

A NEW (FALSE) GOSPEL

DECONSTRUCTION

PARABLE OF THE 10 BRIDESMAIDS/VIRGINS

▶ "Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. The five who were foolish didn't take enough olive oil for their lamps, but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

Matthew 25:1-13

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▶ "At midnight they were roused by the shout, 'Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!' "All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. Then the five foolish ones asked the others, 'Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.' "But the others replied, 'We don't have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.'

Matthew 25:1-13

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► "But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, 'Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!' "But he called back, 'Believe me, I don't know you!' "So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return. '

Matthew 25:1-13

THE GREAT "FALLING AWAY" OR APOSTASY

► 'No one is to deceive you in any way! For it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, '

2 Thessalonians 2:3

THE GREAT "FALLING AWAY" OR APOSTASY

► 'Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. '

1 Timothy 4:1

GOAL FOR THIS CLASS

- ▶ To educate and equip you to engage the culture around you in Gospel Conversations and as you do stand firm on the Truth.

TEXT





CULT OF ANTIRACISM

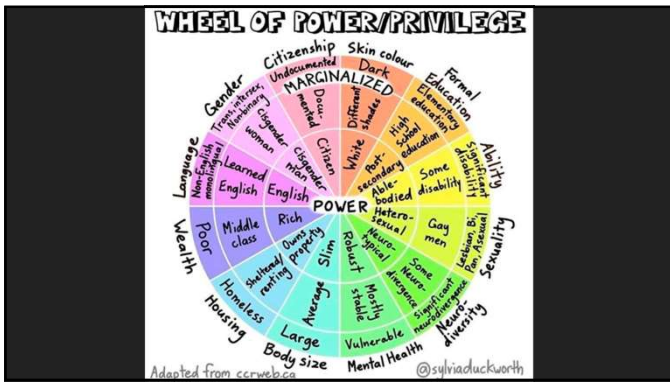
- ▶ Cosmology - Critical Theory/Critical Race Theory/Intersectionality
- ▶ Original sin - Racism
- ▶ Law - Antiracism
- ▶ Gospel - Racial Reconciliation
- ▶ Martyrs - Saints Trayvon, Mike, George, Breonna, etc.
- ▶ Priests - Oppressed Minorities

TEXT

CULT OF ANTIRACISM

- ▶ Means of Atonement - Reparations
- ▶ New Birth - Wokeness
- ▶ Liturgy - Lament
- ▶ Canon - Critical Social Justice, Social Science
- ▶ Theologians - DiAngelo, Kendi, Brown, Crenshaw, MacIntosh, etc.
- ▶ Catechism - "Say Their Names"

Christianity				
	CREATION	FALL	REDEMPTION	RESTORATION
Critical theory	----	Patriarchy White supremacy Heteronormativity Toxic masculinity OPPRESSION Classism Ageism Ableism Cisgenderism	Protest Resistance ACTIVISM Education Awareness	Equality Power reversal LIBERATION Justice Diversity



GOSPEL OF WOKENESS

► As a system, we conclude that wokeness both adds to and subtracts from the Gospel. There is more that must be done for “white” people than the simple Gospel does. Thus, “It is finished,” is not technically correct; wokeness would have us correct Jesus in His dying breath at Calvary. There is more for sinners to do than *just* believe and repent. So, wokeness adds to the Gospel.

GOSPEL OF WOKENESS

► But it also subtracts; it takes away the transforming power that is in the blood of Christ. We may get our ticket punched to Heaven, but if we have bought into "whiteness" (whether personally or as a system), we are not transformed. We need human ideology - CRT - for this. We need "antiracism." We need, even as born-again believers, to go further and overcome our condition of "oppressor."

GOSPEL OF WOKENESS

► Wokeness adds to the Gospel; therefore, wokeness subtracts from it. The end result is a gospel that is thoroughly unlike the biblical Gospel. **Stronger still, the end result is a gospel that is Anti-Gospel.**

Owen Strachan, *Christianity and Wokeness: How the Social Justice Movement is Hijacking the Gospel - and the Way to Stop It* (Washington, DC: Salem Books, 2021) , 81

8 TENETS OF PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY

1. Believe that following the path and teachings of Jesus can lead to an awareness and experience of the Sacred and the Oneness and Unity of all life
2. Affirm that the teachings of Jesus provide **but one of many ways** to experience the Sacredness and Oneness of life, and that **we can draw from diverse sources of wisdom** in our spiritual journey

8 TENETS OF PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY

- 3. Seek community that is inclusive of ALL people, including but not limited to:
 - ▶ Conventional Christians and questioning skeptics
 - ▶ Believers and agnostics
 - ▶ Women and men
 - ▶ Those of all sexual orientations and gender identities
 - ▶ Those of all classes and abilities

8 TENETS OF PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY

- 4. Know that how we behave towards one another is the fullest expression of what we believe
- 5. Find grace in the search for understanding and believe there is more value in questioning than in absolutes
- 6. Strive for peace and justice among all people
- 7. Strive to protect and restore the integrity of our Earth
- 8. Commit to a path of lifelong learning, compassion and selfless love

PROGRESSIVE VIEW OF THE GOSPEL

- ▶ Jesus + Anything = A False Gospel
- ▶ Jesus + Social Justice
- ▶ Jesus + Special Knowledge
- ▶ Jesus - Judgement

▶ “I would say that if you don’t believe that Jesus of Nazareth was the Christ and Messiah, and that He rose again from the dead and by His sacrifice our sins are forgiven, **you’re not really in any meaningful sense a Christian.**”

Christopher Hitchens

▶ But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God’s love.

Jude 1:20-25

▶ And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives.

Jude 1:20-25

► Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault. All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen.

Jude 1:20-25
