

To the Servants of the Most High God at Topeka, Kansas
October 24, 2021

Romans 12, Part Four (Rom 12:9)

Rom 12:4 *For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. 9 **Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.** (10: Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.)*

Good morning beloved, one of our duties is to discern the signs of the times (Mat. 16:3). We are to accurately perceive what is going on around us in the world from a spiritual perspective and discern it rightly. I hope to do that today. But, before I do, I want to continue our discourse on Romans 12. We have gotten to verse 9 and this is all I will cover today on Romans 12. I have included verse 10 in the title here, but it is only to give you context for verse 9. I will cover verse 10 next time, Lord willing.

Let love be without dissimulation. Dissimulation means to hide under a false appearance, to be in disguise, or to be feigned. Your love should be without the presence of deceit. There is a lot of dissimulated love in this world and it should not be in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is not a small thing – it is THE thing. John 13:34 *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.* John 15:12 *This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.* John 15:17 *These things I command you, that ye love one another.*

Ro 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. 1Th 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. 1Pe 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. Trust and sincerity are part of the foundation of all relationships. Our love must be without dissimulation, or it is not really love.

Barnes: *The apostle proceeds to specify the duties of Christians in general, that **they might secure the beauty and order of the church. The first which he specifies is love.** This word here evidently refers to benevolence, or to good-will toward all mankind. In #Ro 12:10, he specifies the duty of brotherly love; and there can be no doubt that he here refers to the benevolence which we ought to cherish towards all men, A similar distinction is found in #2Pe 1:7, "And to brotherly kindness add charity," i.e., benevolence, or good will, and kind feelings to others. **Without dissimulation. Without hypocrisy. Let it be sincere and unfeigned. Let it not consist in words or professions only, but let it be manifested in acts of kindness and in deeds of charity,** #1Jo 3:18, #1Pe 1:22. **Genuine benevolence is not that which merely professes attachment, but which is evinced by acts of kindness and affection.***

Haldane: *There seems to be here an indirect allusion to those hollow pretensions of love so generally manifested in society. Men pretend to have the greatest love to each other, when they not only have no love at all, but when they may really be under the influence of a contrary disposition. Calvin well observes on this passage. "It is difficult to give a view of the ingenuity with which a large portion of mankind assume the appearance of that love which they really do not possess. For they not only deceive others, but impose upon themselves, while they endeavor to believe that they entertain a very considerable share of love, even for those whom they not only treat with neglect, but in reality renounce and despise. It's a false love. Paul therefore declares that only to be genuine love which is free from all dissimulation and guile; **and every person can best judge for himself whether he entertains any feeling in the innermost recesses of his heart opposed to this noble and last affection.**" Christians ought to be careful that, while they use to each other the endearing language of brethren, they feel the sentiments and perform the actions which this language imports. What if we have the opposite strategy? "Well, I just won't say words of affection to my co-elect." "I won't say 'I love you' and therefore when I don't act like it – I am consistent." No, God forbid. You should first have genuine, sincere admiration and love for one another like our Captain charged us (as noted previously three times in John) **and** your actions and behavior should consistently evidence and manifest those sentiments every day. That is the duty in Romans 12:9-10 and in the New Testament. "Well, what if I am just indifferent to my brethren? I prefer to keep everyone at arms length. And, I am pretty busy you know. I am pretty important you know. Or, I'm an introvert or, I'm an extrovert. There are other things in my life that take precedence over my relationships with my brethren. I don't get along with that kind of personality. I don't really have a lot of free time for that stuff. And, I am kind of a big*

wheel (or big man on campus".) We are not. We are nothing. We are all servants. Period. If you are not making time for this, then you have your priorities wrong, and you are not hearing the words of the Lord Jesus Christ. These are dangerous strategies. We don't mistreat our fellow servants or it gets reported.

