

July 12, 2020

**The Role of the church in this time of
opportunity; COVID-19, racial unrest and
political upheaval!**

"What is going on in the "Evangelical" church?"

Introduction

Last week

***Micah 6:8 (ESV) He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?***

In the midst of the virus, racial unrest, political
upheaval what should the church be doing?

Do what is good

Love justice, look at the justice is being done

Love being kind, work hard on loving one another

Humble ourselves and take low

Times when I must be a prophetic voice

Times when most on either side are listening to only
biased news

This is that time

Confess our known and willful sin

Be concerned and interested in what is happening

Be compassionate toward those who are hurting

Care for those that are hurting

There will be a time for teaching and growing

Today...

What is going on in the "Evangelical" church?

The enemy is out to eradicate from society not a
"god" but the God of the Bible

In order to do that they will have to get rid of this
"God's Holy Word" the "Ancient Word"

The Battle has been and is on going

They burned men at the stake for publishing even pieces of the Bible

There has been a constant attack on the accuracy of the Bible, calling it the Bible but claiming it to be full of error

We continue to fight a relentless attack on the Bible
Good intentioned men cave in every day (with their attempt to align the Bible with "modern" science, in their attempt to please men rather than God, in their failed attempt to be politically correct)

Let me give you an example of the "attempt" to be politically correct, LBGTQA+)

There is an attack on the first 11 chapters of Genesis and the order established there

Race-Evolution and many "races"

Role of women-They are not only created equal spiritually but they are "to be equal in every role"

Sexuality-God made a mistake when He made them biologically male and female (article in today's packet)

Now we are in the midst of fighting the battle for the "sufficiency" of the Word of God

Inerrancy

Sufficiency

Today I pray that we might see that giving in to agreeing that we need other resources to solve these complex issues is saying that what is God's completed and finished Word is not sufficient
Is the Bible sufficient to deal with the complex issues of the day?

Racism-the disdain and hatred of a people because of their being part of another "peoples group"

Misogyny-the oppression, disdain of women for who they are
Homophobia-judging a person because of their sexual orientation

So what does the Word of God say?

1. The Bible is sufficient
2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV) All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work (situation).
2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV) Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.
2. The problem is sin (wickedness)
Genesis 6:5 (ESV) The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
3. The problem is in here not out here
Mark 7:20-23 (ESV) And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. 21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

4. The problem is not to fix the out here but fix the in here

John 3:1-8 (ESV) Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

5. So what does the Bible say?

See 2 Timothy above

Colossians 2:8 (ESV) See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

Summary

All of this goes back to the title of the message:

"What is going on in the "Evangelical" church?"

There is a move toward the "church" believing we need other help in dealing with these complex issues

Riches and Poverty! (J.C. Ryle, "Riches and Poverty!")

Many in every age have disturbed society by stirring up the poor against the rich. But so long as the world is under the present order of things, universal equality cannot be attained.

So long as . . .

some are wise, and some are foolish;
some are strong, and some are weak;
some are healthy, and some are diseased;

so long as children reap the fruit of their parent's misconduct;

so long as sun, and rain, and heat, and cold, and wind, and waves, and drought, and blight, and storm, and tempest are beyond man's control--so long will there be inequality in this world.

Take all the property in England by force this day, and divide it equally among the inhabitants. Give every person over twenty years old an equal portion. Let all share alike, and begin the world over again. Do this, and see where you would be at the end of fifty years. You would just have come round to the point where you began! You would just find things as unequal as before!

Some would have worked--and some would have been lazy;

some would have been always careless--and some always scheming;

some would have sold--and others would have bought;

some would have wasted--and others would have saved.

And the end would be that some would be rich--and others would be poor.

We might as well say . . .

that all people ought to be of the same height, weight, strength, and cleverness;

or that all oak trees ought to be of the same shape and size;

or that all blades of grass ought to be of the same length

--as that all people were meant to be equal.

Settle it in your mind that the main cause of all the suffering you see around you, is sin. Sin is the grand cause . . .

of the enormous luxury of the rich--and the painful degradation of the poor;

of the heartless selfishness of the highest classes--and the helpless poverty of the lowest.

