearts when Peter accused them.

Why?

The answer is easy: They all shared in the corporate sin that crucified Jesus Christ. In spite of every device that normally operates to keep corporate sin far from consciousness and conscience, they were convicted by Peter's words. All those words that are quick to spring to mind in the face of accusations of heinous crime—"He's not talking about me!" "I didn't do anything!" "Everybody was doing it!" "Who does he think he is to judge me?!"—simply were incapable of resisting Peter's words. They were cut to their hearts because Peter's accusation was sharper than a double-edged sword, able to pierce directly to their exposed corporate conscience that already knew they crucified the Lord of Glory.

But make no mistake about it, it took a miracle for Judgment to begin.

What happened that day Peter spoke was an authentic miracle because virtually everything—the world, the flesh and the devil—is constantly on guard and willing to commit all available resources to prevent judgment of sin from gaining access into the consciousness, the conscience, or the heart of man.

Corporate sin is the hardest sin in the world to expose precisely because it is corporate. To say everybody is doing it is not an empty excuse. Everybody *is* doing it. The whole world is engaged in corporate sin. When the entire corporate body has embraced sin, who is there with the power to break through all the walls and insulation erected by the power of the corporate body?

Only One: God. God must come into the midst of the crowd and speak. Then and only then will the people

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be cut to their hearts and only then will unconfessed corporate sin be exposed. That's why Peter spoke into being a miracle that day Judgment began with the house of God.

#### **EVERYBODY KNOWS THE HEALING FORMULA**

Every Christian above the age of ten has heard the formulae for healing our land, and for healing our nation, and for healing our generation, intoned with the sonorous practiced pulpit tones, "If my people who are called by my name..."

The formula doesn't work today because it contains a qualifying clause that must be met before the formula will produce its promised reaction.

**"If my people who are called by my name...will turn from their wicked ways..."**

It is impossible to turn from "wicked ways" until wicked ways have been acknowledged.

#### **CORPORATE SIN HAS ENSLAVED US ALL**

The god of this world has blinded the eyes of the unbelievers we are told, and this is why the unbelievers cannot see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Corporate sin is what happens when an entire group of people becomes blinded. Christian corporate sin is the most dangerous kind of corporate sin in the universe because judgment begins with the household of God. If the household of God refuses to allow judgment to occur because of unconfessed corporate sin, then the entire world will remain in bondage to sin until the household of God has been delivered from corporate sin. The purpose of this magazine is to expose the corporate sin in the house of God that prevents the healing formula from being applied in our nation today.

#### **THE CORPORATE SIN DEFINED**

As a Christian you are trying to demonstrate to people around you that you live your life in harmony with Christian principles. Oh, you are quick to admit that you never fulfill those principles perfectly, but you still do everything in your power to give the impression that you are striving mightily to live in accord with the Christian principles.

And you are not alone. In fact, literally every Christian layperson, Christian teacher, Christian pastor, Christian anything defines their lives around their commitment to adhere to Christian principles.

But if the Christian principles that we reveal through our actions are not actually the principles taught by Jesus Christ, the god we reveal is not the God of the Bible. To reveal any other god is exactly like we created an idol and held it up to the world as God.

And that is exactly what is happening. Judgment begins now because the god we orthodox Christians are revealing to the world is not the God of the Bible. Judgment begins because not a day passes in the USA without our collaborating with the utter desecration and ravishing of the first and foremost of all Christians principles: "...as you did it unto the least of these my brethren, you did it unto me." Matthew 25 ff..

How do I know this? I'm a idolater just like you. Every time I read Paul's message to the Romans I cringe: "

2:21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?

23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?

24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you..."

Can you now begin to see how we Christians have been leading people into a state of confusion?

#### **We Christians Have Confused People About the Will of God and the Love of God**

If we think about it, it is no exaggeration to say that legalized abortion is the clearest imaginable violation of the Will of God.

According to Holy Scripture and everything that has been understood by two thousand years of Christian teaching, it is God's Will that is responsible for the creation of an unborn baby. In other words, it is the decision of God to conceive and create a baby that is behind the entire birth phenomenon.

If we grant that this is true, then legalized abortion is a direct contradiction of the Will of God. In legalized abortion, God's Will is violated, overturned and ultimately desecrated on a matter of life and death of one who the Bible defines as created in the image of God. Yet for a generation the huge majority of Christians have responded to legalized abortion as if it were simply another political issue, not a political disagreement designed to define the meaning of the Will of God in this generation. And we have done that because our Christian leaders have told us to do that.

Since the point I am trying to make has gone unseen by most Christians in this nation for over a generation, I will belabor the point to make sure you have ample opportunity to grasp it.

