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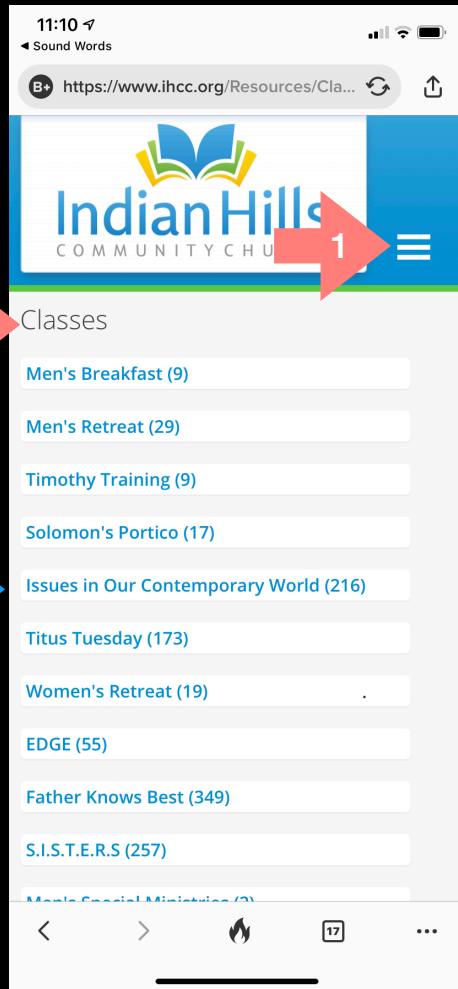
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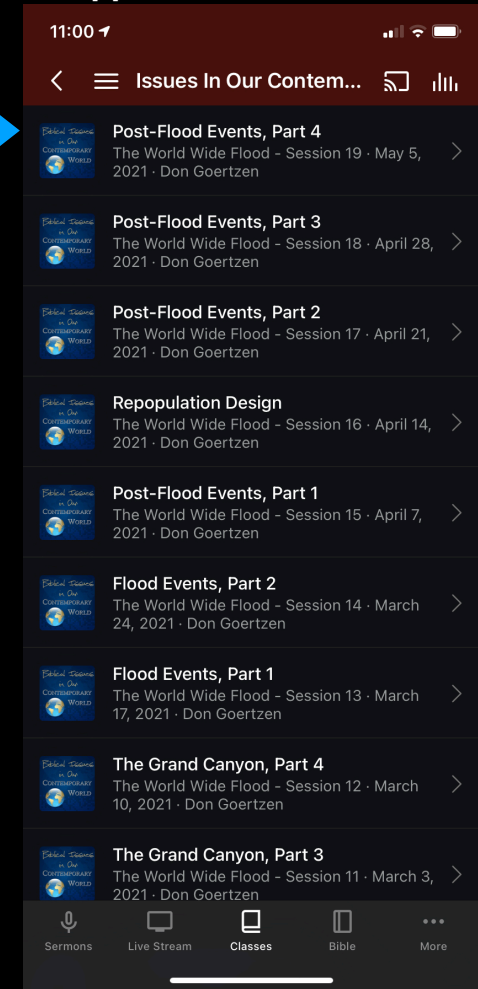
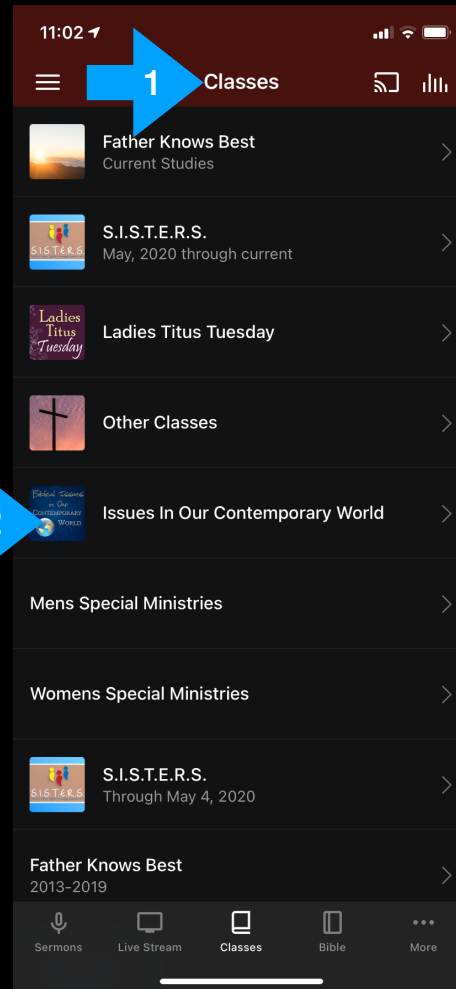
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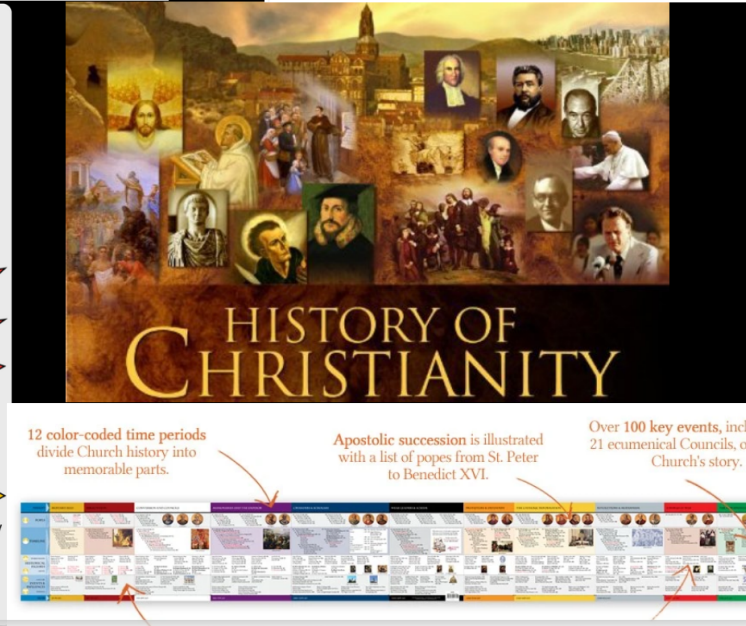
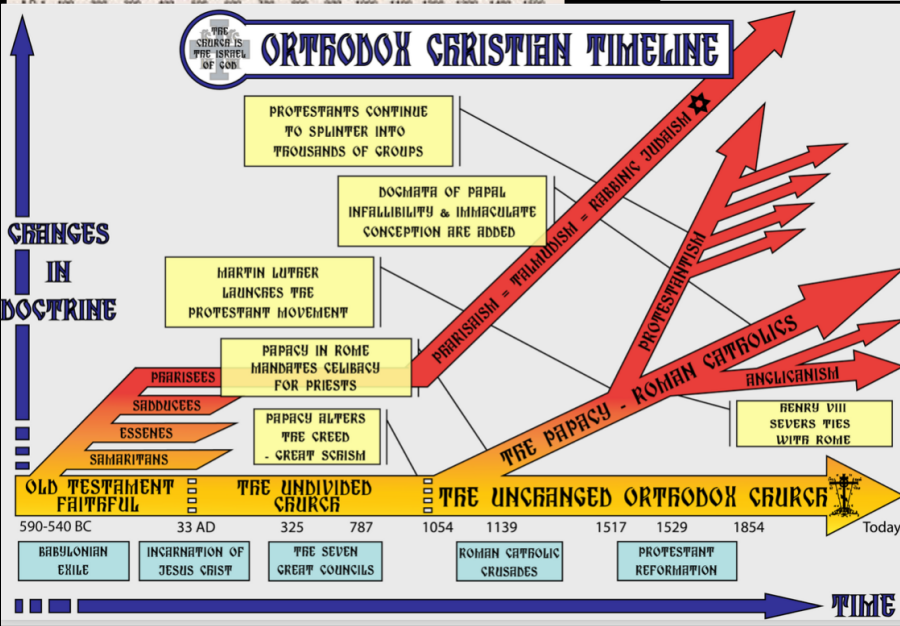
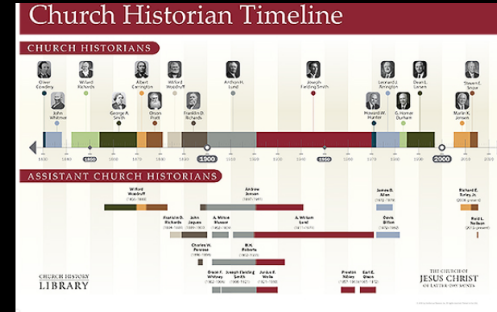
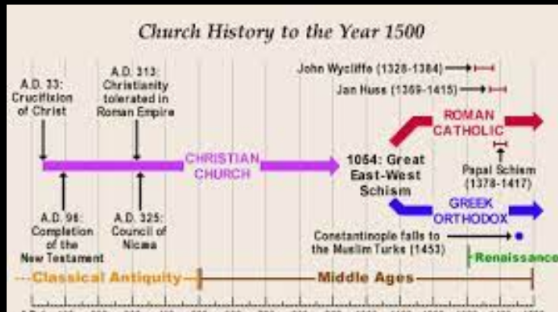
- Mask rational.
- Mask use is now more political than medical.
- Obey your conscience and your medical concerns. Wear a mask if you wish.
We all will defend each others choice without prejudice.
- Class notes, PDF of the lesson will be sent via email each week. All or nothing choice. Signing up is available.
- Questions at the end of the lessons. It facilitates our limited time.
- We have seven lessons before the Christmas break. Lessons are on line in Sound Word app: Other Classes, Issues the latest at the top.
- Pray for true unity in a world system that thrives on a diversity to be managed and the destruction of Christianity.
- A good read complementing today's lesson is Fault Lines by U. Baucham.