Mat. 18:10 *Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.*

In Mat 18:28, Those other servants reported to the their lord that the man said *pay that thou owest.* and it went bad for him. *"Above all things," says the Apostle Peter, 'have fervent charity (love) among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.' Believers ought to throw the mantle of love over the numerous faults into which their brethren may fall, in their conduct towards them, and thus to hide them from their eyes, forgiving their faults, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven them. Eph 4:32.*

Gill: *The apostle having given out suitable exhortations to the officers of this church, ministers and deacons, proceeds to stir up to the exercise of grace, and the discharge of such duties as were common to all the members of the church; **and begins with "love," which is the cement of saints, and the bond of perfectness, without which all the gifts that men have, the profession they make, and works they do are of no avail, and they themselves nothing.** Here it is to be taken, in the largest and most comprehensive sense, for love to God, Christ, the saints, and fellow creatures, and ought, with respect to each, to "be without dissimulation"; or "hypocrisy": love to God should be with all the heart, soul, and mind, otherwise the fear of him, and obedience to him, will be only outward, formal, customary, and hypocritical; love to Christ should be with sincerity, and so it is where it is right, hearty, and genuine; such can appeal to him as the searcher of hearts, that from the heart they love him; and love to one another should be not in word, and in tongue only, but in deed and in truth; yea, the love professed to fellow creatures, ought never to be through fear of men or mercenary views, but honest, upright, and sincere.*

So, to be clear. If we say one thing and act another way that is dissimulation. If we say we love someone, and then act in a way that is not loving, that is dissimulation. That is insincere. That is feigned. If we do this, our words are hollow and without meaning and we are no different than the earth dwellers. We have been adopted into something better. We have put away that old man and taken on the new man. If you give others to believe that you are uncaring and unaffectionate to them, like you do not care about

them, that is not kindly affectioned one to another in brotherly love. Your words and your actions have to be consistent, all the time. You can't say you love someone and then consistently act like you do not care. The LORD sees through that. That is leaving your first love. We will be recompensed for such things. 1 Pet. 4:17 *For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God...* 2 Cor. 5:10 *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.*

To conclude regarding this part of the verse, I believe the primarily meaning of “**Let love be without dissimulation**” refers to the members of the church toward one another given the context before the verse (i.e., reference to the individual members and body of Christ in verse 12:4-8) and after the verse (i.e. verse 12:9 *be kindly affectioned one to another – brotherly kindness*). But, I also believe that our love to our fellow man and to God should be without dissimulation. When we are on the picket lines we should say and mean the that we have love for our neighbor and for their good.

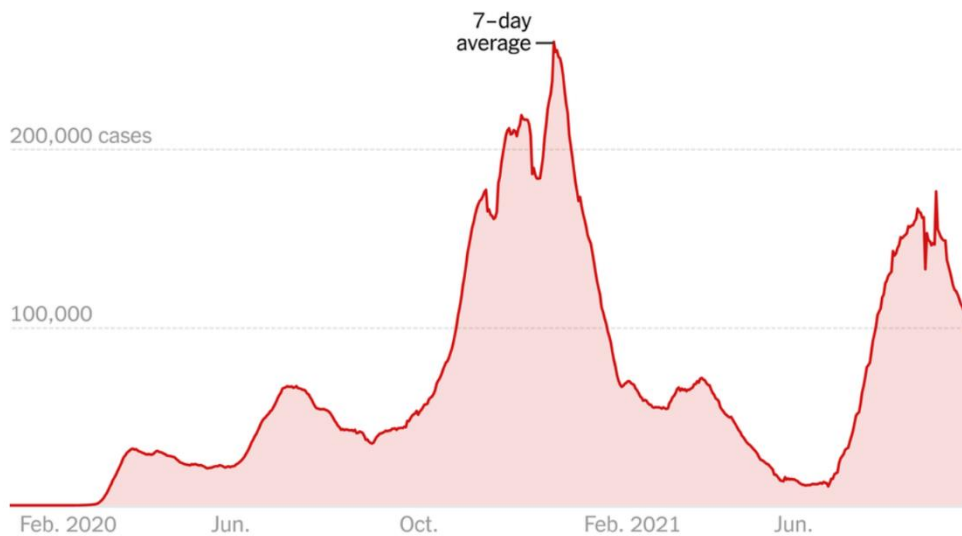
Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good -

