

## COUNTERCULTURE OF THE GOSPEL - Acts 13:42-52

*“Cancel Culture”* – it refers to the popular practice of withdrawing (cancelling) support for public figures and companies after they have done or said something considered objectionable or offensive. *Cancel culture* is generally discussed as being performed on social media in the form of group shaming.

Cancels envy with Grace! (v.42-45a).

(Hebrews 13:9) Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

(Psalm 84:11) For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

(Proverbs 23:17-18) Do not let your heart envy sinners, But be zealous for the fear of the Lord all the day; For surely there is a hereafter, And your hope will not be cut off.

(1 Corinthians 13:4-8b) “...love does not envy...”

Cancels opposition with Boldness!

(Isaiah 1:18) "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool."

(2 Timothy 2:24-26) And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

(John 3:18) “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

(v.47) Isaiah 42:6; 49:6 – Messiah a light to the Gentiles.

(2 Chronicles 16:9) For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.

Cancels rejection with Glory! - (v.48)

(Micah 4:7) I will make the lame a remnant, And the outcast a strong nation; So the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on, even forever.

(2 Peter 3:9) The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Greek word used for “pre-ordained” - protasso or “pre-destined” – proorizo.

The Greek word for “appointed” – tasso meaning: to determine, to put in a certain order, arrange or assign a place. It implies, “disposition” or “readiness” of the mind.

**John 3:16, 17**

**Cancels intimidation with Joy! (v.49-51)**

Jesus instructed His disciples to do the same in Luke 9:4, 5

**Note: “Joy” comes “with” the Holy Spirit! (Psalm 16:11) You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**CONCLUSION: Christ came to cancel the culture of condemnation!**

**(Colossians 1:13-14) He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.**