#### THE CHRISTIAN CASE FOR POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT #6

#### I. Introduction

I want to continue to make 'The Christian Case for Political Engagement with Part 2 of my message on...

# "Marxism in America" Part 2

I'm taking my text from the 1st Epistle of John's warning to God's people...

## 1 John 2:18

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

#### **Theme**

Too many American Christians have heard so much about 'the' Antichrist who is coming that they cannot recognize that is already active among us right now.

The term 'antichrist' is only used 4 times in the entire Bible and only by the Apostle John; many modern day prophecy preachers focus on the coming of the antichrist even though the term not mentioned once in the Book of Revelation.

## 'Antichrist'

The term can mean 'against Christ' or 'in place of Christ'.

The spirit of Marxism is the spirit of antichrist because it puts itself in the place of Christ as the Savior of society. If follows the lead of its Founder who said...

#### **Karl Marx**

My goal in life is to dethrone God and destroy capitalism.

In his book, "The Communist Manifesto", Marx gives a list of his goals...

**Karl Marx**, "The Communist Manifesto"

# "Communism abolishes eternal truths. It abolishes all religion, and all morality, and reconstitutes them on a new basis."

Just reading this alone should show us that Marxism is an antichrist spirit and the mortal enemy of America!

We are a nation established on the <u>eternal truths</u> of God's word;

We are committed to the freedom of <u>religion</u>

Our morality is Judeo-Christian, as set forth in the 10 Commandments.

But the Marxist politicians want to remake America from Christianity to Communism. And they are well on their way.

In his book, "Who Was Karl Marx? The Men, the Motives and the Menace Behind Today's Rampaging Left, author James Simpson warns us that we need to change the way think about the warfare we're in...

## James Simpson

Stop thinking of our political controversies as simply differences of opinion between right and left. We are actually witnessing a Communist overthrow of the United States in real time. This sounds like a conspiracy theory, but it is not.

With that in mind, my goal for tonight is to show...

# **Tonight**

The modern American Marxist's dismantling of America as founded, is systematic and intentional. And, as we will show, is already well underway.

The question is: How can the Church arise to stop it?

# **Prayer** Ephesians 5:11

Lord, help us be the people who obey the words of the Apostle Paul...

Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

## II. Exposing the Unfruitful Works of Darkness

#### A. Let Me Tell You A Story

#### "The Naked Communist"

In 1958, former FBI agent Cleon Skousen wrote his book, "The Naked Communist". In it, he recorded "The 45 Goals of Communism", a list gleaned from decades of research from the writings and interviews with current and former Communists.

1. The book was well-titled! "The Naked Communist" so exposed the goals and the agenda of the American Communist Party it found its way to the Senate floor 5 years later.

#### The 45 Goals of Communism in America

61 years ago, on, January 10, 1963, Senator Albert Herlong, Jr. (D-FL) read into the Congressional Record the "45 Goals of Communism" that listed in Skousen's book.

- a. Senator Herlong wanted to awaken Americans to the tactics the Communists would use to take over our country.
- b. Tonight I want to take a closer look at several items on the agenda that are going to sound like fulfilled prophecies.
  - 2. Let's begin with #15 on the list;

## **THE GOALS OF COMMUNISM #15**

**#15 Capture one or both of the political parties in the United States.** 

a. Think of this! As far back as 1958, the Communists were seeking to capture the control of at least one of America's primary political parties!

b. It was working; just 21 years later...

# "Reagan's War"

In his 1979 book "Reagan's War", author Peter Schweizer was already pointing out the astonishing degree to which communists and communist sympathizers had penetrated the Democratic Party.

- c. That was 1979. Today the takeover is nearly total: the Democrat Party embodies the spirit of antichrist on almost every issue.
- d. The goals of the Democrat Part are the same as the goals of Communism.
  - 3. For example, consider how Communists seek to control the media.

#### THE GOALS OF COMMUNISM #20,21

#20 Infiltrate the press. Get control of...editorial writing and policy-making positions.

#21 Gain control of key positions in radio, TV, and motion pictures.

a. This principle was employed by Adolf Hitler's sinister Minister of Propaganda:

## **Joseph Goebbels**

Think of the press as a great keyboard on which the government can play.

## Joseph Goebbels

Let me control the media and I will turn any nation into a herd of pigs.

b. Today, the modern American Marxists control most of the mainstream media and our motion pictures.

## **NPR**

Just last week it was revealed that NPR, (the National Public Radio network funded by our taxpayer dollars) has 89 full-time reporters and all 89 are registered Democrats.

- c. No wonder Jesus warned us in Mark 4:24, "Take heed what you hear"!
- 4. Communist goals #25 and 26 reveal how Marxists use the media they control:

## THE GOALS OF COMMUNISM

#25 Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in the media.

# #26 Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural, and healthy".

- a. Have you notices so many modern movies and TV shows now have at least one character or couple that is gay or transgender.
- b. This is all part of the plan to normalize perversion, which plays into the plan for the destruction of the family.
  - 5. Consider Communist goals #40 and 41...

#### **THE GOALS OF COMMUNISM #40**

#40 Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.

#### **THE GOALS OF COMMUNISM #41**

#41 Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents. Attribute prejudices, mental blocks and retardation to the suppressive influence of parents.

a. Karl Marx ridiculed the institution of marriage.

