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Things as They Are and as They Need to Be

Romans 1:16-25

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Therefore, God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

2 Timothy 3:14-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Things as They Are...

Across the entire globe - nearly 7 billion people are being kept in the dark or purposefully being lied to about a variety of powerful and polarizing issues such as illness, disease, justice, liberty, human equality, and the future outcomes for our planet. A planet by the way that mankind did not create and is not capable of saving or destroying, because you see, before there was a Mother earth there was **"The"** Father God (more on that later).

As a result of either the intentional or unintentional omission of truth and honesty, nearly 7 billion people are presently controlled and manipulated like pawns on a chess board by the nature and narrative of that dishonesty. This is not a conspiracy - we are living in a world tilted by the evil and godless choices of mankind.

Rejecting the love of God, it appears that mankind would almost rather die by a lie than live with the truth. For now, on the surface the COVID Virus appears to be the vehicle with which we are being controlled. And, why not?

One, COVID the virus (by any name) is real.

Two, people we love have died mercilessly, needlessly, quickly and inhumanely alone and away from their family.

Three, the thought of dying in such a way creates the actual pandemic and mechanism of control - fear.

From fear, panic. From panic, anxiety. From anxiety, depression. From depression, delusion. And from delusion the complete loss of reality. The only way to create enough fear to cripple 7 billion people is have the wealth and motive to cover up the path leading back to its cause or origin, and enough wealth to create the next pandemic/crisis worse than the first, and so on. Evil is the root cause. Power and control are the motivation. Wealth and influence are the means.

There have been two times in history where either a religious or privately owned or publicly held organizations have possessed more wealth than the combined wealth of two-thirds of the nations in world. The first was at the end of the Middle Ages (the 5th to the 15th centuries) when as the "gatekeeper" to heaven the Catholic Church amassed a staggering amount wealth through the means of penance, indulgences, taxation, land exchanges, and generational endowments. So much wealth in fact, that the Catholic Church of the early 1500's was wealthier than 90% of the rest of the entire world. In our present day economic metrics the Churches revenue/wealth would be estimated at nearly two trillion dollars. The power of this wealth was magnified by the fact that at the time the Catholic Church had no debt! Although there was world-wide mission, benevolence, and help for the poor and

destitute it was overshadowed as the majority of its wealth was used for power and controlling people's lives.

Imagine that for a thousand years most of the world living in complete fear of dying without the blessing and absolution of sin by the Roman Catholic Church. There was enough fear there to deceive centuries of the Catholic faithful to transfer over their personal wealth and financial security, believing that the Catholic Church had the spiritual authority and power to either get men, women and children into heaven or keep them out of it. That is a deception and a lie that no one believes any longer. And, why would we – it is not Biblical, it is not true, but millions did for ten centuries.

The second time there has been world-wide deception generated by the means of the wealth of evil men and women is now - our present day where between the top ten companies in the technology industry and the top ten Pharmaceutical companies they possess nearly 2 trillion dollars of annual revenue/wealth. If you add to that the annual revenue/wealth of the global porn industry and that of both the human and sex trafficking industry the number reaches nearly 2.3 trillion dollars. Tipping the combined revenue/wealth of those industries to that of over two-thirds of the revenue/wealth base of the entire world. This is more than enough resource and power to exploit and control global issues such as illness, disease, justice, liberty, human equality, and the future outcomes for our planet. Create a crisis that generates chaos, confusion, and fear. The loss of human life is only the means to an end and so it is callously and strategically necessary. Necessary in that it spreads the fear - panic - anxiety cycle among the billions of

isolated, faithless and godless masses of humanity. How long will we believe and allow this deception and reign of fear and terror against humanity to continue?

This is a lot to process on a Sunday morning, but as people of faith in God, we are about to close out year two of this power/control movement. This is not a political ideology it is not a government it is the evil of men who have the wealth to buy governments. This is a rebellion against the authority and sovereignty of God the Creator of heaven and earth. This is the struggle between right and wrong and good and evil, darkness and light, faith and faithless, hope and hopeless.

Proverbs 14:25

A truthful witness saves lives, but one who breathes out lies is deceitful.

2 Timothy 4:3-5

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Things As They Need to Be...