Abhor means to be horrified and to have disgust and hatred for evil. You do not take evil into your bosom – you push it away. Like, you sit down to dinner, and you take off the plate cover and it is fresh, steamy, awful smelling... vomit. You abhor that – you push it away! Job eschewed evil! Job 1:1. He rejected it and desperately avoided it.

Haldane – *We ought not only to avoid doing what is evil, but to accustom ourselves to abhor it, as the vilest and most offensive of things that are abhorred. To that which is good we ought to cling with all our hearts. Christians are not to be satisfied with abstaining from what is evil, and practicing what is good. The affections of their minds should be in unison with their duty; they should hate as well as avoid what is sinful, and love as well as practice what is good. We thus learn that we are accountable to God for the state of our minds, as well as for our external conduction. We should not only not practice, but not love evil.* So, what all this world does; is to love evil.

Gill - *Abhor that which is evil; sin, both in its principle and in its actings; it being hateful to God, Father, Son, and Spirit, contrary to the nature, being, and perfections of God, a*

transgression of his righteous law, exceeding sinful in itself, and pernicious in its effects and consequences; for all which it is to be abhorred by the saints: the word, here used, designs the greatest aversion imaginable, a turning away from it, as what is the most loathsome, detestable, and abominable; and such an hatred of it with horror, as of the Stygian lake, or hell itself:



1. Here is a plague update. Globally there have been more than 238,000,000 cases and 4.9 million deaths related to C19. In the United States the number is 44,500,000 cases and 735,000

deaths. In 2020 in the U.S., C19 was the third leading cause of death (345,323) and it didn't even exist before that. We are coming up on the two-year anniversary. The *NY Times* recently reported that it is clear that the global medical community does not have a clear understanding of COVID-19 yet. We had a surge in August and early September (2021) and Labor Day gatherings, all the children going back to school, the NFL and large concert venues opening back up at the same time one would suppose the surge would continue. At the height of the August surge we had around 160,000 daily cases and some said by October we would have 300,000 daily cases. But, here is the problem, it did not happen. Daily cases are declining despite our bad behavior! The virus is following a somewhat repeating pattern of surging every 2-3 months, declining for 2-3 months and then surging again and according to the *NY Times*, no one knows why. Amazing stuff. It is the hand of the Sovereign God!

2. Recently, we had an encounter with a sole proprietor that was scheduled to perform services for this church. Prior to rendering the services, the man figured out who we were. He said on the phone “are you the Westboro Baptist Church?” The representative of this church said “Yes.” The man said “well, I’m gay.” He paused. He then said “I thought you should know that, in case that makes a difference.” The representative of this church said, “Well, can you perform the service you said you could perform for us?” He said “Yes.” The representative of the Westboro Baptist church said, “Why would that make a difference?” The man said “Well, just under the heading of full disclosure I thought you should know that.” Our representative said “That has nothing to do with the service you would provide, and I hope you don’t disclose your clothing size or any other personal information.” They scheduled a date and time for the service. Then, the man never showed. We were discriminated against on the basis of our religion. Heaven forbid that would happen. In essence the man would not make the cake, as it were. This is an example of hypocrisy and dissimulation. 1 John 3:13 *Marvel not, (to wonder or be surprised) my brethren, if the world hate you.*



