

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

SIGNS OF THE END TIMES

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PART 5: LAWLESSNESS

Signs of the end times that I have covered to date:

1. Deception – **Matthew 24:4-5**
2. Wars and Rumors of Wars – **verse 6**
3. Famines, Earthquakes, Pestilences – **verse 7**
4. Many shall be offended – **verse 10**
5. Deception and False prophets – **verse 11**

LAWLESSNESS

In Matthew chapter 24 and verse 12 we read the following: *“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.”*

The Greek word used for iniquity in this word is “anomia” which means “lawlessness.” (Young’s Analytical Concordance of the Bible 1964)

Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance also identifies the Greek word used in this verse as “anomia” and gives this translation: Illegality; violation of the law, wickedness; iniquity; transgression of the law, unrighteousness.

The word “iniquity” is defined in the Webster Dictionary of 1968 as:

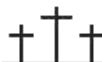
1. Lack of righteousness or justice; wickedness; sin
2. A wicked, unjust or unrighteous act

Looking at the definitions of “anomia” and “iniquity,” it becomes clear that Jesus was talking about people being lawless, lacking righteousness, without justice, being wicked and sinful and transgressing the law. When a society becomes lawless, there will be no consideration, and love for one another will disappear.

THE LAW OF GOD

When Jesus referred to a sinful lawlessness that would dominate the earth at the end times, He was not talking about man-made laws, but about God’s eternal laws.

All secular laws existing in Europe and North America have their roots in the laws that God gave to Moses as recorded in the Five Books of Moses (the Torah). During the last 150 years, the Bible base in secular law has slowly been eroded, until we are in the moral turmoil in 2009, when it seems that people are becoming more and more lawless.



The apostle Paul who lived under the terrible godless Roman Empire told us that governments are instituted by God to keep order among human beings. **Romans 13:1-7**

Does that mean that Christians are to obey bad secular laws just because we submit to governments? Absolutely not! ***We only obey secular laws as long as they are not contrary to God's laws.***

Let's take a look at a few examples found in the Bible:

1. The Hebrews did not obey when the Egyptian king wrote a new law that ordered that all Hebrew male babies to be killed at birth. **Exodus 1:8-22**
2. The Midianites enforced the worship of Baal upon the Hebrew children. When God spoke to Gideon, he disregarded the authority of his father and the Midianites and destroyed the altar of Baal. The people living in the city became very fearful and wanted to kill Gideon in order to please the oppressing Midianites. **Judges 6:22-31**
3. Three young Hebrew men refused to obey King Nebuchadnezzar when he ordered all people to worship his statue of gold. **Daniel 3:1-17**
4. When King Darius was tricked into signing a law against prayer, Daniel did not hesitate to violate it. **Daniel 6:1-12**
5. Jesus refused to obey the Talmudic laws. **Matthew 12:9-14**

WHAT TO DO IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES

- ❖ If you're a medical doctor and asked to murder (abort) a baby, what will you do?
- ❖ If you're a nurse and asked to assist in an abortion procedure, what will you do?
- ❖ If you're a soldier and ordered to shoot people refusing to obey ungodly laws, what will you do?
- ❖ If you're a policeman and told to shoot peaceful demonstrators against the government, what will you do?
- ❖ If you're asked by the FBI or CIA to infiltrate a Bible believing Christian church and report names, addresses, telephone numbers of people who are Christians, will you do it?

AMERICA IS MORALLY DECAYING

Jesus said that His laws will never cease to exist. **Matthew 5:17-19**

The political leaders in America have removed the laws that made it a crime to commit fornication, adultery, divorce, homosexuality and bestiality.

Liberal lawmakers rescinded the ban on alcohol in our land and are working hard to legalize marijuana.

Lawmakers have passed laws that marriage is no longer restricted to the union of a man and a woman. Laws have been passed that give homosexuals the same rights as married couples when it comes to employer provided health care, pension plans and death benefits. Homosexuals also have the right to adopt children and pervert them.

In our public schools it is against the law for teachers to read the Bible and pray to God in the name of Jesus but they are instructed to teach the children about sex, condoms and masturbation.

God did not spare Sodom and Gomorrah, nor will He spare any nation that turns to lawlessness. **Genesis 18:16-21; 19:1-25**

WHERE DID LAWLESSNESS ORIGINATE IN AMERICA?

Lawlessness did not begin with the sinners, the drunkards or the ungodly but in seminaries where the students were told that the Old Testament was no longer relevant and only the New Testament would be used.

They were told that no one really knows for sure what Jesus said and how the four Gospels are stories written down by the apostles trying to remember what Jesus had said.

This was followed by the teaching that there are no absolutes and that “**situation ethics**” is the moral guideline for the Christian.

They were also told there is no Devil and no hell, therefore, a pastor should be a “social engineer” and try to make life better for people.

Finally, seminary students are told that global warming is the biggest threat to the human race and that the church should get involved in “cooling down the planet.”

THE RESULT

Thousands of ministers are in prison for child molestation and child pornography. Many of them went further than molestation and it ended in murder.

A large portion of ministers are hopelessly addicted to pornography.

Many ministers are members in Freemasonic lodges.

Many ministers are divorced and remarried, some of them multiple times.

Children born to ministers and their wives are turning to rebellion and filling our juvenile system and prisons.

Many ministers are addicted to all kind of drugs and smoking.

Approximately 60% of members in Christian churches are divorced and many have remarried multiple times.

The trend among young people today is to have sex before marriage with many partners, and instead of marrying, live together in fornication.

There are as many unwed teenage mothers in the churches as outside the churches.

It is impossible to separate Christians from unbelievers when it comes to tattoos and their prevalence in churches today. Tattoos are as common in churches as outside churches.

Christians spend hours upon hours watching ungodly television programs and movies.

There is no longer any difference between worldly music and Christian contemporary music (CCM). The same pulsating beat coming from people in Africa heavily into the occult is also used in Christian music.

Christians dress as bad as non-Christians.

God spoke to Hosea about this very problem. **Hosea 4:1-14**

THE LOVE OF MANY HAS WAXED COLD

As a minister, I can say that I have seen it all after having been married for 48 years to the same woman and preached the Gospel for more than 42 years. My wife and I have been ministering in Sacramento for 33 years. We have led countless of people to Christ; I have baptized people by the hundreds, officiated at hundreds of weddings.

If all the people who have come and gone during these 33 years would show up one day for church, we would have a crowd of thousands and thousands of people. But the majority of them left the church for one reason or the other. Some were offended, others wanted to indulge in their sins, others did not want to be tied down every Sunday, others got divorced, a number ended up in prison and many have died.

THEY LOST THEIR LOVE

They lost their love for God and his Son Jesus!

When you lose your love for God, you will also lose your love for the church and people. You become self centered, proud and egotistical. We will do well to heed the words of Jesus. **Revelation 2:1-5**

Are you growing cold? Are you willing to repent? **Revelation 3:14-22**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?