The response of the Christian believer must be precise and above all must be founded in Biblical truth. There is a Biblical template for persecution against Christians and the faithful people of God.

Acts 2:37-47

Now when they heard this (Message of the Gospel) they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The Christian Community

The answer is - the community of Christ. The active Community of Christ Jesus - gathering, serving, praying, learning, and breaking bread together is made new and filled with new life built on specific and humble foundations of love towards God and one another. We can resist and confront that old spirit with the new-life resources we have been given by Christ and His community. As simple and as dated as these foundations may be, they remain God's way for us to build up, secure and support one another, to find the love we seek and desperately in Christ Jesus. These foundations are crucial to overcoming the harmful and hurtful behavior of the old and selfish persons we used to be, and the evil deception of the world around us. As Christians living life-together in Christ, we look for these loving foundations to help connect within the community. The Christian community first forms itself in Christ and then around one another through these eternal and divine foundations of love to become Christ's body. These faithful expressions are not religion - but God's way to life-together in Christ. The practical and Biblical way to identify these foundations looks like this:

Worship Together - John 4:23, 24

Pray Together - Ephesians 1:16-23

Learn Together - Colossians 1:9-14

Break Bread Together - Acts 2:46, 47

Serve Together - Ephesians 4:11-16

These were the foundations of faith practiced daily by the early Christian Church. The fruit of those foundations is still evident today. Critics might argue that the

early Church is no longer a relevant model for today's millennial world – an all-access *technopoly* filled with diverse and complex societal dynamics and our present fear and feelings culture. But that argument is skewed with the influence of secularized and anti-Christ thinking. The anti-Christ thinkers argue there must be more than blind faith, or the foolish belief and trust in a God who is not around to satisfy humankind's wishes and will. They protest that having faith in an all-knowing, all-loving, all-or-nothing God is naive, claiming that absolutely nothing is absolute. However, it is the absolute experience of Christ's love that moves us to follow when we are called to a life together in Him. So, we must be objective and single-minded to answer the radical demands of His calling.

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Part II

The Pandemic of Fear vs. The Idiomatic Power of God

Where We Were Yesterday - And, History Repeats Itself

There have been great and mighty civilizations and nations whose influence and control gave them the power to do as they wished at the will or whim of whoever gave voice and command to that power. Each world-power possessed something - whether it be the wealth, the military, the innovation, the skill, the land, or the title. In study of great world-powers and influential societies remarkably there are very common and consistent characteristics in how they ruled with, or wielded that power over the people subjected to their authority and control. Whether it be the Roman Empire, The Persian Empire, The Great Bronze Age and the Great Greek Influence, The Inca Civilization, The Maya Civilization, The Egyptian Rein of the Pharaoh's (Joseph), The Assyrian and Babylonian Occupations, the Hebrew Covenant Nation (the Torah and Mosaic Law), and I will even include the Roman Catholic Empire which was fueled by 500 years of Crusades under the banner of Christianity. There are certainly many more but these are a few of the greatest in mankind's history. From their rule of authority and power of influence came some of the world's greatest architecture and design, military methods and combat strategies, music and creative arts, language and writing, philosophy and literature, complex civil structures and rules of governance, sewage and illumination (without electricity), the origin principles of math, science, and medicine, as well as domestic familial structures. The list is endless.

A study of the rise and fall of great civilizations and ancient world-powers reveals much in regards to what we are experiencing in the way things are today.

Interestingly, the number one common characteristic of all these historical world-powers was that they were each one "fear based" power structures.

ONE - They imposed their power over the people through fear-based mechanisms.

TWO - They were driven and motivated by their own fears. The loss of power and control over the people.

THREE - They exercised and managed this fear-based power and control in various ways. Here is a common list. Physical threat to human life, social threat to the common way of life or living, and the emotional threat to the lives of loved ones. They could do this repeatedly by creating self-inflicted pandemics, human purging (eliminate the weak and helpless), famines and economic crisis, loss of liberties or human dignities (slavery and trafficking). Creating addictive and compulsive appetites for destructive behavior and substances.

Finally, there is an alarming but not surprising immoral consistency among the all of these failed or faltered world-powers.

ONE - Complete disregard for faith in God or recognition of God's law as a moral baseline/conscience/compass. Rejection of any Monotheistic Religion.