#### **Karl Marx**

There is no greater stupidity than for people to marry and so surrender themselves to the small miseries of domestic and private life.

- b. Marx hated his parents; he did not even attend his own father's funeral.
- 6. Besides the destruction of the family, Communism craves to control the field of public education.

#### **THE GOALS OF COMMUNISM #17**

#17 Get control of the schools and the teacher associations. Use them as transmission belts for Socialism and current Communist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Put the party line in textbooks.

a. Communists control most of the public schools and all other teacher's unions, which are always a secure voting bloc for Marxist politicians.

b. And Communist goal #28 was fulfilled in 1962 when the Supreme Court ruled prayer in public schools was unconstitutional.

#### **THE GOALS OF COMMUNISM #28**

#28 Eliminate prayer or any religious expression in the schools on the grounds that it violates the principal of 'separation of church and state'.

7. Communists not only seek to destroy the family and control the schools; they seek to disconnect Americans from their own history.

#### **THE GOALS OF COMMUNISM #31**

#31 Belittle American culture and discourage the teaching of American history.

a. This is right out of the playbook of Marx himself...

## Karl Marx

If you can keep people from their history, they are easily controlled.

b. Next we have Goal #30, which explains the recent attacks upon our founding fathers.

#### THE GOALS OF COMMUNISM #30

#30 Discredit the American founding fathers as selfish aristocrats and racists.

c. This one explains the Communist inspired mobs who pull down statues and spray paint memorials to our war dead. As Marx said...

#### **Karl Marx**

Take away a nation's heritage and they are more easily persuaded.

8. So far we have seen how the goals of Communism in America takes over are to control a political party, attack marriage and family, and undermine morality and American tradition. But they do not stop there.

## **THE GOALS OF COMMUNISM #27**

#27 Infiltrate the Churches and replace revealed religion with social religion.

a. We have seen the success of the socialists over the past several years as...

## **Churches Gone 'Woke'**

100's of American Christian churches displayed support for BLM, or Gay Pride, or both.

b. We are now learning this is not happening by accident!

#### **BlazeTV.com**

This goal has been largely accomplished through the communist infiltration of the National Council of Churches, Conservative and Reformed Judaism, and the Catholic seminaries.

c. We are also now learning that communist front organizations are actually paying pastors and church leaders to swing to the left.

## "Shepherds For Sale"

In her forthcoming book, "Shepherds For Sale", Daily Wire writer Megan Basham reveals how secular foundations and think-tanks have co-opted many churches for political purposes by offering church leaders cash, career-jumps, and praise.

# Megan Basham, "Shepherds For Sale"

"Many Pastors are pushing their members to...reconsider the importance of abortion, lament the effects of climate change, and repent of 'perpetuating systemic racism.' Meanwhile...many ministries once known for publishing sound doctrine are now promoting social justice."

d. The situation has gotten so bad that New Zealand's Trevor Loudon said...

## **Trevor Loudon**

American Christianity has been coopted by Communism.

9. I think we've proved our premise...

American Marxism's plan to take over America is systematic and intentional.

Many of its goals are already accomplished.

#### The question is: How can the Church arise to stop it?

#### III. Close

### A. What Do God's People Need To Do?

# #1. Christians (in America) need to stop looking for the Antichrist to come and start exposing the antichrist that is already active among us right now.

- a. This antichrist, although primarily political, is also religious; it is not only against Christ; it seeks to seat itself in place of Christ; to replace the Christian religion with the religion of socialism.
- b. If you don't believe that socialism and communism are religious in nature, listen to the words of Italian revolutionary Antonio Gramsci; he wrote this in 1915...

## **Antonio Gramsci**

"Socialism is precisely the new religion that must overwhelm Christianity. In the new order, Socialism will triumph by first capturing the culture via the infiltration of schools, universities, churches, and the media, and by transforming the consciousness of society."

c. I can't read these words without being convicted of how the Communists have hijacked the job Jesus gave the Church! (Re-read the statement in light of the Great Commission).

# #2. America's Christian churches must turn away from entertainment and get back to teaching sound doctrine.

- a. While our country is burning down we seem to prefer entertainment.
- b. Our worship services look like pep rallies; at the end of one large New Year's Eve service, the Pastor played disco music and invited the people to dance; one megachurch Easter service featured nearly nude dancers with flames coming out of the stage; just last week, at a huge men's conference in Missouri, the opening night program featured a man who ripped off his shirt, performed a pole dance and swallowed a sword, as 1000's of men cheered.
  - c. When entertainment abounds in the church, so does intellectual laziness,

d. Christians need to know that *Communism counts on keeping people* complacent and ignorant.

### **Adolf Hitler**

How fortunate for leaders that people do not think.

e. Let's face it folks, if we knew our Bibles better, we would have already discerned the devil's devices and defeated them long ago.

f. If we have the light we can overcome the darkness.

#### **Dr. Marlene McMillan**

If the Church understood the Communist methodology, Christians would recognize they are being deceived and manipulated. Then they would reject the lies they are being fed daily as truth instead of feeling powerless to resist the seemingly-inevitable tyranny.

- 3. Let me close by reminding you that even though Communism in America has gained much ground, it can never fully prevail if the Church stands faithful.
- a. We must rise up and proclaim the Kingdom of God and the Lordship of Christ over every area of life; not only over the family and the Church; but also over the Civil Government.

This is "The Christian Case For Political Engagement"

**Closing Prayer**