



SHIELD OF FAITH

"Take Up the Shield of Faith" - Paul

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"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." — 2 Corinthians 4: 3-4

The god of this World

There *is* a god of this world. Paul the Apostle says in the verse above that he, "hath blinded the minds of them which believeth not." We are remiss in thinking that individuals make up their own minds, independent of outside spiritual influences.

In our tech and science induced arrogance we have decided that the individual thinking man is fully independent and powerful. He has the right and the power to make up his own mind. Outside spiritual influences are weak or irrelevant.

That, folks, isn't Christianity. Nowhere close to what the Bible teaches.

We *are* bombarded by worldly and demonic spiritual influences. They *are* always working to move us away from the glorious gospel of Christ. And they are VERY patient. They don't mind taking generations, decades, centuries even millenia, to work their evil.

Don't kid yourself. Those influences are all around you right now. You aren't safe just because you went to an altar and prayed, or because you just completed an honest confession. In fact, truth be told, the closer you get to the glorious gospel of Christ the more satan is going to target you.

This is what Jesus offered as a warning to his followers in John 15:

"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

We hear a lot these days about hate. The word has been weaponized against the glorious gospel of Christ. Whenever you hear that word these days it is aimed at a Christian who is holding on for dear life while she defends her Lord and Savior in school or at her workplace. She is called out as a hater by who? By people who think butt sex is a moral good, that's who. It's always the same. Haters think sex should be reserved for the marriage bed, and be conceived as less about pleasure than life. Wicked, evil idea ... that!

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Jesus didn't tell his followers to beg the government to pass laws protecting them from hate. Oh no, Jesus told his followers to expect to be hated.

He went on in John 15, "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you."

Christianity today is a get out of jail free card. We market it to people like drug companies market their narcotics, like the cannabis movement markets pot. We promise that everything will get better if you just get saved.

Ha! You can forget that nowadays.

Choosing to be a Christian is quickly becoming a go to jail card in the good ole USA. If you aren't willing to go to jail for Jesus are you a Christian? I wonder.

Paul the Apostle says in the verses prior to the one quoted above that Christians have "renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, 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."

So the mission we choose to accept when we get saved is to renounce hidden things. We choose to be honest. We choose not to be crafty or deceitful. By telling the truth we commend ourselves to "every man's conscience."

There is nothing more deceitful and crafty than the alphabet soup ideology of the homosexual movement. People who choose to accept sodomy are conspiring with the devil. They are choosing to follow the god of this world, not Jesus Christ ... not anything at all resembling the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our failure to confront this wickedness is inexcusable.

Jesus himself said that many would think themselves righteous only to discover on Judgment Day that they will be cast into eternal darkness. I don't want to be one of those people.

I want to carry my cross every day.

Let's do it together while the light still shines.

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