

The subject I have chosen to write about this month is most certainly not a feel good subject. Many only grasp for what feels good instead of what is good. This attitude expresses itself in our daily lives much more than we would like to admit. It shows up in where we eat, what we drive, the clothes we wear, the houses we live in, our vacation, etc. But I'm most concerned how it has affected the church body like never before. Doctrine that is Scripture motivated is taking a back seat to a feel good religion.

Human depravity is a symptom of our isolation from God. When depravity expresses itself in the church, she is no longer the bulwark and fortress against the depravity that is sweeping our nation. Thus churches are not winning but are falling like dominoes. The people are accepting the ways of the world and keeping no secrets about it.

II Timothy 3:1-5 speaks about the evils of following the ways of the world and its culture. This is ever changing in the wrong direction and is by many called enlightenment. With that, we begin to realize and see the true picture of the causes that are making our churches and society become morally depraved. Paul gives us a good recipe for failure if we don't heed the warning in II Timothy.

While we're on the subject of depravity, let me bring your attention to something that is destroying our society and causing great harm to our faith: pornography. This is not a new problem but it was lightweight in the past considering our present state of affairs. What's going on now is getting into every facet of our lives. In Dr. David Jeremiah's book, "Is This The End", he writes in one chapter about "The Depravity of Our Minds." Consider these facts.

In June 2016, the internet's largest online porn site released its annual statistics. On just this one website in just one year, consumers watched 4,393,481,580 hours of porn. Convert those hours into years and it means those people collectively spent more than 500,000 years watching porn. On this particular site in 2015 alone, people watched over 87 billion X-rated videos. That's 12 videos for every man, woman, and child on the planet. Much of this porn was rough stuff. We need to start taking this seriously or our churches and families will drown in a sea of filth right along with the rest of the culture.

The U.S. is home to more child porn websites than anywhere else on earth. This statistic goes on to reveal so much more that it's hard to really get our mind around it. A Barna study found that most teenagers are so acclimated to the culture that they believe a failure to recycle is more immoral than viewing pornography.

When we open our eyes and see the depravity, the sins that have contaminated our culture and affected our churches, we can understand why some wonder if this is the end. Whether Jesus comes shortly or in another 1000 years, our society and culture will never be the same again.

Well, what's the answer? The Answer is always the same. The Word doesn't change. Only our laws and culture around us change. Sin and depravity have been with us from Adam and will be till Jesus comes and takes us home. We must always remember that the Word never changes. What was bad and sinful 2000 years ago is a sin today no matter how "enlightened" we get. When our courts change laws against the direction of Scripture, we must not use that as a license to sin. Jesus is the same today as He was at the creation. God still rules and He still speaks.

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