3. Last month a new documentary came out on Netflix called Schumacher. It is the life story of Michael Schumacher, a German Formula 1 driver. Michael Schumacher is widely known to be one of the greatest Formula 1 racecar drivers, or for that matter, any motorsports driver, ever. He won 7 F1 championships and 5 in a row for Ferrari (no one has ever done that – before or since). He has 91 F1 wins, the second most of all time, and 77 most fastest laps (an F1 record). He raced 19 years in Formula 1. That is a very long time to do something as inherently dangerous as being an F1 driver. To say F1 is dangerous is a colossal

understatement. They go 200 miles an hour all on multi-curved, grand prix road courses. They run in the rain, when most other motorsports do not. And, in fact, Schumacher was at his best in the rain. He is also widely known as the best race car driver ever in rainy conditions. I watched him win many races in the rain— he was unbelievable. In the documentary the head of the Ferrari team he drove for said: **Fate had been kind to Michael.** Yes, indeed, but let's say that correctly and give that glory to whom it belongs: **God had been kind to Michael.** In 19 seasons he had no life-threatening injuries and the worst he had was a broken



leg – that is fortunate for a driver with 307 career starts and 155 podium finishes (50% rate). Michael Schumacher made more than \$1 billion in his lifetime. His annual salary some years was \$80,000,000 to \$100,000,000. His net worth is \$600 million. In 2012 Michael Schumacher

retired. In December 2013 he had a decision to make. Do I fly with my family in my private jet to Dubai and go skydiving or do I fly with my family to Meribel France and go skiing even though the snow isn't optimal. Decisions – decisions. He started to go sky diving and at the last minute he changed his mind and decided on skiing in France. "Fate" was about to not be kind to Michael Schumacher. Eph. 5:6 *Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things (fornication, whoremongery, covetous, filthiness, uncleanness, etc.) cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.* He was skiing "at a leisurely pace" with his son Mick when his skis hit a boulder off-trail. Michael Schumacher wore a helmet his whole life from go-carts to F1. He wore a ski helmet that day in December. He was catapulted 34 feet in the air where his helmet struck a rock and split the helmet in two. He was airlifted to a hospital and his doctors put him in medically induced coma for 6 months. Here is a quote from the head of Ferrari - *"The family's life changed from one minute to the next. A father, such a strong leader with a great personality and that disintegrated from one minute to the next."* He regained consciousness in June of 2014, but he is not able to talk or communicate much – apparently his higher brain function is gone. His son Mick is an F1 driver now and he said he would give everything to be able to talk racing with his father. His wife said that she is not angry at God

and does not blame him for this. God appointed this matter. This is the sovereignty of God. We must be thankful for everything we receive.

French catholic church inquiry finds 216,000 abuse cases between 1950-2020

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The inquiry found at least 216,000 cases of abuse since 1950

An investigation into sexual abuse in the French Catholic Church has found that an estimated 216,000 children were victims of abuse by clergy since 1950, said Jean-Marc Sauve, head of the commission that compiled the report.

