



SHIELD OF FAITH

"Take Up the Shield of Faith" – Paul

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Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. — Matthew 7:17

Corrupt Trees

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Christianity in the West is led by a forest of corrupt trees. The most rotten is Pope Francis. He, and most Christian leadership today, are bringing forth evil fruit. Am I being harsh? No, I am speaking from my own personal experience as a paid professional Christian leader at the state level in one of America's fifty states. I served in this capacity for two decades.

I learned the art of politics. But not well enough, thank God, to be able to hold onto my well-paying job. My love for the simple gospel truth of Jesus Christ led me out the back door of the Christian Civic League of Maine. I was forced out of the political spotlight. For a decade I've been in the political shadows remaining true to my conviction that Christianity is the answer for all the West's problems.

Christianity is prophetic. God establishes order on day one as Creator. He lays down the law. People refuse His order and choose their own. He sends prophets as living, breathing, walking, suffering forthtellers of God's way.

The prophets are among us. They are reminding us to repent of our sins, and to follow King Jesus Christ. The almighty governments of the West stand in dire need of repentance. We are wandering in a wilderness of sin. I need not list the evidence here. Every day's news feed "bringeth forth" more evil fruit from the corrupt trees that lead us.

A theological wildfire has started among Roman Catholics. Soon the Pope will hold a meeting in the Amazon. I've heard it labeled most often as the Amazon Synod. Theologians with the rank of Cardinal are calling the event heretical and freighted with the potential for schism in that Church. The pagan cultures of the world are to be elevated over the Kingship of Jesus Christ.

No surprise there. We've entered an age where all religions must be granted supremacy over the only true God of the universe — Jesus. Governments, especially in the West, are lining up to kick Jesus to the curb. To make sure that his name is least in the new pagan pantheon of gods who are only too happy to give a wink and a nod to everyone's individual and sexual passions.

Strange that the one thing that seems to unite the corrupt is their devotion to sex. Have you noticed? And they've brilliantly made it seem like the real villain is Christianity's moral code. They've caused most to believe that the world will be a better place when mankind evolves beyond the medieval Christian understanding of marriage, family, fatherhood and motherhood.

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Today's world is not without her prophets, thank God. They are, in fact, finding increasing traction in the world. This comes as an unexpected result of mankind's deployment of computers and the internet. The prophets have achieved such shocking success in short order that the controllers of the machine are working overtime to keep their pagan plan on track. It isn't going to work.

God writes straight with crooked lines. What the devil intended as a global control mechanism has become humanity's public square. Entering from both stage right and left are serious, smart and determined Christians who will glorify the King of Kings and Lord of Lords in all they do and say. They are on the side of justice and truth. The power of money and war don't impress them. They are, in fact, on the side of the poor and the common man as is their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As I've said many times in these columns, I'm not full of doom and gloom as I look to the future. I am full of hope for my children and grandchildren. Daily I put myself in the company of angels and prophets. Sure the demons are loose in the world, and their oppression and corruption is evident. That's to be expected in a world gone mad. But it's been mad for a very long time. And the light and glory of Jesus Christ continues to shine. The darkness will not overcome it.

We are all fruit inspectors. Good trees are bearing good fruit. We must choose the good trees. Corruption defines the bad trees. Corruption is defined as, "The act of corrupting, or state of being corrupt or putrid; the destruction of the natural form of bodies, by the separation of the component parts, or by disorganization, in the process of putrefaction." and "Depravity; wickedness; perversion or deterioration of moral principles; loss of purity or integrity."

There is absolutely no integrity, purity or moral principle to a Christianity that doesn't work for the conversion of souls. The substitution of politics for evangelism is corruption, pure and simple. Christianity has wholly given itself over to politics. The deterioration and putrefaction of our civilization stinks to high heaven. It is long past time to turn our back on this depravity, wickedness and perversion.

The good fruit of the true faith is love. There is NO Love without truth. Unruly passions end with hatred of life itself. Ruled passions bring peace, hope and love.

The greatest of these is

Love.