

Second Person of the Trinity. Modernists make Him a mere human being or even a sort of vague ideal or symbol. God's Word declares that He is the very Lord of the universe. The essence of the Christian Faith is the teaching that Jesus Christ left His place in Heaven and assumed human flesh in order to give Himself as a ransom for our sins. He, the one man in all history Who was without sin and Who did not deserve to die for His own sins, because He had none, voluntarily submitted Himself to the agony of the cross in order to pay the penalty for the sin of those who would believe on Him.

American success has come because the nation has been permeated with constant preaching and teaching of this vital portion of the Christian Faith. Today it is widely ignored or even denied.

The Christian Faith holds, as the Bible teaches, that a man cannot benefit from the death of Christ unless he personally accepts Him as Saviour and Lord and as a result experiences the new birth. Everyone, regardless of background, ancestry, or upbringing, has the opportunity to accept the Lord Jesus and to receive Him into his heart. As soon as a person sincerely does this he receives everlasting life and is transferred from the Kingdom of Satan to the Kingdom of God. This is the divine plan taught in the Bible and formerly presented throughout our nation by all our great denominations and educational institutions. The introduction of modernistic denial and the elevation of modernists to places of leadership in church and school has so changed this central feature of our nation that one may well question whether it has now the right to expect God's protection from the terrible menaces of the present day. Only by a complete turn-around at this point can we hope to avert disaster. The Christian Faith is indeed the answer. It is the only answer. It is God's answer to our dilemma.

As a natural corollary of this situation, in recent years the Biblical principles of free enterprise have been widely criticized. Those who are abandoning the gospel of Christ are substituting for it a call for the development of a new type of society that is difficult to distinguish from the type promoted by the communists. Their commissions lobby in the United Nations and in the halls of our legislative

bodies. Their worldwide conventions welcome delegates from behind the iron curtain. Their partisans sit in professors' chairs, and pontificate from leading positions in many of our large denominations.

A well-documented exposure of these activities is contained in Major Bundy's excellent book, *Collectivism in the Churches* and can be supplemented by a study of subsequent developments as exposed in *The Christian Beacon* and in the publications of the Church League of America.

Almost every student in our great universities is now subjected to a barrage of sneers at the principles that have made America great. 52% of the profits of the enterprise of every corporation of even moderate size is siphoned off for experiments in Socialism or projects to place a man on the moon. We need to return to the principles of free enterprise that are founded on Biblical teachings.

Today we face a situation that might seem *hopeless*. While the mass of Americans doubtless still believe in God and our Country, leadership in church and state has largely fallen to those who have deserted our heritage. Yet the Christian Faith is still the answer. If the tide is to be turned back, it can be done only by reenthronement of the Bible and its principles at the center of our national life. This may yet be done, and America may be saved from the holocaust that Khrushchev threatens. But if it is done, it will be the power of God, working through His people, and not mere human effort, that will do it.

Let us return to the foundation that made America great. Let us exalt again the principles of free enterprise that the Bible maintains, and return in our national life to those sound principles of economy that will provide solid and permanent growth, rather than a mushroom expansion that soon leads to recession and collapse. Let's quit trying to put a man on the moon, and try instead to defend man on this earth from brutality and aggression. Above all, let us restore to its rightful place in our lives the Biblical teaching about repentance from sin and salvation through Christ. If we exalt the God of the Bible, He will exalt our nation. If we continue to abandon and deny His Word, only disaster can lie ahead. Only in the Christian Faith can America find the answer.

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## SOCIAL ETHICS AND THE PULPIT

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A refugee from the godless tyranny of East Germany described something of the plight of the church under communism. The church is forbidden to teach young people under sixteen during the week. Bible camps are prohibited and the ubiquitous secret police spy on the pastor to find an excuse to imprison him and prevent his pastoral work. The communists forbid any involvement in politics on the part of the church. He added, however, that communist politics involved every area of the citizen's life and thus the church is prevented from an effective witness and expansion of its work.

Many evangelical pastors in our own land are becoming increasingly concerned with the constant intrusions of the state into the lives of the citizen, the erosion of our freedom, the public disregard for God and morals and the loss of a sense of individual responsibility as the state increasingly seeks to assume paternal care for all of our lives. Yet they are often perplexed as to the relationship between the preaching of the Word of God and political-economic questions. (Most of the current political issues

are economic ones.) Fearful of using the pulpit as a political platform, they keep silent on such vital concerns of our day. This fear has been augmented by a reaction against the use of the pulpit for advancing the philosophy of Karl Marx in the name of the Gospel. This fear of involvement in politics is exemplified by an article in a Christian magazine warning missionaries against anti-communism in Africa, a continent which is rapidly descending (with considerable impetus derived from our foreign policy) down the road to communism.

The responsibility for the minister and missionary to preach the whole council of God is a sacred one. The message must be characterized by a note of authority, a "thus saith the Lord". The message that is to proceed from the pulpit is the Word of God and not moralistic advice of man. It is to be preached in love to strengthen the weak, to win the lost and to build up the saints. The purpose of preaching is to glorify God through leading men to a right relationship with God through Christ, to whole-hearted love