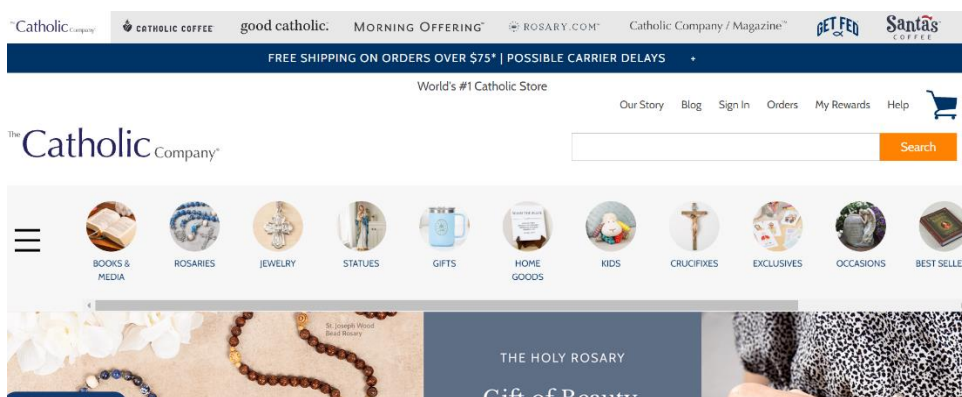
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4. A couple of weeks ago a report on an independent investigation of the Catholic Church for pedophile (homosexual) sexual abuse was released. The report was 2,500 pages long. The investigation included 22 investigators and covered the period of 1950 to 2020 (70 years). Investigators conducted hundreds of interviews. I first saw this story on the news. The story said that over that time the investigators found there were 330,000 victims of sexual abuse regarding all aspects of the Catholic church including priests, teachers, deacons, and various church personnel. There were 216,000 victims, who were sexually assaulted just by Catholic clergy. I thought well, 330,000 is a huge number, and maybe that is about right. I was thinking this was world-wide. Then, I went back and relistened to the news story. The investigation was only about France - one country! The report found that there was a massive phenomenon of a veil of silence by the Catholic Church. They said that up until the year 2000, the Catholic Church *showed a profound and even cruel indifference to the victims*. That shows an indifference for God's commandment to love your neighbor. The report found that most of the victims, were young boys ages 10-13. The report states that between 2,900 and 3,200 adults, largely homosexual pedophiles, were operating in the Catholic church in France during that time. Beloved, how can God be in such a place as that? The answer is that God cannot be in that place. Gill says the Catholic church had pedophilia and homosexuality in it going back millennia. Gill wrote in the 1700s. This is not a new thing we are seeing; this is an old thing we are seeing. Tit 1:16 *They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.*

The inconvenient truth is that the Catholic Church has operated as a criminal enterprise for centuries. They have systematically engaged in homosexual

pedophilia, sex trafficking, and criminal conspiracies to aid and abet criminals in their ranks on a global scale by Pope’s and Vatican for a millennia. This is not unlike the mafia. Based on these crimes that have systematically taken place over centuries, the Catholic Church should be disbanded. Archbishop Eric De Moulins-Beaufort, president of the Bishops’ Conference of France, expressed his “*shame and horror*” at the findings. He said “*my wish today is to ask forgiveness from each of you.*” You had a front row seat to it all Mr. Archbishop. Your words ring hollow. This kind of love is dissimulation. And don’t just think this is happening in another country and has no relation to Topeka, Kansas. A few weeks ago it was reported on the evening news and in the *Capital-Journal* that a local priest at Holy Name Catholic Church (Father John) is accused of sexually abusing a minor. For years we have picketed in front of Holy Name warning this community and those entering that church of such conduct. We have preached to Father John. You all have no excuses! You were warned by the servants of God. These Catholic priests have lied on God for millennia and now God has laid them to an open shame.

How have they lied to God? Ex. 20:3 *Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: **for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.** Nu 33:52 *Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, **and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places:****



Gill on “pictures” - *their idolatrous ones; the pictures of their gods, or the statues and figured stones of them: ... as Jarchi notes, because*

they covered the floor with a pavement of marble stones, to worship upon them by

the stretching out of their hands and feet, according to #Le 26:1. Le 26:1 Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the LORD your God. You can go to Catholicshop.com or CatholicCompany.com or a whole bunch of other retailers and you will see what these Catholic clergy have created. It is an enormous industry. God hates it. Ps 115: 5 *They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: 6 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: 7 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.*



At KU recently the students rose up as one and picketed outside a fraternity house where students say one of the frat brothers drugged and raped a female KU student. 1-in-4 KU undergraduate women reported in a 2019 survey

that they had been sexually assaulted. Welcome to KU. So picketing is a legitimate form of expression when you are deciding what is or is not important. That is what every single Catholic should do at their church. I don't get it. I don't understand how they can attend an institution which a thousand-year track record of homosexual and otherwise, pedophilia.



