

# Sheep Don't Hang with Goats in the Church

Part 1 *Avoiding distorted church attenders*, 2 Timothy 3:1-5 Chris Mueller 11-25-2018

## Introduction:

**1 Corinthians 6:9** Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be **deceived**; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, **10** nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, **will inherit the kingdom of God.** **11** Such **were** some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

**Galatians 5:19** Now the deeds of the flesh are **evident**, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, **20** idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, **21** envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that **those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

**Ephesians 5:5** For this you know with **certainty**, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an **inheritance in the kingdom of Christ** and God. **6** Let no one **deceive** you with empty words, ...

**2 Timothy 3:1-5** **1** But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. **2** For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, **3** unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, **4** treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **5** holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

## #1 Be aware of growing D \_\_\_\_\_ in the Church <sup>1</sup>

**1** But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come

**1<sup>st</sup> D** \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge <sup>1a</sup>

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**2<sup>nd</sup> D** \_\_\_\_\_ plan <sup>1b</sup>

that in the last days

**Hebrews 1:1-2** God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

**Joel 2:28, Acts 2:16-17** this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: 'And it shall be in the last days,' God says, 'That I will pour forth of My Spirit upon all mankind.'

**1 John 2:18** it is the last hour, and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour.

**3<sup>rd</sup> D** \_\_\_\_\_ seasons <sup>1c</sup>

difficult times will come

## #2 Watch out for dangerous D in church attenders

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Bad \_\_\_\_\_

2a For men will be lovers of self

2b lovers of money

Matthew 6:21 *where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*  
2 Thessalonians 3:10b *if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.*  
1 Timothy 6:8 *If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.*  
1 Timothy 6:9 *...to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

3a unloving

4d lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sick **ARROGANCE**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Harsh **ONSLAUGHTS**  
4<sup>th</sup> Heart **ANIMOSITY**  
5<sup>th</sup> Religious **EMPTINESS**

### Take home

A. Sheep pursue \_\_\_\_\_ God and others

1 John 4:8 *The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*  
1 John 4:20 *If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.*

B. Sheep share with goats and love the goats, but don't \_\_\_\_\_ with goats

Jude 21 *keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. 22 And have mercy on some, who are doubting; 23 save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.*

C. Sheep know not to fully trust the flock, but know they can fully trust the \_\_\_\_\_

John 10:14 *I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,*  
27 *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.*

D. Sheep know they can't love like Christ unless they are \_\_\_\_\_ Christ

### QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Is this passage describing Christians, church attenders, or non-believers? How do you know?
2. How is this passage connected to the end of Chapter two and the rest of Chapter three?
3. When are the LAST DAYS, and why will they be increasingly difficult for genuine believers?
4. Why are bad forms of love repeatedly talked about and described in verses 1-5?
5. How do you see believers struggle with self-love, money love, lack of natural affection, and love of pleasure?
6. How should genuine Christ-followers demonstrate love for God and love for others?
7. What steps will you take in order to grow in love with Christ in coming weeks?