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Issues in our Contemporary World Season 18

Presentations By Donald L Goertzen

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What the Historical Church Got Wrong And why it matters!

Other Titles Considered 😊

The Mistakes of the Church Juveniles.

Lies of the Church.

When the literal sense is lost.

Historic Premillennialism is deeply flawed.

**Reformed Theology can be a gateway drug
to theological ruin.**



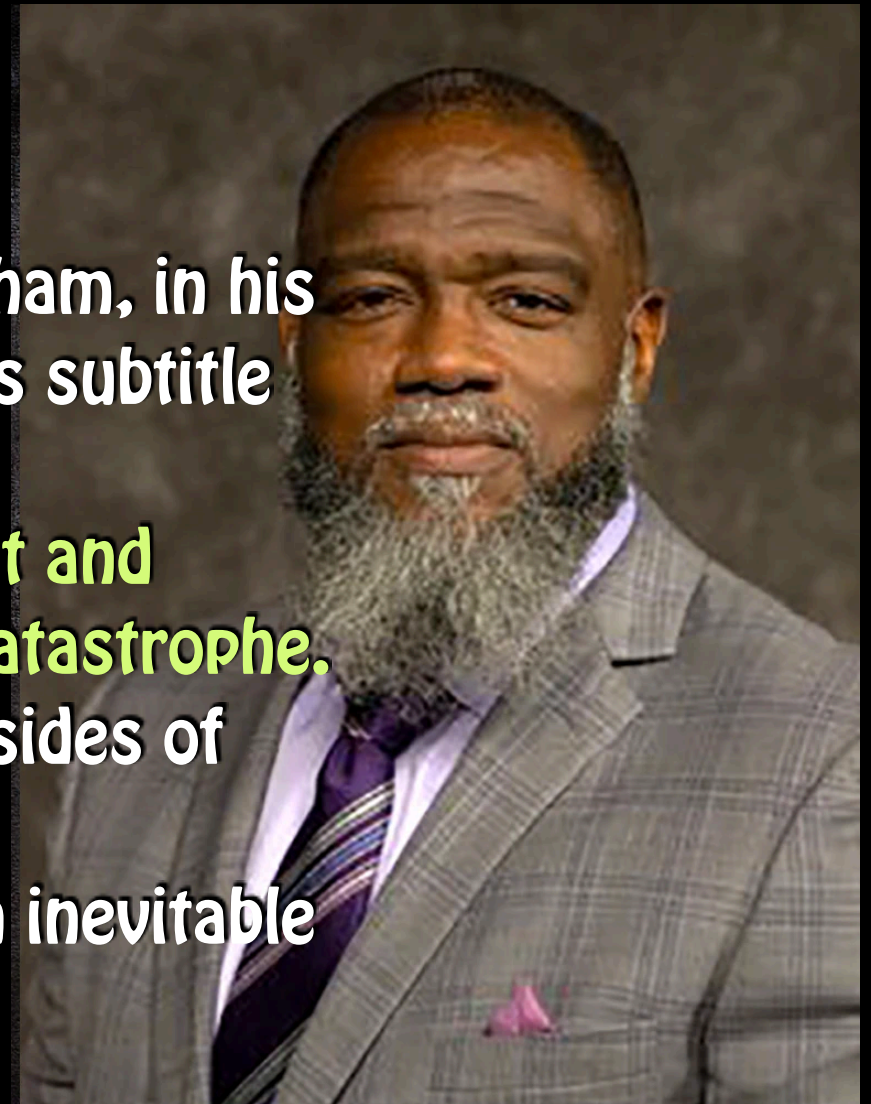
**The Roots of WOKE Culture Exposed
A History of Christianity**

Or an Old Fashioned Long Title!

