

OBEY GOD-DEFY TYRANTS #32

“Woke Jesus”

The False Messiah of the Christian Left

Part 2

I. Introduction

I want to continue our teaching tonight with Part 2 of the message on...

“Woke Jesus: The False Messiah of the Christian Left”

“Wokeness” is a Marxist-based worldview being propagated by progressive politicians their puppet, a complicit mainstream media.

Sad to say, it has crept into the Christian Church.

Let’s take a look at the video trailer for the film, “Enemies Within the Church”, produced by Christian New Zealander Trevor Loudon...

Video

“Enemies Within the Church”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1m7ZETcu2GM>

The “Woke Jesus” of the modern American Marxists is a ‘false Messiah’ being preached from our pulpits and swallowed by simpletons sitting in the pews.

But this has happened before, as illustrated in our text taken from the Apostle Paul’s 2nd letter to the Christians at Corinth, where he rebuked those who were willing to receive the false teaching of his day...

2 Corinthians 11:4 NLT

You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach *a different Jesus* than the one we preach, or *a different kind of Spirit* than the one you received, or *a different kind of Gospel* than the one you believed.

With this in mind, let me sum up what I want to say tonight...

Theme

Multitudes of professing American Christians have embraced 'another Jesus', received 'a different Spirit', and believed 'a different kind of Gospel' than Paul preached. And many are not even aware of it!

II. Woke is New Religion: A False Messiah, A Different Spirit, A Different Gospel

A. The Deceptive Nature of Woke Religion

1. Many American Christians have been seduced by the counterfeit Christianity of Wokeness; even as they continue to go to church!

Bruce Abramson

**“The New Religion of Wokeism”, The Epoch Times
Americans haven’t turned away from religion; they have merely found a new faith...the new religion of Wokeism.**

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis recently said the same thing...

Ron DeSantis

Woke is the new religion of the left.

2. Satan seduces the churchgoer the same way he always has, appearing as an angel of light, cloaked in religion.

a. Actually, Wokeness is our modern-day version of Christian Liberalism, which devastated the American Christian church 100 years ago. Great men like theologian J. Gresham Machen exposed Christian liberalism as ‘another Gospel’.

Gresham Machen

Liberalism is not a different form of Christianity, but a different thing altogether. It uses similar terms that sound like traditional faith. But Liberal Christianity is not Christianity at all.

b. Wokeism, like liberalism, gradually eats away at the foundations of the Christian faith and the truth of Gods word until faith is no more faith and truth is no more truth.

Gresham Machen

What the liberal theologian has retained after abandoning to the enemy one Christian doctrine after another is not Christianity at all, but a religion which is so entirely different from Christianity as to belong in a distinct category.

3. In the same way Machen confronted the counterfeit Christianity of Christian Liberalism, so Wokeism is being exposed by some great men of God like Owen Strachan...

Owen Strachan, "Christianity and Wokeness"

Wokeness is not merely a different *form* of Christianity that fits fluidly with conservative evangelical faith. Wokeness uses theological language and even the very system of Christian theology, but it has no need for grace or for God.

4. The message of Wokeness and it's 'false messiah' has wormed its way into Christian seminaries and universities, as well as our Sunday morning services.

Dr. Marlene McMillan, "How the Dialectic Process Has Infected the Culture"
Social-psychologists, Critical Race Theorists, liberation theologians, and "trained Marxists" (as the leaders of Back Lives Matter define themselves) have now found their way even into the self-proclaimed "evangelical" pulpits of our land.

Dr. Marlene McMillan, "How the Dialectic Process Has Infected the Culture"
A different gospel has come forward, and whether out of naiveté, pure ignorance, or agreement, we now have social justice messages being mainstreamed from the pulpit. The pulpit is a sacred office, and using it to teach a gospel that goes against scripture has grave consequences.

a. We are not speaking of a random church off the rails here and there; we are talking about entire denominations.

b. The atheistic leaning 'Freedom From Religion Foundation' now reports that at least 20 denominations now lean left and agree that the Bible does not condemn abortion and should continue to be legal. These groups include...

Lucas Miles, "The Christian Left"

"Woke Denominations"

American Baptist Churches-USA

Catholics for Free Choice

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Episcopal Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

United Church of Christ

United Methodist Church

c. It would not be fair to say that all churches in all these groups have gone 'Woke'; but many have.