TWO - The devaluation and exploitation of human life.

(Human Sacrifice, Human/Sex/Child Trafficking)

THREE - The moral and ethical collapse of ruling or controlling class. Sexual perversion, exploitation of children, and the re-defining of biological gender roles.

Where We Are Today - The Pandemic of Fear

Rank	Greatest Fear	Fear Score	% "Afraid" or "Very Afraid"
1	Loved ones dying	94	65%
2	Loved ones becoming seriously ill	93	64%
3	Mass shootings	89	60%
4	Not having enough money for retirement	80	54%
5	Terrorism	79	50%
6	Corrupt government officials	78	52%
7	Personally becoming seriously ill	78	50%
8	Hate crimes	77	51%
9	High medical bills	76	51%
10	Widespread civil unrest	75	49%
11	Car crash	72	45%
12	Snakes	71	45%
13	Fascism	70	45%

14	Losing access to clean air	67	43%
15	Losing access to drinking water	66	42%
16	Identity theft	65	38%
17	Police brutality	64	42%
18	Plastic waste buildup	63	40%
19	Being hit by a drunk driver	62	38%
20	Losing home to a natural disaster	62	38%
21	Unable to pay rent/mortgage	62	40%
22	Corporations influencing government	61	38%
23	Robbery or burglary	61	35%
24	Never paying off debt	61	40%
25	Being physically assaulted	60	37%
26	Government tracking personal data	60	36%
27	Being alone	58	37%
28	Spiders	56	32%
29	Plane crash	56	34%
30	Losing your job	53	33%
31	Stock market crashing	52	30%
32	Communism	49	30%

33	Unfaithful partner	43	28%
34	Workplace automation	42	24%
35	Being the victim of domestic abuse	37	24%
36	Firearm restrictions	37	24%
37	Relationships lost to political/social differences	37	20%
38	Needles	35	18%
39	Lightning strikes	34	19%
40	Ghosts	31	17%
41	Being abducted by aliens	17	10%

The Way Things Should Be - The Idiomatic Power of God

Proverbs 10:27-32

The fear of the LORD prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short. The hope of the righteous brings joy, but the expectation of the wicked will perish. The way of the LORD is a stronghold to the blameless, but destruction to evildoers. The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land. The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.

Psalm 37:25-29

I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread. He is ever lending generously, and his children become a blessing. Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever. For the LORD loves justice; he will not forsake his saints. They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.

1 Peter 3:13-17

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

Matthew 5:2-12

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

**3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.**

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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Part III

Big Lies Exposed: Isolated Is Better than Gathered

Introduction

The big lie exposed is that closing away or isolation of human beings from other human beings is healthier and better than being open, gathering, or consolidated. The current context of course is within the global idea that forcing human beings into physical isolation, lockdown, quarantine, or closing off from a virus or a perceived pandemic is the most scientific or best way to beat or overcome the virus. This is not the point I will argue today. God gave us common sense and a strong mind. That mind and good sense tell us that when we are sick, our children are sick we stay home get healthy and keep others healthy in the process as well. In fact, In fact, I will not argue any point. My heart is for us to hear God's word and plan for His people, as we move forward as people of faith and not fear. What happens when we are forced by control using the mechanism of fear into not following His plans or provision? Most often there are far worse consequences than the fear for those who must face the outcome.

Let's take a minute and look closely at the health protocols and the results of western civilization's mandatory closed/shut-down/quarantine response to pandemic circumstances and realities. Your children were specifically targeted and affected. Here is how (back to week one).

One: COVID the virus (by any name) is real.

Two: people we love have died mercilessly, needlessly, quickly and inhumanely alone and away from their family.

Three: the thought of dying in such a way creates the actual pandemic and mechanism of control - fear. From fear, panic. From panic, anxiety. From anxiety, depression. From depression, delusion. And from delusion the complete loss of reality and sound judgment.

Policy Institute: Harvard University - Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Children, Youth and Families

Quarantine has shown lasting negative impacts on youth mental health. In the (micro) short term, mandatory confinement has raised levels of irritability, anger, confusion, frustration, loneliness, denial, and despair. In the (macro) long term, forced or mandated quarantine has been shown to produce post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in children.

