



**“Thriving in a World of Wickedness”
1 John 5:17-21**

18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. 19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway* of the wicked one. 20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

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Old Testament prophets did more than predict the future. They bubbled forth the Word of the Lord. They were God’s mouthpiece. They spoke what God spoke regardless of the personal repercussions.

Modern preachers should be fountains that bubble forth the pure Word of God. They are keepers of the Word and carriers of the cross. They are the original truth to power brokers. Tweaking the Word for convenience is unacceptable in the eyes of God. Refusing to speak the full revelation of God’s Word is a perversion of the prophetic office. To pollute, dilute, or exclude any God-given words for profit is detestable and stirs God’s wrath.

I am genuinely concerned that many preachers are losing the courage to remain righteously counter-cultural and unavoidably politically incorrect. I say “unavoidably” because it’s not possible to be biblically correct and politically correct at the same time.

Politically correct preachers are really just biblically incorrect preachers.

Truth is rarely mainstream, annoyingly inconvenient, and stubbornly unchanging. The world desperately needs courageous modern godly mouthpieces that will speak the truth in an age of timidity.



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The stress of politics

People are running scared, and confusion is becoming elevated.

God is not the author of confusion and He tells us not to fret because of evil men.

Psalm 37

Daniel 2:16-23

And Daniel went in and desired of the king that he would set a date *and* give him time, and he would show the king the interpretation. ¹⁷ Then Daniel went to his house and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, ¹⁸ So that they would desire *and* request mercy of the God of heaven concerning this secret, that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁹ Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night, and Daniel blessed the God of heaven. ²⁰ Daniel answered, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever! For wisdom and might are His! ²¹ He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding! ²² He reveals the deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him! ²³ I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers, Who has given me wisdom and might and has made known to me now what we desired of You, for You have made known to us the solution to the king's problem.

Psalm 75:7-10

⁷ But God is the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts another. ⁸ For in the hand of the Lord *there is* a cup, And the wine is red; It is fully mixed, and He pours it out; Surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth Drain *and* drink down. ⁹ But I will declare forever, I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. ¹⁰ "All the horns of the wicked I will also cut off, *But* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted."

III.- letter I received

Today's political issues:

- ✓ **Sexual confusion- Romans 1**

Quote- Devotional book

Coming out and begin transitioning- change the pronouns they decide.

- ✓ **Men in women's sports**
- ✓ **Male and female**

²⁶Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over ^[a]all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that ^[h]moves on the earth."

- ✓ **Abortion- Reproductive health care- 'safe and legal health care'**

Secular world view: However abortion bans violate the rights to privacy, bodily and reproductive autonomy and the right to life.



Why is this important> so that they have the autonomy and means to have the children they want and not be forced to have children they do not want and cannot cope with, whatever their reasons.

Psalm 139:

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works,

And *that* my soul knows very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When *as yet there were* none of them. ¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! ¹⁸ *If* I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You. ¹⁹ Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men. ²⁰ For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take *Your name* in vain. ²¹ Do I not hate them, O Lord, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?

²² I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies. ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; ²⁴ And see if *there is any* wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

✓ **Parental interference- gender transitioning**

3 Exhortations

➤ **WE MUST STAND UP FOR TRUTH**

“A lie doesn't become truth, wrong doesn't become right, and evil doesn't become good, just because it's accepted by a majority.”

– **Booker T. Washington**

➤ **WE MUST VOTE**

We must vote platform over personality! We must choose the lesser of two evils in many situations.

➤ **WE MUST COMMIT TO A LOCAL CHURCH**

Sound, Biblical teaching

Exhortation and encouragement of the saints

Love, support and comfort for each other- Hebrews 10:24-25

What we don't know

- **The outcome of the election**
- **Changes that may come in the future**
- **What tomorrow may bring**

What we know

✓ **There is a difference in the believer**

You cannot trust the world view of an unbeliever no matter how nice or popular, or talented they may be.

John is repeating his idea from [1 John 3:6](#): *Whoever abides in Him does not sin*. The grammar in the original language makes it plain John is speaking of a settled, continued lifestyle of sin. John is not teaching here the possibility of sinless perfection.

As Stott says, “The present tense in the Greek verb implied habit, continuity, unbroken sequence.”

✓ **That we are safe from the evil one**

Knowing this gives us godly confidence in spiritual warfare.

What Greek scholars say about this word touch: The word is “stronger than *toucheth*; rather *graspeth, layeth hold of*” (Smith, in *Expositor's*). “It means to lay hold of or to grasp rather than a mere superficial touch.” (Robertson)

The only other place in his writings where John uses this particular verb for touch is in [John 20:17](#), where He literally tells Mary to *stop clinging to Me*. Because we are born of Him, Satan cannot attach himself to us, or cling to us, in the sense he can in the life of someone who is not born of Him.

✓ **That we are of God**

Knowing this means we can be free to be what we are in Jesus and separate ourselves from the world system in rebellion against Him.

✓ **That the whole world lies in wickedness**

"The position of the adjective “whole” (holos) implies that the indicated relationship applies to all humans who belong to the world in its estrangement from God."

Steven Cole adds that the picture of the verb *keimai* "is not of frantic captives, desperately trying to escape this depraved tyrant. Rather, they lie quietly in his evil clutches, oblivious to their tragic plight. The god of this world has blinded their minds ([2Cor. 4:4-note](#)). They can wear "Life is Good" T-shirts, oblivious that they are wandering perilously close to the edge of the abyss. They don't realize that "in due time their foot will slip" ([Deut. 32:35](#) [This is the text for Jonathan Edwards' famous sermon -[Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God](#)]) and they will face God in judgment. Rather, they are sleeping peacefully in the arms of the evil one who will destroy them!" ([1 John 5:18-21](#))

The whole world—its politics, economics, education, entertainment, and, above all, its religion—lies in the power of the evil one. The evil world system is hostile to God and believers ([John 15:18–19](#)), as John noted earlier in this epistle. It takes its cue from its ruler, Satan ([John 12:31](#); [14:30](#); [16:11](#); cf. [Eph. 2:2](#); [6:12](#)), the archenemy of God and His people. Because the world is completely under Satan's influence, believers must avoid being contaminated by it ([1 Jn 2:15–17](#); cf. [James 1:27](#)).- MacArthur

There is no middle ground, no third option. Everyone is part of God's kingdom, or of Satan's.

✓ **That the Son of God has come and given us an understanding in truth**

The only key that is able to release those enslaved to the evil one is the Gospel!

✓ **That we are in Him**

✓ **We have the true God and eternal life**

The tender warning- verse 21

The enemy to fellowship with God is *idolatry*: embracing a false god, or a false idea of the true God. John rightly closes with this warning, after having spent much of the book warning us against the dangers of the false Jesus many were teaching in his day.

Charles Spurgeon first noted that John addressed little children.

- This is a title of deep affection.
- This is a title that indicates regeneration and family relation.
- This is a title that indicates humility.
- This is a title that indicates teachableness.

- This is a title that implies faith.
- This is a title that implies weakness.

God is calling a fresh generation of believers who are willing to be completely unashamed of the Word of God. They will live and proclaim without thought for their safety or societal security. They will leave their comfort zones and abandon the shackles that carnal culture wraps around their minds. They will seek to grow the Kingdom of God and not their own lives and ministry. They will value the Truth above tolerance and wisdom above worldliness. The spiritual revolution is already beginning; which side of it will you be on?