Paul gave many wonderful exhortations, prayers, and loving words of encouragement to the brethren at Philippi! Notice closely the words of Philippians 4:1, 4, 6-7: “Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved” (v. 1). “Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice” (v. 4). “Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God” (v. 6). “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (v. 7). Paul commended them for the fact that they were “soldiers of the cross” as were also the Ephesian disciples (Eph. 6:10-17).

Are we worthy of these commendations? We sing the beautiful song written in 1723 by Isaac Watts, containing important, challenging, and pointed questions. It reads, “Am I a soldier of the Cross, a foll’wr of the Lamb? And shall I fear to own His cause, Or blush to speak His name? Must I be carried to the skies On flow’ry beds of ease, while others fought to win the prize, And sailed thro’ bloody seas? Sure I must fight if I would reign: Increase my courage, Lord, I’ll bear the toil, endure the pain, Supported by thy Word.”
Jesus said, “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (Jn. 8:32). When one knows the Truth, the forbidden changes of the “Change Agents” and their condemning errors become evident. Mature Christians are able to see the departures from the Word of God (II Jn. 1:9-11). But the younger, immature novices, or beginning students of the Word, are often deceived by what Paul called the “sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive” (Eph. 4:14). Those who call themselves “Change Agents” are today leading congregations away from the faith, and “the hope of the Gospel” (Col. 1:23). The anchor for the soul—the moorings of Truth—are being ignored by them to the extent that some are even establishing their own “Community Churches,” which are unknown in the New Testament. These “grievous wolves” (Acts 20:28-32; Matt. 7:15) seek to “draw away disciples after them” and away from the Lord and His church in which salvation is found (Acts 4:12; Eph. 1:3; 5:23).

What are some of the changes on their agenda?

1. They abandon the plea for unity based in the New Testament (Jn. 17:20-21; I Cor. 1:10).

2. They change the plan of worship revealed in the New Testament (Jn. 4:24) into “a celebration” with clapping, lifting of hands, swaying, and other such actions to appeal to the emotions instead of the Bible heart.

3. They extend fellowship to denominations without seeking to correct their errors (Eph. 5:11).

4. They advocate unscriptural concepts of the “direct” operation of the Holy Spirit, separate from and in addition to the Word of God (II Tim. 3:16-17).

5. They press for following a “New Hermeneutic” or new interpretation of the Bible in order to follow their own pernicious ways.

6. They teach that the lost are saved by grace alone, and that men are not to obey the Lord in the Heavenly works given for those “created in Christ Jesus unto good works” (Mk. 16:15-16; Eph. 2:8-10).

7. They approve and accept those living in adultery, who are divorced and remarried for reasons other than “fornication or death” (Matt. 19:8-9; Rom. 7:1-4).

8. They accept those into their fellowship who have not been baptized “for the remission” of past sins (Acts 2:38-41).

9. They advocate performances in worship, in preaching, “praise teams,” and dramatic plays instead of pleasing God in preaching and congregational singing (I Cor. 1:18, 21; Eph. 5:18-19).

10. They ignore the teaching of the Bible by using women instead of men in places of leadership in the church (I Tim. 2:8-15).

Changes such as these will not please God (Rev. 22:18-19). Do not follow those who make them, but “come ye out from among them” (II Cor. 6:17).
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