

What is Jesus Doing?

LEFT AND RIGHT: BOTH WRONG!

Now that the 21 century is well into its 16th year, it is becoming increasingly more evident that the enemy of our souls, the prince of the power of the air, the god of this age, satan, to whom has been given power over the unbelieving world, has been ramping up for an ever greater assault on seeker and believer alike. As the darkness encroaches ever more brazenly, we see the world reacting to the tune the enemy is playing, fear.

Now I have to ask why it is that there are some who profess their religion as Christianity who are in the forefront of this fear-fest, reacting to every news report, rumor, political-pandering from the Left or Right that comes from dubious or downright suspicious sources, with terror, anger, judgment, violence, or all of the above. The Christian Religious Right is screaming that we must “fight fire with fire” and “make America great again” while the Christian Liberal Left is celebrating the LGBT life options as if homosexuality and sexual re-assignment are not put in the same sin-category by God Himself as Adultery, Blasphemy, Idolatry and Fornication.

Politically, this can be seen as Left and Right thinking. Obviously this reactive thinking pits these two ideologies against each other, thereby pitting people (including Christians) against each other. But please believe me when I say this in the authority that is directly from the Source of all Truth AND Love... THIS IS A LIE FROM THE PIT OF HELL. Politics and Religion have become two sides of the same accursed coin. They both fall into divisive categories, pitting God’s children against each other.

Let’s call it like God sees it! The Right and the Left extremes are the lieutenants of satan. The people that follow them are pawns of the evil one. It has always been satan’s lie to men that they can be self-reliant and don’t need a relationship with God.

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The extreme Political Right worships money through self-interest and self-reliance (NOT God-reliance) Jesus calls this idol Mammon and says you cannot serve Him and also this idol.

The extreme Political Left worships sexual idolatry, claiming their “rights” to live whatever way they want without being “accountable” to God or other people, up to and including passing their children through the fire to kill them that they might continue to wallow in their own dark desires. These acts were and are abominable to God and His Word says as much.

Now let me be clear that as a shepherd to a poor flock, and a leader in men’s Bible Studies my friends (Jesus’ friends) come in every shape, size and color, every sexual orientation, and every condition of health, wealth, politics, religion and intelligence. I will always personally love the sinner (whatever the sin) but I will add God’s Truth to the mix by calling their sin (and mine) for what it is, sin. We who really are followers of Jesus are called to speak the truth always, and in the Grace and Love of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord revealed to me a long time ago through the book of Job, that while satan is surely the enemy of our souls, he is also just another card in God’s glorious Deck (call him the Joker), to be allowed to put us through temptations and trials to get us to the Valley of Decision, where our decision is our own choice. When we choose to say yes to our own evil desires, we invariably go through more trials, but when we say yes to Jesus, the lover of our souls, we may still go through trials, but find that through them we have grown and are better equipped to resist and overcome when satan comes around again with the next temptation.

Here’s what I believe about the true Body of Christ, God’s Israel, the Called according to His Purpose...

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If we have confessed the Lord Jesus Messiah, as our personal Lord and Savior, and take up our cross daily as He asked us to do, and put on the full Armor of God through the reading of His Word and submission to His Will every day, then we have power in this place that is far greater than those who follow the lies of the prince of the world or those who are just sitting on the fence waiting for something they don't understand to save them.

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

– 1 John 4:4

With this power, in Christ Jesus, given to us through the Holy Spirit, we are able to RESPOND in the spirit instead of REACT in the flesh to what is happening around us.

Let me break this down... The nature of the flesh is to REACT to circumstances that happen constantly around us. The flesh only knows two ways to REACT. Fight or flight. When something perceived as “bad” comes along we can either run from it to flee or run towards it to fight it. We see people do these things every day. When something scares them, they either go into denial (hide from it) or they look for a weapon to fight against it. Left-flight and Right-fight.

While it is true that we are here on earth in the flesh, our true nature is spirit and is perfected in Christ Jesus. We do not have to REACT in the flesh! As walking followers of the Lord, as His servants in whom the power of the Holy Spirit lives, we are able to RESPOND in the spirit! We are not called to look down upon each other, or to build walls against each other and certainly not to hate each other. We are called to submit to God in all things, and in His Love, to submit to one another while bringing His Truth to light for the edification of all the world!

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People are NOT your enemy. Brethren I implore you. Do not be deceived. We are ONE in Christ Jesus. To have fellowship with God and fellowship with each other is why we were created.

Please read and meditate upon these scriptures below in this order and let the Holy Spirit speak to you of the hidden things of God...

But know this, that in the last days, perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

- 2 Timothy 3:1-4

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, they will turn their ears away from the truth.

- 2 Timothy 4:3-4

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight.

- Isaiah 5:20-21

Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

- Proverbs 4:27

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

- Ephesians 6:12

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Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

- Romans 12:19

You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

- Matthew 5:38-39

God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

- 2 Timothy 1:7

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

- 1 Peter 5:8

...As we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

- 2 Corinthians 4:1-3

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

- Ephesians 2:1-4

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But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

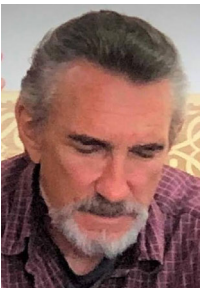
- Isaiah 40:31

And my personal Battle Commission:

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.

- 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

These are perilous times beloved. We are called to be the Light and Salt in this dark and tasteless world. Let us pray without ceasing. When we see, hear or feel something that our spirit tells us is wrong, let us not fear it, let us not hate it, let us not ridicule it or be disgusted by it. Let us instead PRAY down the walls of the enemy with whatever faith we have in the Love AND Truth of the Living God remembering that we are ONE in Christ Jesus!



In His ever present Grip of Grace,

- John Henry Raskin, Roadhouse Rabbi