Dr. Marlene McMillan, "How the Dialectic Process Has Infected the Culture"

How do you know if the real Gospel is being preached? Look at the result. If you get cultural liberty (which is irrefutably followed by prosperity), then you know the real Gospel is being preached. If you have Marxism, Communism, totalitarianism, and any other euphemism for tyranny and slavery, then it is a different gospel.

5. This is why the greatest need of the modern American church is *discernment*; because, as former Texas Congressman Tom Delay once said...

Congressman Tom Delay

You cannot defeat what you cannot define.

a. A Doctor can't treat what he can't identify; diagnosis always comes before prescription

b. The same principle applies to spiritual warfare.

1 Chronicles 12:32

The sons of Issachar understood the times, to know what Israel ought to do.

c. In other words, we cannot know what to do until we understand the times!

B. What is 'Wokeness'?

1. Wokeness, like Christianity, is a worldview; a comprehensive way of seeing the world...

Owen Strachan, "Christianity and Wokeness"

Wokeness is, first and foremost, a mindset and a posture. The term itself means that one is "awake" to the true nature of the world when so many are asleep.

2. The Woke see the true nature of the world as hopelessly rooted in racism where white people are the oppressor of black people who are the oppressed.

a. In other words, Christianity says we have a sin problem; Wokeism is a new religion that says we have a skin problem.

Owen Strachan

To be Woke means one sees the comprehensive inequity of our social order and strives to highlight power structures in society that stem from racial privilege. Wokeness occurs when one embraces the system of thought known as 'Critical Race Theory'.

b. Christianity sees systemic sin and offers the cure in the blood of Christ; Wokeness sees systemic racism and says there is no solution for one's 'whiteness'.

Owen Strachan, "Christianity and Wokeness"

Christian Evangelicals are hearing today that they are "white supremacists" by nature; Christians are being called to "repent" for their "whiteness" and reject their inherent "white fragility"

Owen Strachan

Christians are told that they are complicit in the racist sins of their forebears. Christians are urged to read complex realities and events in monocausal terms, with racism as the cause (for example, poverty, crime rates, shootings, and educational disparities)

Owen Strachan

Christians are encouraged to align with Black Lives Matter, an organization with a polar-opposite worldview on matters of the natural family, the sexes, and human sexuality; Christians are told to see “capitalism” as oppressive, unfair, and unjust, with socialism of various kinds as the preferable system.

Owen Strachan

Christians are told that “white interpretation” has held the Church captive to a white agenda for too long, necessitating scholarship and research rooted in ‘standpoint epistemology’.

Owen Strachan

Christians are urged to support “reparations” and distributive justice (over retributive justice); that they should avoid making moral judgments about cultural practices and should add their voice to ‘defund the police’

Owen Strachan

The point is clear: the American Church is receiving all kinds of woke messages today. Wokeness, Critical Race Theory, and intersectionality are making real inroads into the Church.

Owen Strachan

Few know enough about these ideologies to respond to them biblically; fewer still are speaking up to distinguish the truth from the counterfeit. As a result, some Christians are going woke—or are pondering if they should.

3. Clearly, this is no small challenge. This is a once-in-a-lifetime crisis; it calls for a once-in-a-lifetime stand on God’s truth.

C. We Must Understand the Times!

1. We have entered into a “2nd Revolutionary War”; not the 1st R.W. by our Founding Fathers birthed us in freedom; but a 2nd Revolutionary War by those who would re-birth our nation as a totalitarian, Marxist state.

Dr. Marlene McMillan, “How the Dialectic Process Has Infected the Culture”

**One cannot understand our times without realizing the basic operating premise of all Marxist, Leninist, Communist Revolutionaries:
“The issue is never the issue. It is always about the Revolution.”**

David Horowitz

In other words, the cause of a political action—whether civil rights or women’s rights—is never the real cause. Women, blacks, and other ‘victims’ are only instruments in the larger cause, which is power.

- a. COVID was not the issue; it was power
- b. The border is not the issue; it is power
- c. Climate change is not the issue; it is power

2. We could go home now if you can just remember this one thing about Wokeness: The issue is never the issue; it’s always about power; it is always about the ‘Revolution’. So what is the ‘Revolution’?