5. This is a photo of Judge Laurie Camp Smith. She was a federal judge in Nebraska (a Bush appointee). The LORD did an amazing thing on September 23, 2020, and we didn't even know it. The Westboro Baptist Church had dealings with Laurie Camp Smith. In 2008 the Sarpy County, Nebraska District Attorney filed criminal charges in Sarpy County, Nebraska against one of our members for her son standing on an American Flag. It was a kangaroo court. For you young people let me define that for you: *A kangaroo court is court that ignores*

recognized standards of law or justice... may ignore due process and come to a predetermined conclusion. The term may also apply to a court held by a legitimate judicial authority which intentionally disregards the court's legal or ethical obligations. State courts are notorious for this kind of thing. That criminal prosecution went on for 2 years and 2 months+. Attorneys for this church filed a federal lawsuit in Nebraska to get relief for this patently unconstitutional criminal action. The Federal Court system is known as a place for the oppressed to go to get relief. They are supposed to be about the law and above politics. For 19 years before that the United States Supreme court held standing on an American flag is protected speech. See *Texas v. Johnson*, 491 U.S. 397 (1989). The court held that flag burning constitutes symbolic speech and is protected by the First Amendment. That was and is blackletter law. That means it is well-established in legal rules that are certain and no longer disputable. Blackletter law is free from doubt and generally well-known. It also means well-established case law and refers to the basic key components of a subject in the law. Laurie Camp Smith denied the simple relief this church asked for, was entitled to and eventually received, but not by her. It was based on 19 years of established American jurisprudence. Any first-year law student knows this. She went through the motions and found a way to subvert justice and deny relief to the fatherless and widow. Justice delayed is justice denied.

De. 10: 17 *For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward: 18 He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. 19 Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.* Laurie Camp Smith regarded persons. Her reputation was what mattered to her. She didn't want to do anything unpopular. She did not love the stranger that came to her for help. She denied relief. Other actions were necessary and the relief was granted, but not by her. Here was the end result of Laurie Camp Smith. *On Wednesday, September 23, 2020, the Honorable Laurie Smith Camp, Senior U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Nebraska and sitting President of the Omaha Bar Association, passed unexpectedly and peacefully at her home.* None of the obituaries detailed what she died of. She just unexpectedly died on night in her sleep. It reminds me of Nabal the Carmalite. 1 Sam 25: 37 *But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him*

these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. 38 And it came to pass about ten days after, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died.

Re 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?



6. I was recently by the Community Church near 21st and MacVicar.

It is right across from Washburn on the south side. This is an old picture, because they now have a digital sign. Ben preached on this I think back in January, but I recently just saw it. The digital sign says: **Hey, you're awesome!** That is a deep theological statement with great spiritual and Biblical meaning behind it. They have confetti at their church, they have pool parties and such, they have primo theater seats and PowerPoint video technology.

I know more about their story now. The Community Church relaunched their church in January 2021 saying they were relaunching *with the same values but a different approach.* *The Community Church (non-denominational) has been around for 70 years and the new lead pastor says with this re-launch they plan to bring the older and younger congregation together. Jon Griffith and his family moved to Topeka a year and a half ago to start a church, until one came to them. "We were starting to get ready to launch back in July and right when we were starting to get our wheels going - this church approached us and was like hey we don't have a pastor now can*

*you like guest speak for us. “We were like yeah we can do that and fill in for a week or two and then it was like hey could you help run our whole services in a month.” After a couple of months of services the two ministries decided to merge. Griffith says with the re-launch, the church is focused on bringing in a younger crowd, while still appealing to long-time members. “The building looks a lot different, we just gave it a face lift, we’re playing a little bit louder music you know there’s some surface level stuff like that but then really just try to re-orient ourselves like okay ... we’re going to reach young people and be engaged with what’s going on in our city. **The Community Church will continue to be a place that welcomes everyone.**”*

Isaiah 30:9 That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: 10 Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits: 11 Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. 12 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon: 13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you



as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant. The focus on the Westboro Baptist Church is to preach a gospel that is 100% in line with Jesus Christ. That is the only thing we care about. We don’t want the Lord Jesus Christ to have something against us (see Rev. 2 & 3). We just want a candlestick. Period. If you are awesome – you don’t need Jesus Christ. Jer 23:17 They (the false prophets) say still unto them that

despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you – and... You’re awesome!

7. Abortion Tweet – This was brought to my attention by someone that listens to our sermons online.



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I am also a Christian woman. Knowing Jesus bore all my sins on the cross is what gave me the courage to have my abortions. Jesus is on our side. If abortion is wrong, well, Jesus paid my price. If we choose to suffer ourselves, then he suffered in vain. The cross trumps abortion.



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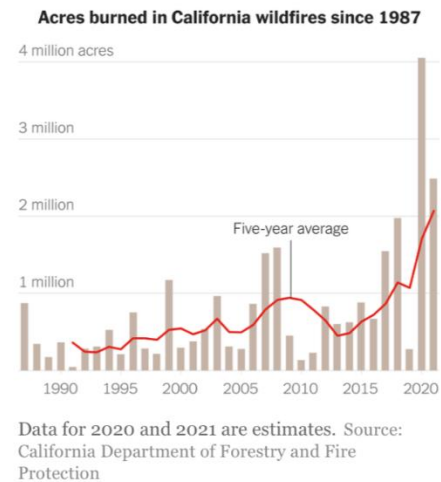
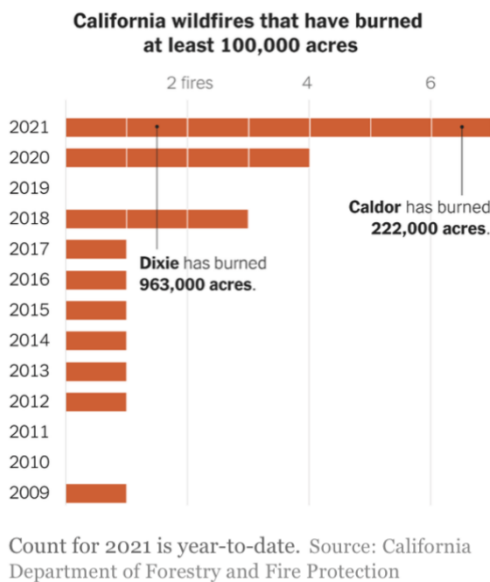
I am also a Christian. No ma'am, I assure you – you are not. If you were a Christian you would do the works of Christ. Rom 6:1 *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid.* Rom 6:15 *What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.* 16 *Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? Thou shalt not kill Ex. 20:13. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. Rev 21:8.*

8. Sexually transmitted diseases/infection. The CDC estimates that 20% of the U.S. population – approximately one in five people in the U.S. – has an STD (or now you say SDI – Sexually Transmitted Infection). STIs cost the American healthcare system \$16 billion in healthcare costs alone. The analysis included eight common STIs: chlamydia, gonorrhea, hepatitis B virus (HBV), herpes simplex virus type 2 (HSV-2), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), human papillomavirus (HPV), syphilis, and trichomoniasis. Chlamydia, trichomoniasis, genital herpes, and HPV accounted for 98% of all prevalent STIs and 93% of all new STIs in 2018.

Given the serious health consequences of untreated STIs, and that many infections go undetected and unreported to CDC, these estimates are critical to better understanding

the vast scope of the STI epidemic and who is most affected. *Mens Health Magazine* reports that 85% of all sexually active people will get HPV in their lifetime. It is a rampant virus that is generally spread via skin to skin contact during unprotected sex and is linked to multiple forms of cancer. The vast majority don't know they're infected and many clear the virus in two years, but some do not. *HPV cases are growing due to the rise of the hook up culture.*

9. California Forest Fires



De 4:24 *For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.* Heb 12:29 *For our God is a consuming fire.*

I love you all. Amen.