How when appealing to Christian sensibilities the secular Left has handed a red herring to the Reformed Churches to the destruction of the Gospel and effective churches.

Fault Lines

- According to Voddie T Baucham, in his recent book “Fault Lines,” his subtitle suggests conflict ahead—
 - **The Social Justice Movement and Evangelicalism’s Looming Catastrophe.**
- Leaders are lining up on two sides of the fault.
- There will be no resolution on inevitable division.



Voddie T Baucham

- “The goal of this book is not to avoid the looming trouble. **In fact, I believe that to be neither possible nor desirable.** The trouble has arrived. It will not go away any time soon, **and the division it is causing is necessary.** I chose the fault line metaphor because I believe it not only describes the **catastrophe**, but also the **aftermath**.
- Baucham Jr., Voddie. *Fault Lines: The Social Justice Movement and Evangelicalism's Looming Catastrophe* (p. 6). Salem Books. Kindle Edition.

According to Voddie Baucham—

- **THE FAULT LINE DIVIDES** “...Tim Keller, Russell Moore, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, 9 Marks, (Mark Dever) the Gospel Coalition, and Together for the Gospel (T4G) being identified with Critical Social Justice on one side of the fault, and people like John MacArthur, Tom Ascol (SBC, Founders, Reformed Baptist), Owen Strachan (Reformed Baptist Leader), Douglas Wilson (Reformed Baptist pastor, and the late R.C. Sproul being identified on the other?
- Baucham Jr., Voddie. *Fault Lines: The Social Justice Movement and Evangelicalism's Looming Catastrophe* (p. 2). Salem Books. Kindle Edition.

Confusion Begins the Descent

- It may not seem possible that this present day crisis in the Evangelical community can be traced back to the errors of the Church Fathers but it is quite simple.
- We will show that in the early and the later centuries the “Kingdom Now” (AKA Postmillennialism) agenda will be the slippery slope that slides the church into a social gospel, (social justice) which will produce the “Kingdom of God.”
- Today, BUILDING THE KINGDOM is the christian's operative duty expressed in socially equal outcomes.

Brevity is the soul of wit
Shakespeare

My Facebook Posting

- “This Wednesday 7:00pm we begin our 18th year teaching “Issues in our Contemporary World.” We begin with the **early church writing the Jewish promises out of the Bible. The Enlightenment removed God from culture leaving the only alternative social Marxism.** The saddest thing is that some **Reformers** have joined the Marxist to build a utopian culture the so called Kingdom of God. All are welcome.”

Issues in our Contemporary World

- For the 18th season we will look at historic christianity and the perversions that have been foisted on it.
- We will start with the post-apostolic times (100-200) of the early centuries with its fledging church leaders
- They made inexcusable and egregious mistakes that have repercussions to our day.

AVOIDABLE PRESENT DAY MISTAKES

- A major mistake is to elevate the Church Fathers to (99.99%=100%) **infallibility**.
- That is, **depending on the Church Fathers rather than Scripture**.
- Today many/most fail to recognize the Church Father's errors and adopt their "**historic theology**" **with its dramatic short comings**.

AVOIDABLE PRESENT DAY MISTAKES

- The idea of “spiritualizing” the text provides the basis for Post-Tribulationism, or Historic Premillennialism and Amillennialism.
- Christian WOKE culture, is Amillennialism or more precisely neo-Post-millennialism (there is little difference).
- All christian work is aimed at building the Kingdom NOW.
- There is functional agreement between the WOKE culture which is preparing for a Marxist utopian revolution and the Kingdom.
- Sadly some Reformed christians believe Marxism is “supported by the “Bible”—in the Kingdom of Christ.