Dr. Marlene McMillan

What is the Revolution? To dethrone Yahweh and enthrone the all-powerful, all-knowing, all-encompassing State as god. The result? Totalitarianism, bondage, tyranny — all just different names for slavery.

3. Of course the Woke revolution hides behind different terms; the left-leaning Woke website ‘Daily Kos’ tries to convince us it is Christian...

Daily Kos

**Woke means awakened to the needs of others. To be well informed, thoughtful, compassionate, humble, and kind. Eager to make the world a better place.
So aren’t Jesus teachings considered ‘Woke’?**

a. This is what they do; they use Christian terminology to cover true intent; *they use the same words but they have a different dictionary.*

Bruce Abramson

The Woke insist that theirs is not a religion but rather a search for truth, a quest for justice, a desire to restructure society along the lines of equity and enlightened thinking, and a set of guidelines to conform behavior.

But isn't that a pretty good working definition of a religion?

b. This is the kind of subtle seduction that sucks in gullible church-goers.

Dr. Marlene McMillan

Well-meaning pastors, church leaders, educators, those calling themselves Conservatives, and even some claiming to be Constitutionlists are unwittingly promoting a Revolution they do not believe in and would disavow if they understood.

Dr. Marlene McMillan

In latching on to an issue surrounding a cause they believe in, as well as wanting to make the world a better place, many innocents have been enlisted into the army of cultural destruction.

Deliver us from the do-gooders! Much tyranny has been perpetrated in the name of doing good.

- The Woke politicians are going to save the planet by taking away my fossil fuel car and replacing my gas stove, washer, dryer and dishwasher with new models that cost more and work worse
- The Woke school boards are going to give my children the puberty blockers and "gender-affirming care" they need, whether I know it or not (Of course they won't teach them how to read)

Here are 3 back to back Headlines from Fox News this Wednesday, 8/16

Bailee Hill, Fox News

The American Medical Association has come under fire for floating the idea of taxpayer-funded uterus transplants for biological men.

Hanna Grossman, Fox News

Feminist Medical School Professor says trans-kids identifying as 'minotaur's' are just part of the Gender Revolution

Hannah Grossman, Fox News

Rachel Levine, (our transgender Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services), praises a Gender Clinic for pushing biological, sex revisionism that refers to Moms as ‘Egg Producers’

c. Trevor Loudon points out that our toleration of these outrages is the very definition of what it means to be Woke.

Trevor Loudon

Wokeness is willfully overlooking what you know to be evil.

4. Professing Christians today have a ‘Woke Jesus’, meek, mild and ‘nice’.

Voddie Baucham

Too many Christians are caving in to the culture in the name of being ‘nice’; more concerned about being loving than about the issues. But it time to confront the blind guides of the woke culture of our day, who strain out gnats but swallow camels.

5. Many Christians comply with Wokeness because they fear confrontation; but Mario Murilo, one of our greatest evangelists, enlightens us...

Mario Murillo

It is not because Woke is powerful that we are silent; it is because we are silent that Woke is more powerful.

a. The problem is in the pulpits as well as the pews.

Mario Murillo

We could take away their power overnight—if only a specific group would speak out. There are 400,000 men and women who are Protestant ministers in the United States. They lead the largest voting bloc in America. Yet, the vast majority of them refuse to speak out on even the most obvious and egregious acts of Woke.

6. I disagree with popular Pastor John MacArthur on some things, but we should all respect his experience when he says...

John MacArthur

Wokeism is the greatest danger to the Church that I have seen in six decades of Gospel ministry.

III. Close

Bruce Abramson

Wokeism has descended upon America—the Woke and Unwoke alike. It’s here, it’s real, and it’s very much a religion. It’s far beyond time that we start to treat it like one.

We are at war with the Woke Jesus--the False Messiah of the Christian Left. Wokeness preaches a different Jesus, a different Spirit and a different Gospel. This is a spiritual battle!

Owen Strachan

We must always remember that engaging wokeness is not going to war against flesh and blood. It may be presented that way, but as Christians, we war against spiritual powers (Ephesians 6:12).

Owen Strachan

This means, among other duties, exposing and confronting the false teaching of men and women. But our goal here is not to condemn or cast out, but rather to help, strengthen, and call the straying back.

By the enabling grace of God, this is what we intend to do!

A am Pastor Ray McCollum and I approved this message.

Closing Prayer

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