Sin must be first cast out of the world;

the hearts of all people must be renewed and sanctified;

the devil must be bound;

the Prince of Peace must come down and take His great power and reign

--all this must be before there ever can be universal happiness, or the gulf be filled up which now divides the rich and poor.

Beware of expecting a millennium to be brought about . . .
by any method of government,
by any system of education,
or by any political party.

Labor to do good to all men; pity your poorer brethren,
and help every reasonable endeavor to raise them from their low estate. Do not slacken your hand from any endeavor . . .

to increase knowledge,
to promote morality,
to improve the temporal condition of the poor.

But never, never forget . . .
that you live in a fallen world,
that sin is all around you,
and that the devil is abroad.

David Lane-American Renewal Project

There are grim challenges ahead for America, for the worst of the fight for liberty is far from over. As Winston Churchill warned in his 1942 Second Battle of El Alamein speech, "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

Instead of building Jesus' ekklesia, as called for in Matthew 16:18, during the 20th century American Christianity devoted itself fully to cobbling together a model all its own - a Sunday-best social gathering complete with rock stars, celebrities, big buildings, CEOs, Christian radio, television, publishing, and other feel-good messages.

As a consequence, secularists have seized control of the spiritual, intellectual, educational, economical, and vocational levers of power and influence in America. What's now happening is spiritual, as American propagandists wrap lawlessness in American cities in plain brown paper, proving every bit as deceitful and politically motivated as were Russian newspapers Pravda ["Truth"] and Izvestiya ["News"] in whitewashing the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

Certain patterns can be observed throughout history. Vying for ideological supremacy and control of resources, like for instance Marxists fronts such as Antifa and Black Lives Matter do, is nothing new. What ultimately will be in the crosshairs is religion.

Fulton J. Sheen [1895-1979] was an American Roman Catholic bishop [later archbishop] known as both a "master preacher" and a radio/TV personality, famed for his motivational quotes. Father Sheen's Life Is Worth Living prime-time television program "drew more than 10 million viewers a week, becoming the most widely viewed religious series in television history. The priest won the 1952 Emmy for Most Outstanding Personality [beating out, among others, Lucille Ball and Edward R. Murrow]. A poll of radio and television editors named Bishop Sheen TV's Man of the Year."

By April 1952, Father Sheen appeared on the cover of Time and visited President Dwight Eisenhower in the Oval Office. Years earlier, in 1937, Father Sheen had exhibited his discernment and ability to see things before they occur. In March of that year he warned of a possible alliance between the two devils of Nazism and Communism, "the brown one and the red one," which were in the process of deciding whether they could "find common ground in their joint hatred of good and God."

With that as background, it is no surprise that Antifa and Black Lives Matter wholeheartedly embrace identity politics in the form of transgenderism, homosexuality, abortion, elimination of the nuclear family, and elevation of victimhood, in addition to a supplementary diversity of iniquities and depravities. Since both organizations are unable to sell their ideas through free speech and honest elections, their insurgency requires an overlay of censorship, intimidation, threats, coercion, violence, and terror.

No watchful observer will deem Antifa or Black Lives Matter to be a reflection of the spirit of Christ. Instead, both resemble the slithering venomous serpent.

If culture is the public manifestation of a nation's religion, as Joseph Boot argues, then militant secularism manifests bestial nihilism, with lying, murder, burning, looting, destruction of property and historical relics as inherent to its very nature.

American Christendom has only itself to thank for this. Christians shied away from the biblical responsibility to be the Salt and Light in society. By abandoning the marketplace, American Christianity turned civil government - the making, enforcement, and adjudication of laws - over to Satan and his secular henchmen.

The Founders understood that virtue and liberty are inseparably linked, and that liberty cannot long be maintained in the absence of a biblically virtuous people and their high-principled representatives.