Patience is Important

- The problem with studying church history is that it takes patience-**BUNCHES of it!**
- Too often, we are happy to simply know the right answers with little **understanding of their errors.**
- Therefore, we can group “personalities” without understanding the underlying theology. (e. g. J. Piper)
- **Understanding the sources of deviant theology will help us defend the faith once for all delivered to the saints.**

**Understanding history
unlocks the past to give us
an understanding of the
present.**

The present is an extension of the past,

Explanation of Church History

- One of the difficulties in teaching church history is we must **engage the cultural setting of the church.**
- This blends the study of the church and culture. **A study of the church is not possible without engaging the culture.**
- I mention this because as we move through church history **it is nested in a culture that must be understood.**
- This separation is particularly difficult when visiting about Marxist **WOKE** culture of our day.

Explanation of Church History

- The reason is that the culture has absorbed the church — there are few church distinctions.
- The result is that we talk a lot about cultural Marxism because it has or is threatening to engulf the church.
- A study of the faithful church will avoid or minimize the cultural impact since they functioned separately—as a called out church.

Explanation of Church History

- For example in order to understand our present day and its threat to the faithful church we ought to have an understanding of the Enlightenment of the 18th century.
- My intention was to begin here for this series but logic and inquiry pushed me back to the early church to fully explain the present challenges.



**The Roots of WOKE Culture Exposed
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A Prequel to the Lords Coming?

- We are looking for the coming of the Lord at any time. However, we with hindsight can see all the opportunities that were offered man as a path to redemption. But all have received an unqualified rejection. (Our pedagogical moment, to learn.)
- With the discovery of science “The Enlightenment” for the first time offered to explain the world without reference to God and His Providential care.

A Prequel?

- But never in the history of humanity has such an humanized ideal world been implemented because it could not be implemented—there just was too much christian thought.
- However, in the last decade and now accelerating, the possibility of a world culture without God is envisioned as imminently possible by the neo-Marxists ideologues—
Now? Because for the first time they control the levers of the federal government.

A Prequel?

- **Recap: With the decline of the West and a dramatic challenge to the commonly held order with a brand new set of enlightenment “leaders” there is real hope that in four years the full ideals of the Enlightenment can be realized.**

A Prequel?

If man then has finally achieved the death of God, how long will it be before God will call an end to this challenge and abandon humanity to its ideals in the Tribulation?

Back to the Enlightenment

The Enlightenment



1680-1790-

From End of the Puritans to the French Revolution—corresponding to the time of the Jonathan Edwards and 1st Great Awakening



Richie Robertson

In the Usual Parlance—

The Dark Ages
When minds were
controlled by the
Church
500-1000±

**The Age of
Enlightenment**
When minds were
liberated from the
Church
From end of Puritans

Aquinas, Wycliffe, Reformation, Anabaptists, Pilgrims, Puritans, Harvard, Yale

From “The Enlightenment”

- Ritchie Robertson: “Historians often claim that the period they are studying or writing about is important for the present, but it is undeniable [true] that the Enlightenment has a particularly urgent message for our time.
- Today the Marxists: RR: “Opponents of tyranny, injustice and superstition often appeal to ‘the values of the Enlightenment’.
- Robertson, Ritchie. *The Enlightenment* (p. xv). Harper. Kindle Edition.

From “The Enlightenment”

- RR: “Within this, the Enlightenment stands for the endeavors of thinkers, writers and practical administrators in many countries to **increase the well-being of humanity...**”



Richie Robertson

From “The Enlightenment”

- RR: “For them, to enlighten humanity is to clear away the **false beliefs which have blinded people** to their own interests; to oppose the power of institutions, **especially the organized Churches, which have encouraged such blindness;** to **arrive at a true understanding of human nature,** and of the political and economic societies in which people live; **to increase people’s well-being and happiness;**

From “The Enlightenment”

- RR: “The conviction animating these endeavors is that the world need not be a vale of tears; the earth is the destined home of humanity, and a place where happiness is attainable.”
- Ed: To suggest that all the ills of today can be traced in a straight line to the Enlightenment would be an overstatement.

