

DOES PERSPECTIVE MATTER?

I view “today” from the perspective that a God-hating and righteousness-hating spirit is increasingly informing our leaders and directing our land. That the spirit of the antichrist is already here, as John wrote in I John 4:3, is confirmed daily.



God is warning the Church through many voices and any humble and wise observer of our moral, political and financial status will take heed. Declaring Biblical morality, and the exclusiveness of Jesus as the door into heaven, will soon be criminalized as hate-speech.

Our local churches will then have to decide if they will compromise in order to preserve the institution and stay in business -- or declare truth. We could continue to preach much of our doctrine, and use legalism, doctrinal correctness, fear and leadership authority to try to keep the flock in line, but we could not proclaim Christ.

AUTHENTICITY

My perspective says that it is time to reshape how we do church so we can survive and thrive in the coming Day. We will reconsider and probably abandon major building plans because we won't be able to use them for very long if we remain faithful to Christ. Things are very different than they were just a few year ago.

Preachers can declare the soon return of Christ but it is two-faced unless they then modify how they lead the church, and call the flock to radical changes in values and lifestyle.

WISDOM SAYS --

Life-insight says that the more vested we are in buildings and in our present model of doing church, the more we will be tempted to compromise in order to preserve them.

Further, that if we can't see trouble coming, we won't know it when it's here and will slide into compromise without knowing it. Forgive me, but I predict that many will end up there if they don't soon change course.

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