Unless the current crisis serves as a wakeup call to the Church in America, resulting in a complete overhaul of secularized public inculcation, electing another politician with an "R" behind his or her name won't make much difference, since the upper tributaries of culture deeply impact downstream politics.

Over the last three generations America's youth have been duped, disciplined, proselytized, persuaded and indoctrinated by public education bureaucrats in the paltry splendor of secularism. "Man is innately good," they declare, guns are to blame for killing, unintended pregnancies are due to failed contraception [instead of

human behavior], looting, burning American cities and mob rule are President Trump's fault. Deception and deceit are the order of the day in contemporary America.

To state once again the obvious: less than half of Evangelical and Pro-Life Catholic Christians would describe President Donald J. Trump as "godly" or "moral," implying that his strength with Christians does not come from displaying saintly behavior, but from their view of Trump as a fortification against a culture that they feel is increasingly hostile to them and their values.

Which brings us to Joshua, Chapter 9, and the deception of the Gibeonites, as described by Arthur W. Pink: "That which is recorded in Joshua 9:1 and 2 should be of real practical value unto those who are engaged in fighting the good fight of faith." The Gibeonite deception with the stale bread and worn out shoes "illustrates the dual character in which Satan opposes the people of God and the methods he employs therein - as the roaring lion seeking to devour, as the subtle serpent using deceit."⁴

Joshua 9:9 recounts the indictment against God's people: "Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions, but they did not ask counsel of the Lord ..." For this reason we call for prayer, fasting, and repentance for our nation and leaders next Sunday, July 12, 2020, and to identify what's going on in America.

Which brings us to the matter of COVID-19. While mainstream media reports of increased "cases" are omnipresent, the 90% decline in nationwide Coronavirus death rates remains unreported. The moment the pagan oligarch Gavin Newsom, California's governor, announced

that parishioners had to stop singing during church services, it became perfectly clear that something more noxious and destructive than influenza is in the air.

Evangelical and Pro-Life Catholic Christians experienced a great victory on November 8, 2016. Much prayer and work went into engaging the enemy, and we narrowly escaped the disaster that would have been upon us with a Hillary Rodham Clinton presidency.

However, from that moment on the constitutionally elected president didn't get much of a honeymoon period as Russian collusion, impeachment, Ukraine, COVID-19, and now street revolution all seem designed to unseat him on Election Day, 2020.

Returning the American government to its rightful owners - We The People - will undoubtedly be the hardest part, for the simple reason that Satan does not readily admit defeat.

Come Election Day we will know whether American Christendom will have gotten the message, with anarchy and insubordination raging in the streets. Sincere repentance always goes together with change of conduct. One of the unmistakable signs will be the status of social engineering and secular public inculcation among Christian youth this fall.

We call for prayer, fasting, and repentance for our nation and leaders next Sunday, July 12, 2020.

Thanks be to God that Gideons and Rahabs are beginning to stand in the public square.

July 08, 2020

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (John 13:34)

Dear Praying Friends,

Dr. Corinthia Ridgely Boone, a native Washingtonian, has served as chairman of the Capital City National Day of Prayer since 1985. A distinguished educator (Bowie State U., B.D., M.A., and Union U., Ph.D.), career teacher, principal, and instructional specialist in Prince George's County outside Washington, D.C., she served as Minister of Education at Evangel Temple, one of D.C.'s largest churches. She founded Together in Ministry and the International Christian Host Committee to build lasting relationships among churches, ministers, and ministries to pray and work together to advance Christian unity among leaders of all races, nationalities, and generations in the D.C. area. Corinthia has beautifully modeled Christian love. Now 85, her friends across the national prayer movement insisted she write her fascinating autobiography, *Corinthia -- My Potter's Wheel Journey Overcoming the Odds* (highlighted [HERE](#)).

An Open Letter from Dr. Corinthia Ridgley Boone:

Premise: I desire to be a part of the solution and not add to, escalate, or increase focus on the obvious problems-- white police shooting blacks; blacks shooting blacks etc. The solution rests on the biblical perspective anchored in scripture. "For everyone has sinned, we all short of God's glorious standard" (Rom 3:23). Therefore, let us focus on changes we should make, not on others' faults.