Peer support at this developmental stage is crucial, and the mandated lockdowns and social isolation has significantly increased cases of depression and anxiety (with duration of loneliness as the factor most strongly associated with anxiety). The forced isolation has also seen cases with suicidal ideation, self-harm, and eating disorder risk behaviors increase in some states up to 60%. Notably, social isolation may have long-term effects on mental health and has been associated with mental health problems up to nine years later.

US National Library of Medicine and National Institutes of Health (March 2021) PubMed Central® (PMC) - COVID-19 pandemic impact on children and adolescents' mental health: Biological, environmental, and social factors.

Spatial Distancing is unnatural for us. This particular moment we are facing an unprecedented global situation with numerous idiosyncratic factors. People are being affected in multifaceted ways, having their physical, psychological and emotional well-being compromised, along with compounding social and economic problems (Esterwood and Saeed, 2020). The heterogeneity and plurality of biopsychosocial stressors bring a multifactorial approach to the COVID-19 pandemic, which leads to unpredictable consequences on the mental and emotional health of vulnerable populations such as children and adolescents.

Crisis of Mandated Social Isolation: Chronic Stress and Neuro-Inflammation - High Fat Diet from Chronic Stress, Depression, Weakening the Immune System - Negative and Self-Harm Social Behaviors - Elevated Levels of Domestic Violence and Child-Abuse.

Unfortunately, because of quarantine, children are not allowed to play in outdoor areas and explore unstructured play. This means that we are switching from the “play-outside mode” to the “play-indoor mode”, which includes spending more time on the screen. The negative impact of media and technology use was analyzed in children (aged 4–8), preteens (9–12), and teenagers (13–18). It seems that increasing the screen time use correlates positively with unhealthy eating, lack of physical exercise, more total ill-being as well as attention and physical problems (Rosen et al., 2014). A meta-analysis review showed a negative correlation between the

amount of screen use and language development in younger children. However, if exposed to better quality content with an educational bias, the use of screens can be beneficial for children's language in an age-dependent manner (Madigan et al., 2020).

National Review - CDC: Teen Suicide Attempts Surged During COVID Lockdown

The percentage of teenagers hospitalized for suspected suicide attempts surged during the COVID-19 lockdowns.

A recently released CDC study showed that female adolescents ages 12 through 17 visited the emergency department (ED) for suicide attempts between February and March of 2021 at a nearly 51 percent higher rate compared to the same time frame in 2019 before the COVID-19 lockdowns and stay-at-home orders forced businesses and schools to close due to plummeting consumer demand and mandatory safety precaution.

For a short period between March and April of 2020, ED visits for suspected suicide attempts among people ages 12 through 25 declined but then began to shoot up again during the summer of 2020. Between July and August, CDC researchers found that suspected suicide attempts rose over 26 percent among girls ages 12 through 17.

According to the CDC, among the factors contributing to the alarming trend are COVID-mitigation measures that have proven to be socially isolating, including "physical distancing," "a lack of connectedness to schools, teachers, and peers," "barriers to mental health treatment," "increases in substance use," and "anxiety

about family health and economic problems.” The study noted that mental-health cases have spiked over the pandemic, suggesting they may be a function of children spending more time at home due to the lockdowns as well.

In July 2020, former CDC director Robert Redfield noticed the mental-health crisis among young people and argued that lockdowns were disproportionately affecting that age demographic.

“There has been another cost that we’ve seen, particularly in high schools. We’re seeing, sadly, far greater suicides now than we are deaths from COVID. We’re seeing far greater deaths from drug overdose that are above excess that we had as background than we are seeing the deaths from COVID,” Redfield said.

Genesis 2:18

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!

Romans 12:15-18

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the

lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

A key emphasis of the apostle Paul's letter to the Philippian Church is joint and open participation in living out—and living for—the gospel of Christ. The meaning here is active and integrated relationships among the believers. The draw? The pull? The connector? The unity of the Holy Spirit in the Gospel of Christ Jesus. Paul and the Philippian believers are partners and co-participants linked by the Gospel. Unity for the sake of the gospel.

Philippians 1:3–6

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Clearly noticeable in the first three chapters is the recurring theme articulated in the word “fellowship” or “participation” (koinōnia), the passage includes the active tense “shared fellowship or participation” (synkoinōneō).