From “The Enlightenment”

- **RR: “The philosophers of the seventeenth century regarded geometrical reason, where each statement follows ineluctably from the foregoing, as the model of rational thought. In the Enlightenment itself, ‘reason’ is much more often synonymous with ‘good sense’ or ‘common sense’.**
- **Common sense can be a force for change: one can look at a time-honored practice, such as hereditary monarchy or capital punishment, and ask for evidence that it really achieves what it is conventionally supposed to. (Ed: Relying of common sense not revelation can be misleading.)**
- **Robertson, Ritchie. The Enlightenment (p. xviii). Harper. Kindle Edition.**

From “The Enlightenment”

- Ed: There were some honorable intentions in the enlightenment.
- The Church was in a state of growing apostasy and became biblically “irrational.”
- Reasoning—starting with the Bible we would say would have helped greatly.
- We must mention Thomas Aquinas as the first to break-way from revelation and propose independent thinking.
±1275 AD

“The Enlightenment”

- Ed: However, that “**HAPPINESS**” can be attained in a world of “tears of divine judgment” **caused the philosophers to offer a false positive.**
- What is primarily wrong in the **Enlightenment in today’s form** is **discarding any authority**, traceable to **white men in wigs**, and discarding **everything that has come down as Christianity** from God.
- Today they read the **guilt in their conscience gained from a righteous convicting Spirit/God** Who **convicts of sin, righteous and judgment** and falsely determines that the **oppressors of the conscience are the indentured white men**—albeit without wigs.

“The New Enlightenment”

- However, what was not necessarily meant by the enlightenment philosophers, the present day Wizards are declaring— **that God, does not exist or is a hapless lapdog!**
- **Today**, they make no divine affirmations unless it is politically expedient—when they do they stumble as speaking a foreign language.
 - **Biden**—. "All men and women created by — you know, you know, **the thing.**"
- All divine authority has been jettisoned leaving the lowliest of men in \$2000 suits and **DRESSES IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING.** Dan. 4:17

Since the Enlightenment
c. 18th Century

So Man is Alone

Before the Enlightenment everyone was accountable to God for His providence and judgment—no one could stand against the acts of God. “Mother Nature” was God at work.

But now for the Marxist Left in the 21st Century all ties with God have been cut.

The Marxist Left is exposed having grasped all the levers of CONTROL without wisdom they yank on them. No,— we are not in Kansas any more!



The Wizard of Oz

Levers of Control=Personal Freedom the Sin

- Including price setting-wages, guaranteed income,
- The use of fossil energy is warming the climate. Climate control that will save the planet keeping it habitable.
- Other locations in space will have to be found to live.
- Health controls are administered for the group not the individual. care from cradle to the grave.
- Private property generates greed and theft. Human life has no value.
- The family is a false human ideal. Other equal “families” exist.
- Replaced worship of the Divine with god or
- nature worship.

Levers of Control=Personal Freedom the Sin

- **All authority resides in governmental levers**
- **Sin is socially inequities**
- **A person is connected to community sin.**
- **Guilt of ancestors endlessly follows their group to the grave.**
- **The Gospel has social implications.**
- **Salvation is in the community, the group not individual.**
- **Missional is doing moral work of social lifting**
- **Sexuality is a social construct. Men menstrate and have babies—to deny this is to spurn authority and is punishable.**

Levers of Control=Personal Freedom the Sin

- There is a demand for diversity at every level. But diversity must be unified in obedience to authority—in today's parlance of the Covid epidemic, the mask is the sign of submission.
- If the mask is not worn, then no order that will be obeyed, therefore full compliance is essential to the state. Refusal for any reason is treason.
- Intimidation, fines, imprisonment without charges are already used to force compliance—executions can easily follow.
- Killing children is already seen as a moral necessity.

Our interest is in Christian history

Our Study

How did we get here!

We have will see the cultural tie in—

Since the Enlightenment

Man is Alone

^{now}
Utopia is possible in this world
through the Social Gospel

The Cultural
Left
Neo-Marxism

By Marxism

The Reformed
Christian
Covenantalists

By Christi's

World View

God is here and
He is not silent

Utopia in a future
Kingdom
Saving Gospel

Dispensationalists
Reading the Bible
for
its literal sense

World View

Critical Race Theory CRT

Here—theory is a “doctrine” not an experiment

- The reason utopia has not arrived is because the **oppressors suppress the minorities**—“of color.”
- The primary oppressor is the white (christian straight) male. (The christian system is unfair must go. In 1987 a chant led by Jesse Jackson at Stanford U. **Hey, Hey, Ho, Ho, Western Civ Has Got to Go**)
- **CRT**: The task is to **identify** the oppressed groups (**Identity politics**) and demand justice for them by stripping the power of the oppressors by any and all means.
- **Starting with intimidation, isolation, imprisonment, ending in execution.** People are being held for months without any charges.