Key Scripture: Jesus said, "Why do you see the speck that is in your brothers eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye" (Mt 7:3-5). Yes, others around us have faults, bad habits and sins. Despite that truth, God wants us to focus first on ourselves.

Biblical Directive: "If one is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently" (Gal 6:1).

Believers Mandate: Restore, reinstate truth - we are valuable--fearfully and wonderfully made--all mankind (Ps 139:14) We must repair, give back what was previously taken away: dignity and respect.

Introspection: We must ask God to show us any part we have played in the problem. We must ask God for eyes to see our own faults rather than the faults of others, shifting the focus from others to ourselves. Pray to see clearly "create in me a clean heart and restore a right spirit in me" (Ps 51:10). "Have mercy on me and blot out my transgressions" (Ps 51:1-3). David understood as we must-- we have ultimately sinned against God. "Against you, and you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight." (Ps 51:4). David asked as we must, "Lord restore the joy of my salvation." It is evident many are tired of going through the motions and not experiencing the fullness and joy that comes from living upright with a clear conscience.

Repentance and Confession: Repentance means changing one's mind so that one's views, values, goals, and ways are changed and one's whole life is lived differently.

Healing and Prayer of Surrender: Even after "all" have messed up, and we have - repentance invites us to position our hearts so God can make and refine us into the image of His Son (Rom 8:29). Why? Look around and you will see a generation who has lost its identity. Yet, God gives us the solution, "and he will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children. (Mal 4:6). Pastors, Elders, Deacons, Believers rise and stand in the gap!

The Price is Great, and the Stakes are High: Fathers, spiritual believers on every level, turn your heart to the youth out in the streets. They are there with no spiritual direction. Don't be unkind; don't constantly criticize. Let all bitterness go. Looking beyond faults, see their needs. Provide desperately needed spiritual guidance; reach out with the fatherly and motherly love of Jesus to all youth: They need Us!

Solution: Seek and receive empathy - the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. Engage in difficult conversations and listen carefully. Reject any bait for argument. Avoid self-justification while listening with a loving spirit. Seek to truly understand the opinions and emotions presented (Mt 20:25--28; Php 2).

Biblical Way: Speak courteously and respectfully whatever the circumstances and/or hostility! Our words should be things of beauty "like apples of gold in the setting of silver" (Pr 25:11).

Crisis Hour: Remain Balanced: Let us learn to be teachable, to listen for personal areas in need of change. Be willing with the attitude, "it's not my brother, nor my

sister, but it's me Oh Lord, standing in the need of change." AMEN!

"God wants the church to be a part of the solution to bring healing to the nation" (Edmund Burke).

The Call is to all believers to model biblical justice. To model goodness, mercy and to show what it means to walk humbly before our God (Mic 6:8). To God Be all the Glory!!!

The Call and Challenge to Racial Reconciliation through Jesus Christ -- There is no institution on earth that can root out racial prejudice from a human heart. And there is no way for a racist heart to be purged apart from humility and repentance. Those offended or harmed by racist persons, attitudes, and behaviors can only be healed through forgiveness. Those racist in heart can only be changed by faith in Jesus and repentance. A nation recovering from a history of slavery needs oceans of God's grace to find healing and reconciliation. America has experienced just that -- oceans of God's grace. But we need even more in a country that has turned from God and now faces new race challenges. Last week, I quoted from Billy Graham's introduction to Nicki Cruz's 1968 book, *Run Baby Run*. In it he described the racist gangs on the streets of New York City, and the spirit of anarchy, destructiveness, and murder that reigned among them in the late 50's. *Run Baby Run* tells the story of how Pastor David Wilkerson won Cruz and other gang members to Christ and the birth of Teen Challenge.

We need similarly courageous believers with a lot of love to reach the next generation with the gospel.

