

P R O P H E C Y U P D A T E

"It Was Prophesied"

On August 30 the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University released the results of a survey of 1000 pastors. They surveyed lead pastors, youth and children's pastors, and teaching pastors from a broad spectrum of Christianity including mainline protestant, evangelical, traditionally black, charismatic/pentecostal, Catholic, and holiness churches. The results were both stunning and disturbing.

For instance, among evangelical pastors, about (39%) contend that there is no absolute moral truth and that each individual must determine their own truth. Likewise, only 38% maintain that human life is sacred and 37% say that having faith matters more than which faith you have. Also, three out of every 10 evangelical pastors (30%) do not believe that their salvation is based on having confessed their sins and accepting Jesus Christ as their savior.

A majority of Pentecostal and charismatic pastors (54%) believe that moral truth is relative to the individual and situation, and that there are no moral absolutes that apply to everyone, all the time. In addition, (47%) of all Pentecostal and charismatic pastors believe that good people can earn their eternal salvation, and (45%) do not believe that human life is sacred. Even more disturbing is that (54%) said that determining moral truth is up to each individual.

It should also be noted that of all the groups surveyed, Catholic priests were least likely to have a biblical worldview by a very large margin. For instance, (61%) said the Bible is ambiguous regarding abortion; they believe it is possible to make a compelling biblical argument either for or against abortion. This seems to run contrary to the Catholic church's firm stand against abortion.

The survey went into more detail than I have room to share here, so if you want to read it you can find it at: https://www.arizonachristian.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/CRC_AWVIRelase_07_Digital.pdf

As I read it I was reminded of 2 Timothy 4:3-4.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 KJV

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Once again we are confronted with the undeniable truth that the Bible is God's word, for it accurately told us events that would happen thousands of years in the future, proving that those who have rejected God's word as absolute truth are fools.

So, what are you and I supposed to do if we encounter this in our churches? First of all, don't be afraid to speak to the pastor who teaches something that does not line up with the Word. Be loving, but be strong and let your pastor know that you cannot be part of a church that rejects God's Word as absolute truth. I must warn you, you may be lovingly shown where the 'exit' sign is.

I must also warn you that some of the worst offenders in the survey were children's and youth pastors. Do not assume that your children are being taught the truth just because you take them to church.

This is a dark report but we can all find encouragement by remembering that this was prophesied and that the return of Jesus has also been prophesied. Keep looking up!

AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH