

To the editor,

There are many good intentioned people who consider a person a Christian who is a good, moral, upstanding citizen who pays their taxes and other bills on time, are quiet as neighbors who never rock the boat by speaking publically against a fellow citizen, who volunteer for charities and who have good work ethics. Although these are traits that all Christians should have, for the most part, they are not what determines the Bible's definition of a Christian.

Part of being a Christian has to do with how we see the word of God in every aspect of our lives. As we begin to master its meanings we ready ourselves for whatever false doctrines, trials and temptations that might come our way. It is through trials that God is able to weed out those who are not ready to be His disciples.

(The following paragraph was omitted from the published Sentinel editorial of 3/6/13.)

“As people called Christians were in danger of death all who were insincere were deterred from becoming Christians. The church was able to remain comparatively pure and the courage with which the truly converted confessed their faith in time of trial made a profound effect upon the non-Christian.” (F. W. Mattox – The Eternal Kingdom, pg. 98)

Even when the majority of the population around us promotes sins the Bible speaks against, we are not to be dismayed but are to continue striving to stand for what is right! Even when we are called “bigots” for speaking out against those sins that have become accepted by many who state they were made that way and thus their practicing such is accepted by God. (If that was the case we would be bigoted to condemn those practices. But we know otherwise.) Certain sins are promoted as being accepted by the majority, according to the mainstream press, but even if that were the case, Christians should never accept it knowing that God is against such sins and will punish those who perpetuate such lies.

There is more to being a Christian than what the world would like for us to be. There are those who would like for us to remain silent on issues that would bring shame on and affect their views on certain things the Bible calls sin. Thus, they feel by calling us names such as “hatemongers, bigots, un-Christian” and a slew of other degrading accusatory titles, they feel that eventually they will silence us into oblivion. In many cases they have been successful by using the mainstream press as their mouthpiece and by publicly shaming businesses and organizations in ways to cut their funding thus bringing them into line with their way of thinking. It should only strengthen our resolve!

(The following passage was omitted from the published Sentinel editorial.)

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! (Isa 5:20, 21)

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