A Study of Two Ancient Words

When the ancient Hebrew would refer back in oral tradition to tell the stories of the great salvation and exodus of their people there were two words most often used in re-telling of God's covenant deliverance from Egyptian captivity. Those two words

were Mitzrayim and Yeshua. Understanding why and the meaning of how these words were prominent is entirely relevant to current and present day circumstances.

The Hebrew root word Mitz-ra-yim, meaning; to close off, to shut off or to limit. Other Hebraic sources claim the etymology of the word **Mitzrayim** means; to bind, tie up, to be restricted, narrow, or tightly restrained.

Most all Hebraic commentators agree that **Mitz-ra-yim**, the word, represents hardship, distress, oppression, a narrow or restricted place.

The ancient Hebrew people also used the word **Mitzrayim** to describe their captivity and exodus from Egypt.

The Hebrew root word **Yeshua**, meaning; salvation; open path or open pathway to salvation

In biblical Hebrew, a name of a person or town was more than just a unique identifying title. It spoke of their calling or destiny.

The name of Jesus – which in Hebrew is **Yeshua** - salvation. **Yeshua, Jesus, Messiah**, was God's promise of salvation - open to all the world. Not isolated, closed, shut off or shut down - open to all who believe.

Thousands of years before Jesus - **Yeshua** came to openly bring salvation to all the ancient Hebrew people would also use the word **Yeshua** in reference to their

salvation from closed and restricted bondage to He was the Messiah foretold through the nation of Israel and the Hebrew culture. Yet, when we study the New Testament, we often miss some treasures connected to His wonderful name.

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Part IV - Godlessness, Lawlessness, Chaos, Corruption, and Collapse

Biblical Remedy for Mankind's Malady

Exodus 20:3-17

And God spoke all these words, saying,

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the

seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

One: I am the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Two: You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a graven image, nor any manner of likeness of anything that is in heaven above, that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them, nor serve them. For I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children of the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and showing mercy unto the thousandth generation of them that love Me and keep My commandments.

Three: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain. (Honor and Respect for God the Creator and Almighty)

Four: Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath unto the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any manner of work—you, your son, your daughter, your man-servant, your maid-servant, your cattle, and your stranger that is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath Day, and hallowed it. (Sanctity of a Day of Rest and Worship)

Five: Honor your father and mother, so that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you.

Six: You shall not murder. (Value of Human Life)

Seven: You shall not commit adultery. (Marital Fidelity, Fornication-Sexual Morality)

Eight: You shall not steal. (Stealing what does not belong to you)

Nine: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Lie)

Ten: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his manservant, his maid-servant, his ox, his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's. (Greed and Lust)

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:17-20

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be

called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 22:34-40

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

Discerning Commentary ...Things As They Are

I don't believe a responsible person of average character with an reasonably intelligent, deductive, or logical mind believes that a toxic and unhealthy civilization and society such as our own can sustain itself in ideological chaos, governed in

systemic corruption, strategically legislating lawlessness on its own people. Only one of three things can happen.

- A nation-wide repentance followed by transformational and structural reform of moral and ethical ideology.
- A brutal civil liberties revolution led by the blue-collar working class of America. (Farming, Shipping, Trades and Repair, Travel, Manufacturing, Goods and Service)
- A multi-lateral societal collapse brought on by the strategical deconstruction (fear and isolation) of a societal moral compass and the nuclear family.

Which of these if any, do you see as greater possibility of happening?

Institutional Reform; All Government Branches, Elementary -Intermediate-Higher Education, Big-Tech Regulation, Churches and Non-Profit, Media, Sports and Entertainment, Health Care

Reset of Ideological Balance; Save the Planet, Gender Fluidity, Cancel Culture, The Unemployed Employed, Racial Injustice, Conception of Human Life

Reclamation of Founding Principles; as “the” Civil and Societal Moral and Ethical Compass.

Where to Start?

It all starts within the American Church and its leadership - pastors, teachers, and all ministry leaders. The government cannot legislate morality, righteousness, and

faithfulness. That role belongs to the Christian church. We must stop conforming and begin immediately to reform. Jesus said make disciples, teach everything I have commanded you.