



SHIELD OF FAITH

"Take Up the Shield of Faith" - Paul

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And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. — 2 John 1:6

Basket of Deplorables

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In September of 2016, three years ago, Hillary Clinton was raising money in New York City. It comes as no surprise that her rhetoric would go over the top with that crowd. She said, "You know, to just be grossly generalistic, you could put half of Trump's supporters into what I call the basket of deplorables. Right? The racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamaphobic — you name it. And unfortunately there are people like that. And he has lifted them up."

She went on to describe the other half of Trump's supporters as downhearted about the government because it has let them down. She described them as desperate for change.

John opens his second epistle in the Bible, "To the lady chosen by God and to her children, whom I love in the truth." Hillary Clinton is also a female, though I wouldn't be quick to describe her as a lady. In fact her political career, personal life with husband Bill, and comment above, would suggest that she better fits the folks John describes later in this letter.

After describing the importance of walking in God's commandments as evidence of Christian love he writes, "I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and antichrist ... Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God."

The Clintons lead the folks around the world who want to run ahead. The people who have no interest in continuing in the teaching of Christ. They're working overtime as "progressives" to ignore the wisdom carried forward by religion. The religion of the West is not multiculturalism, secularism or science. Christianity is the religion of Western Civilization.

Hillary's deplorable comment seeks to drive a wedge between patriotic Christians and superstitious Christians. Hillary's "Christians" don't think much about the fact that God walked the earth in the flesh — that He is indeed a God of history. They obviously think of Jesus Christ as just one way to kindness and niceness. They mislabel this niceness as "love" and use the power of money, politics and government to bludgeon patriotic American Christians.

This deplorable comment works in New York City, the financial capital of the world. The comment reinforces their disdain for the values of patriotic Christian Americans.

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With the deplorable comment Clinton sealed her fate. She lost the election to Trump. It amazes me that she was still able to attract so much support. Christianity has surrendered much of its cultural influence. It has drawn too close to the world, engaging in endless chatter and internal disagreements over peripheral matters. Christianity is not continuing in the teaching of Christ in the West.

If it were continuing in those teachings the nations of the West would not be rolling out the red carpet to Muslims while shunning persecuted Christians. John writes to the lady, "If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work."

The teaching to which John and all Christians dedicate themselves is to walk in obedience to Christ's commands. Christians who love hate evil. They abhor immoral actions, corruption and sin. It is not loving to tolerate evil.

Hillary Clinton calls Americans who live this way deplorables. She assigns dark labels to them, "racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic." They are none of these things. They are loyal Christian Americans who hope for a government that will reward good and punish evil. It isn't good in America to force women to cover themselves head to toe, or for men to be granted the "right" to have four wives. It isn't good for any nation to favor other peoples in the world over the people who are our fellow citizens. It is evil to promote sodomy under pseudonyms like "sexual orientation, homophobic and LGBTQ." It is pure wickedness to label common sense about gender sexism. And it is beyond belief to me that we are allowing politicians and oligarchs to stir racial division once again.

Our hope going forward is walking in obedience to the commands of Jesus Christ. We must begin by acknowledging the reality of sin. There are many, many things we must change. We won't be able to see the narrow path's beginning through the swirling cultural chaos that currently engulfs us until we start loving one another. This love will not be separated from truth. It will be full of truth.

This love will not gratify the desires of the flesh. Paul the Apostle tells the Galatians, "The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like."

Read that list again. Ask yourself why those things are not roundly and loudly condemned by people like Hillary Clinton who instead condemns non-existent groups who are "racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic."

Paul concludes with a warning, "those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God." Live like who and what? Live debauched like the Clintons.

They will not inherit the kingdom of God. Will we?

Selah.