

deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian oppression was typical of deliverance from the whole capitalistic system.

Many students were indoctrinated with this system. Churches desiring men who would preach to them the Gospel of salvation through Christ, often found themselves saddled with ministers who were propagandizing them to work and struggle for the complete change of our social system.

Our third point is this:

3. This other religion is powerless to accomplish its avowed purpose. In fact, its actual result is great harm, rather than good.

I shall look at the two sections of this point separately. The first of them is that this other religion is powerless to accomplish its avowed purpose.

Preachers of the social gospel in this country often pointed with great interest to the experiment in Russia. While occasionally disassociating themselves from some of its aspects, they were constantly praising it as a forward step in the direction of their aims. The Soviet government has had a nearly thirty-five years of absolute domination in Russia, and during this time has been free to use every instrument it might desire to forward its aim of introducing the universal socialistic society to which it is ideologically devoted. What is the result? Today the standard of living of the average Russian is far lower than that of the people of western Europe, to say nothing of those of the United States. The difference between the standard of living of the top bureaucrats and that of the rank and file of the working class, is actually greater than that between almost any two classes in any nation of western Europe, or America. In Germany, which is now divided into a