God, please finish what you began with William Wilberforce, America's founders, hundreds of thousands who gave their lives to end American slavery, and those who have labored honorably since to bring the Founders' hope to Americans of every race and color. Grant your church revival and awakening to America! (1 Sam 16:7; Pr 22:2; Mk 12:31; Jn 12:34; Rom 10:12; Eph 4:32; Jas 2:8-9; 1 Jn 3:14-17)

Black Lives Matter -- Few have done as much damage as the Black Lives Matter (BLM) organization has done to the cause of racial reconciliation. They have taken advantage of unjust instances of police brutality to broaden their reach and the reach of their Marxist ideology. In the process, they have drawn a huge number of Americans into their sphere, many of whom have no idea what the organization believes and intends to do in the long run. But the more people learn about Black Lives Matter, the clearer it becomes that the organization has no socially constructive agenda but only a dangerous and destructive one. BLM's philosophy and agenda are at their core anti-American and anti-Christian. It has succeeded in disrupting much of the harmony and peace that have been positively achieved since the Civil War and Civil Rights Movement as they have agitated for greater hostility and fear among the races. They have taken full advantage of the fault lines in race relations that still exist, and succeeded in doing damage to our entire society, which, if you have studied

Marxism, you know is the revolutionary goal of Marxists. And no nation could be a greater enemy to Marxism than America. Instead of any advancement of black people or reconciliation between the races, BLM has catalyzed violence and disorder. BLM has united radical left blacks and whites and recruited rank-and-file unsuspecting blacks, whites, and others who simply want to be engaged in the cause of justice for black people and other minorities.

Many do not realize that the BLM organization's ideology is anti-Christian and anti-American and is building an organizational infrastructure from which to make further future destructive attacks on American society. Rather than promoting the advancement and prosperity of black families, BLM publicly and boldly advocates against the biblical, natural family and promotes the LGBTQ movement and transgender philosophy. The outcome is greater hostility, anger, and hatred among their recruits, fear and distrust among others, and disruption, confusion, and instability in many American institutions including American politics. It is essential for those who want racial reconciliation not to be confused by the seeming success of BLM. The organization and its goals will create the exact opposite. (See Ken Blackwell's must read article, Black Lives Don't Matter to Black Lives Matter)

God, expose to every American, exactly what Black Lives Matter (BLM) is, but especially to Gods people and the leaders of our churches. May the intercessors be unbending and bold to seek your help! (Pr 28:2; Is 3:5-9; Ezra 7:26; Rom 13:1; Gal 5:13; Eph 6:12; 2 Tim 3:1-9; 2 Pet 2:10-19; Jas 4:1)

Praising the U.S. Supreme Court's Good Decisions -- On June 30, the Supreme Court issued its decision in *Espinoza v. Montana*, ruling that the state may not deny a school voucher to a worthy student who chooses to use it to attend a religious school if it can be used to attend a non-religious school. Today, the Court ruled that the Little Sisters of the Poor and other religious groups cannot be forced to cover the insurance cost of birth control or abortifacient devices that they find objectionable based upon conscience or religious faith (this after nine years and numerous threats and court battles that the Little Sisters have undergone). The decision upheld an Executive Order by President Trump nullifying the effect of an Obama era ruling that would levy heavy daily fines for any organization that failed to provide such birth control insurance to their employees. Also today the Court ruled in *Our Lady of Guadalupe School v. Morrissey-Berrut* that Catholic and other religious schools could not be forced to hire or continue the employment of individuals that do not meet their employment standards. Essentially, this means that religious schools are in control of their own government and ideological tenets, not the civil government. (See FRC on the Little Sisters' case; Big win for Little Sisters)

We praise you, Lord, for the good rulings and we ask you to correct the array of bad decisions that have already been handed down. Be with each Court member to instruct and guide them. You, Lord, are the Judge over all judges and King of our nation. (Dt 1:15-17, 16:19; Lev 19:15; 1 Kgs 3:8-12; 2 Chr 19:4-7; Jn 7:24) David Lane-American Renewal Project

There are grim challenges ahead for America, for the worst of the fight for liberty is far from over. As Winston Churchill warned in his 1942 Second Battle of El Alamein speech, "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."