Every Christian defines them self as committed to serving and fulfilling the Will of God. Every Christian knows they cannot be a Christian without being committed to obeying and defending the Will of God. Yet by tolerating and collaborating with legalized abortion, we make it look like the Will of God can be violated indefinitely without fear of untoward consequences sufficient to move us to extreme resistance.

Can you see what I am talking about? We pray "thy Will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Everything we do is supposed to be designed to conform to the Will of God. Yet we justify standing impotently by as people go to slaughter God's children with the express consent of the government of the USA and through it, we the people of the USA. Our response is to mouth words of warning to a nation that has decreed the abolition of the Will of God.

Instead of helping people fear the God whose Will is being violated, we are making that God look like He is a patsy whose Will can be violated with impunity?

The Will of God is clearly being mocked. But what about the Love of God?

Have you ever told anyone that God loves the unborn babies being

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legally slaughtered in the USA and the rest of the world? Then you must understand your present tolerance of the ongoing slaughter of God's children is confusing the world about the God you claim to serve. In fact, everyone that is a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ must understand that we Christians in this generation have totally confused people about the meaning of God's love. How? Every day that has passed with us Christians standing impotently on the sidelines as thousands of God's unborn children were legally slaughtered in the USA has given the world the impression that God wants His people to tolerate legalized abortion. The meaning of that message is clear: if God wants *His people* to tolerate the slaughter of His children, God *Himself* must tolerate that slaughter as well.

But that is a false image of God—it is idolatry. The real God has never, does not now, nor will He ever tolerate the unjustified slaughter of His children. Sooner or later, one way or the other, He will arrest and punish such lawbreakers. And that's the truth about God.

But you can't tell that truth by looking at the actions of most Christians in this generation. Through our benign collaboration with the government of the USA, we have made it look like God loves the laws of this nation—laws that justify the slaughter of His children without affording them due process of law—more than He loves His own children. No wonder this nation is confused about God and the love of God; His people certainly have been. Through our collaboration with the legalization of abortion, our actions have created an image of God that is totally alien to the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We have made our Heavenly Father look like He loves the laws of the USA that He didn't make more than He loves the lives of His children He did make. Confusing the image of God in this way is idolatry pure and simple.

God knows that every Christian in this nation who is not presently in prison for resisting legalized abortion has committed idolatry. God knows this, and the world knows it as well. The world understands that our collaboration with legalized abortion is idolatry that has us worshipping the same god the world worships.

The world knows legalized abortion could not continue for long unless all us "christians" continued to send our taxes to this "government" that has decreed the abolition of the Will of God. The world knows the government itself would be made powerless without the active and continuing support of the "christian" citizens of this nation. And right there is our collaboration. Through continuing to support this governmental system even though the system itself has become committed to being a perverted mockery of God's plan for government, we make it look like God loves this confused and perverted government more than He loves the lives of the least of these His brethren.

What a horrible and macabre and perverted and distorted travesty and mockery of the One, True God this is! The real God loves the unborn just as much as He loves you and I. And the only reason God loves government is it is His institution designed to restrain evil and protect the lives of all His children. If you don't

understand that, you simply haven't read the Declaration of Independence, much less the Holy Scripture.

The fact that this generation of Christians stands by and tolerates the unjustified slaughter of people God has created in His own image must be seen to be what it is: one of the most confusing and heinous lessons ever taught to the world by the Church of God in Christ.

Rest assured this will stop, for God will not be mocked. It will stop because to allow it to continue will prove to the world that the God of the Bible is not "out there."

I write the words you now read because I know that God, the God revealed in Holy Scripture and in Christ Jesus, is real. I see these words as words of personal confession of the collaboration in the desecration of God's authority I have participated in throughout most of my life. These words, when expressed, invoke one of the most wonderful Christian principles found in the entire Bible: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

If you will take the time to read the remainder of this magazine, hopefully you will see here allies who, like yourself, are determined to remove God's people from this continuing state of idolatry...or die trying. If your conscience has not already become seared by your continuing collaboration with idolatry, if you have not already totally abandoned yourself to the fears and lusts of the flesh, if you have not already been totally deceived by the wiles of Satan and the temptations of this world, you will make it a priority to help us find a solution to our continuing hypocrisy and intercourse with idolatry.

Don't you think it's time you did something that actually had the power to arrest this desecration? The Jesus that Paul knew, the Jesus that Peter knew, the Jesus that I know, deserves nothing less. How about the Jesus that you know?

That's what this magazine is here for: to give those of us who are determined to abolish legalized abortion or die trying a place where we can pool our ideas, encourage each other, and most especially get a clear idea about who is out there, where they're at and what they're willing to do to abolish abortion.

**Won't you please subscribe today?** Details are on the back cover. Let us know who you are, and, most especially, let everybody you think might be an abortion abolitionist know about this new thing the Lord is doing. END



**When will we see?**