

**ONLINE SERMON**  
**ENGAGING THE CULTURE**  
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- What's the future of the Christian faith going to look like?
- What's going to happen to the Christian church worldwide?
- How many will be bold yet loving and have the stamina to endure the backlash of holding to a biblical worldview?

**THE WINDOW OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IS CLOSING, AND A LOT OF ACCLAIMED CHRIST-FOLLOWERS YAWN THEIR WAY OVER THESE STORIES.**

We're not the first culture to face hate, minority status, and be viewed as irrelevant in the eyes of a culture. CULTURES CHANGE; GOD DOESN'T.

**John 15:16,17** *You didn't choose Me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using My name. 17 This is My command: Love each other.*

**John 15:18-20** *If {because} the world hates you, remember that it hated Me first. 19 The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you. 20 Do you remember what I told you? 'A slave is not greater than the master.' Since they persecuted Me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to Me, they would listen to you.*

**THERE IS AN ANTI-CHRIST SENTIMENT THAT IS EXPANDING RAPIDLY IN OUR CULTURE.**

There are 19 different warning signs of turbulence as follows:

1. Lovers of self – Narcissism
2. Lovers of money – Driven by greed
3. Boastful – Seeking glory for self

4. Scoffing at God – Blasphemer
5. Disobedient to parents – Rejects counsel
6. Ungrateful – An unthankful attitude
7. Nothing sacred – Reject eternal laws
8. Unloving – Hard heartedness
9. Unforgiving – Refuse to forgive offenses
10. Slanderers – Malicious talk and behavior
11. No self-control – No ability to be ethical
12. Cruel –Opposite of gentle
13. Hate good – Identifies with corruption
14. Betray friends – Betrays for selfish gain
15. Reckless - Harms people without thinking
16. Proudful – Views self above everything else
17. Pleasure over God – Desires above God
18. Act religious – Pretenders, hypocritical

#### WHAT CAN WE DO?

1. Pray for persecuted Christians to be unwavering in the threat of agony.
2. Be intentional to insulate your children with biblical truth. (Tell them why truth matters.) *We're different than others, not better than others.*
3. As paganism matures, it's vital for Christ followers to have the depth to converse about worldviews without arrogance. *Know What You Believe.*
4. Pray for our church (and other churches) to be a radiant beacon of hope for people who will discover the vacant promises of paganism.

**JESUS SAID THAT THE BEST TIME TO SHINE BRIGHTEST IS  
WHEN THINGS ARE THE DARKEST.**

*( Matthew 5.14-16 )*

*Dear God, I know that I am on the wrong path. I admit that I am a sinner on the road headed away from You. I want to turn around and journey with You on the road to eternal life. I know that I cannot do that by myself. I know that You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to die for my sins. Right now, I trust in Jesus as the only One who can provide true life, the life that is found in You. I trust in Jesus as the One who did for me what I cannot do for myself. I trust in Jesus as the only One who can place me in an eternal relationship with You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*