Intersectionality 1997

- In order to float the argument of **multiple oppressions**, the idea of **intersectionality** was used to describe **compounding difficulties of minorities** identified by different groups.
- A (1) **woman**, is of (2) **color**, is (3) homo-**sexual**, is (4) **poor**. All minority in “status” if not in fact.
- **Multiple minorities (intersectionality) gain greater victimhood and thus greater privileges.**

How did the Church Get into CRT?

- How is it that a country that could elect a black man to the presidency where racial harmony has been greatly improved and still improving—a country that already had the most diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, religious people in the world—what was the social sin? Guilt is by birth—
- Because of CRT intimidation in the last five years the church has done an about face and accepted the guilt as charged and assumed all the “sins of the fathers.”
- Yet there can never be enough weeping or apologies, to assuage the guilt. There can never be enough reparations, there can never be enough—only until the white oppressors are gone.

How did the Church Get into CRT?

- The Church having assumed the guilt as charged there is no end to the self-flagellation.
- Pastors rather than teaching the Word appear as groveling spineless men in their pulpits.
- Hoping against hope that forgiveness will be granted.
- But wait, forgiveness releases the charged does it not?
- So it will never come.
- Confession must go on in perpetuity. And the Gospel is not preached!

Not all Churches! But all are affected

- **Which churches?**
- **The Reformed and Southern Baptist churches.**
- **All that have rejected Dispensationalism (literal sense system) for an invented spiritual view of the Kingdom.**
- **Of extreme importance, the Word in its true meaning can save the church but it would rather be enslaved to the CRT movement and its fake “redemption.”**
- **They would rather grovel before their accuser than repent before the Lord for their misuse of the Scripture.**

Possible Break

A Black Man Speaks Wisdom

- In a moment we will look at Voddie Baucham's explanation of things. This will be different—a view point that a black man can offer which will be nearly impossible for anyone else—even he cannot escape severe criticism from the WOKE crowd.
- For now: Remember CRT sets one group against another to destroy both—under the flag of social justice and the full gospel.
- Essential to this operation is a unity of absolute obedience to the Marxist ideal but a diversity (weakness) to the smallest minority.

CRT is Neo-Marxism

- **This is neo-Marxism. Classic Marxism sets the employee against the employer. But that only worked in Russia where 100 , etc.,million people died in its wake.**
- **An adjustment was made in the Frankfurt School (1923) in Germany. Neo-Marxism: They said use the natural groups of races and gender. They can be pitted against another to their destruction. This idea was tried by Jim Wallace etc, in the 60's and 70's but it failed to achieve any traction in the land.**

Promise Keepers Movement

- However, with the encouragement of Bill McCartney Promise Keepers (coming up) , etc., divisively was championed and carried into the evangelical pulpits.
- Then add the new opportunity that a black president offered (2008, 2012)— the ideals of Critical Race Theory was turned into a racial war which no one but the white elitists wanted to fight.
- Some educated black women were used and with the assistance of other terrorists groups they protested, burned, looted stores , etc., the riots spread to major cities.

Police Shootings

- **Highlighting the deaths of a few police shootings, using selective footage, suppressing crime scene information— all designed to charge the county emotionally which converted the cities into war zones pitting them against the establishment at all layers. Victory was not necessary because the police intimidated acquiesced to all their demands and gave up large sections of the cities where the poorest lived.**
- **No one had all the necessary information but all had strongly held opinions. Deaths were turned into murders!**

Enter Covid 19

From the End of 2019 to the Present

- **A gift to the movement. The introduction of the Corona 19 virus into the world.**
- **For the Critical Race tacticians this was the gift of a life time. With the concerns of life or death on everyones mind the children of the Enlightenment depending only on what they knew (which was very little) set about controlling the people using the threat of death.**

Critical Race Theory-Here!

- This local church has not followed this line of reasoning. We maintain individual freedoms and individual responsibility and an acceptance of the choices all make. For example—personal choices.
- Everyone should have the right to wear a mask and everyone should have the right not to. Each of us must defend the others choice.

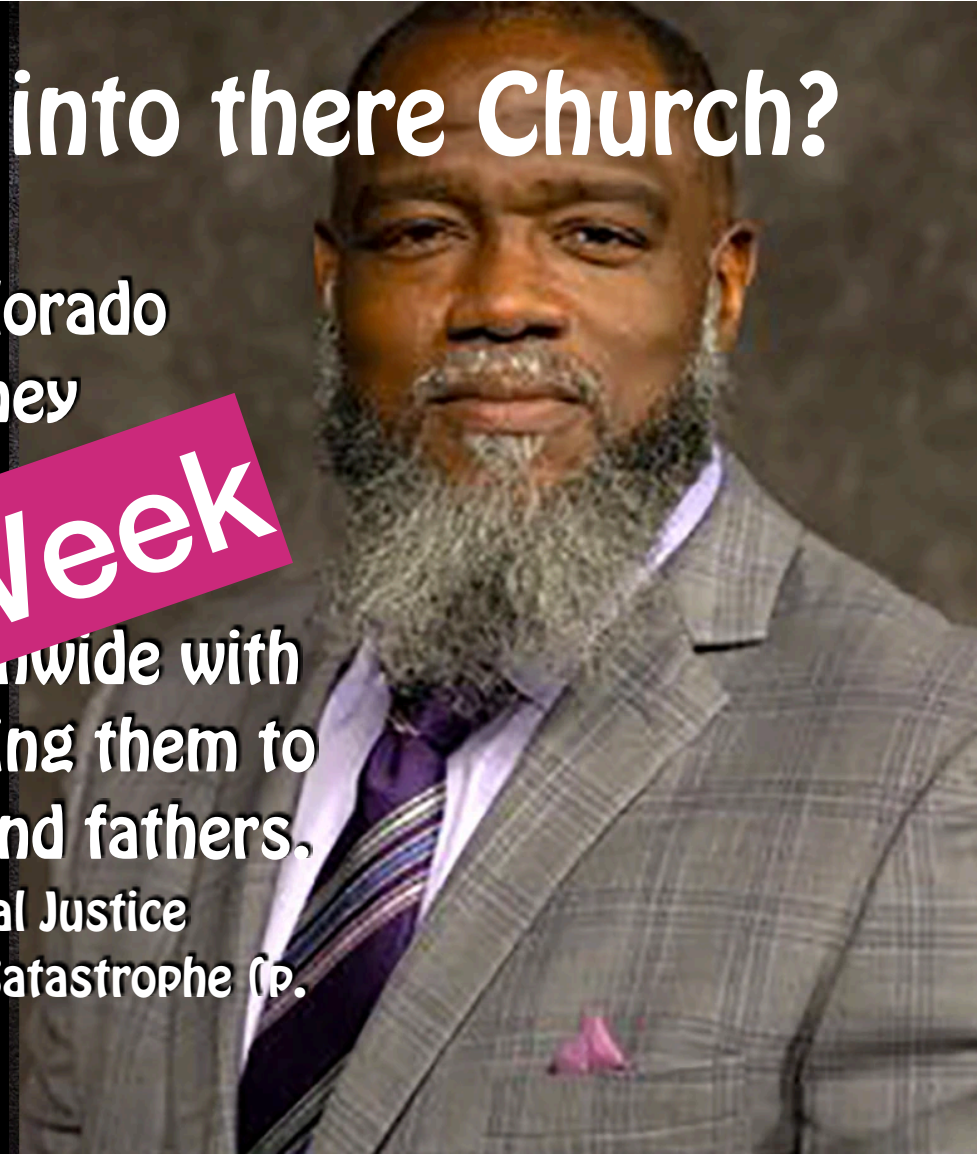
Critical Race Theory-Here!

- As with church associations it is a personal choice and groups cannot exclude anyone since they are all part of the Body of Christ. The freedom to choose and be accepted pits no one against the other. CRT is defeated at the first encounter.
- Russians, Germans, Irish, Jewish Christians are not to weep and repent of their personal choices to worship with people of their choice.

How did CRT Etc Get into there Church?

- UB” “In 1990, University of Colorado head football coach Bill McCartney founded Promise Keepers.
- The movement spread like wildfire, eventually filling churches nationwide with tens of thousands of men, training them to become God-fearing husbands and fathers.
- Baucham Jr., Voddie. Fault Lines: The Social Justice Movement and Evangelicalism's Looming Catastrophe (p. 33). Salem Books. Kindle Edition.

Next Week



Thus far—