

(Charismatic Movement) the Delusion of Our Time

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Mose Stoltzfus warns against the delusions of the charismatic movement and the dangers of false teachings in the church today.

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Description

The video is a summary of a sermon given at a large gathering of young adults in Orlando, Florida. The event, titled 'The Send,' aimed to motivate and send young people to share the gospel in their communities and around the world. The speakers emphasized the importance of fulfilling the Great Commission and believed that God would empower them to be successful in their evangelistic efforts. They also mentioned a shift in the spiritual realm following the death of Billy Graham and expressed hope for a worldwide Jesus movement in the future.

Transcript

Shall we bow our heads in prayer? Our loving Father, this morning, once again, we come before you in Jesus' name. From the very depth of our heart, once again, we thank you for this blessed opportunity that we have to be together as a group of young people and others likewise, and those that might be listening in. We pray your divine blessing upon each one, that they might have open ears to hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Thank you, dear God, for making, giving us health and breath and life and strength that we may be able to be here today. Pray for your Holy Spirit to give us utterance according to your word. We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen. Just a few clarifications from yesterday on the history and teachings of the charismatic movement. I wanted to first of all say that I was not advocating the strong legalism that I read off to you that the Pentecostal church had, or the Western holiness people had, even though to me it is very interesting to read church confessions of faith, to just see what they focused on in their time.

And I consider that very valuable to see whether I may be missing something in giving myself the pleasures of our day that are a hindrance perhaps that years ago they wouldn't have thought of doing. And I think that's valuable. But we as a congregation here do not take that approach, even though in our brother's meetings we talk about those things.

We have many messages that we may mention them here and there. But to make a list of exactly everything that should be avoided in our society today, we don't do that. I'm not saying it's wrong for people to do a lot more of that than what we do.

But we feel like if there is a good teaching program, good brother's meeting, a good loving relationship in the congregation, and a general atmosphere of a level of Christianity, it just seems to be more of a natural thing and kind of flow out of our preaching and brother's meetings and so on, rather than to go to the heavy written rules concerning trying to find everything that the devil has come up with. And he comes up with so many new things year by year that is just no end to it. So I hope you understand that.

And I think those of you who are acquainted with our church here know that we don't go to that detail. But it is a challenge to me to read those things. And I would certainly endorse quite a number of them.

The next thing I failed to mention, a man by the name of William Branham. William Branham is the father of the Branhamites, if you know of them that are still in existence today. He died in an automobile accident in 1945, I think, 45, 47, around there.

Very influential in the charismatic beginnings when things were transferring from Pentecostalism more into the gradual evolving of the charismatic movement. He was a Jesus-only man, denied the Trinity. But the very interesting thing was, he declared he wasn't going to die.

Now, some would say maybe his people did, but somehow the teaching came forth that he wasn't going to die. And along with the delusion of others, they kept his body around trying to resurrect him or waiting for his resurrection for days until I think it virtually began to rot and smell until they finally buried him. And then they believed that he would resurrect out of the grave in a given months or weeks.

But he never did. And once again, we see a man that was succumbed to this strong delusion that we're talking about in the charismatic movement. But listen to this, many of the men and the prominent men like Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth Hagen, Mike Bickle and some of those, I shouldn't maybe mention Mike's name for sure there, but quite a number of these prominent men and women, perhaps, that have been influential in the charismatic movement, go to this man's grave and believe that they can pull power from it.

The same thing is happening with Catherine Coleman. She was a great false healer who in my young days had campaigns in Pittsburgh. In fact, I think maybe that she would have lived there.

I'm not sure. But in the major cities and she ended up paying people to walk up in crutches or on wheelchairs or what have you and feign the healing that she was promoting when it wasn't real. Men go to her grave today and try to pull the power that they think she had into their own ministry and life.

That brings me to the title of my message today, The Delusion of Our Time. Let us read from 2 Thessalonians chapter 2, verse 7. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work. Only he who now letteth will let until he be taken out of the way.

Then shall that wicked be revealed whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming. Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power, are you listening, and signs and lying wonders. And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish.

And here's the reason this could happen. Because they loved not the truth or received not the love of the truth that they might be saved. That is what brings it.

And the next verse says this. For this cause, because they loved not the truth, God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie, that they all might be damned who believed not the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. If you follow any of these movements today, you find that truth is irrelevant majorly in the scriptures.

And they pick and choose a few things of positive confession that they want for their program. But not only that, they have pleasure in unrighteousness. And God has given them over to this strong delusion that people should believe a lie.

I look at these movements and I say, how can anybody do it? How can anybody be so deceived? Aren't they reading their Bibles? Aren't they praying in humility before God to know the truth? And as you heard before that the truth can set them free. Obviously, they don't. And therefore, they enter this delusion that God give them over to a little like Romans 1 with homosexuality and perversion because they love not the truth.

So, that brings us to our message in current delusion of our time or the delusion of our time. I'm going to focus on a primary meeting held in Orlando, Florida called The Send held back in February 2019. Anybody heard of it? Okay.

Well, that's good. I'm glad you didn't. Or at least I'm much more glad that you didn't go there.

But The Send deception, the last couple of months and I'm quoting some here from T.A. McMahon from the Bree and Call who sat down and viewed dozens of videos from this meeting. It was an all day meeting, I think a 12 hour meeting that was held in Orlando called The Send. 50,000 young adults gathered at a stadium on February the 23rd, 2019 in Orlando, Florida.

This is a summation of my observations made after viewing hours of video of the assembly as well as my knowledge of the producers and speakers for the 12 hour one day event. And I'm using this one as a type of what is happening in Redding, California, in Seattle, Washington, New York City, London, England and around the world as meetings like this are coming and drawing the young people especially into its grip. It began with an enthusiastic exhortation given by mostly young dynamic speakers, charisma, men of charismatic gifts, to the equally enthusiastic crowd to fulfill the great commission.

And he said unto them, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, Mark 16, 15. The urging underscored the theme of the event, which was titled The Send. The goal was to motivate and send the young people back to their neighborhoods, their high schools and universities, their workplaces, their cities and nations, and then to countries far and wide in order to share the gospel.

They were told that God would empower them to be extremely successful in their attempts at evangelizing the world. Andy Byrd, and that might be a man that you know of, of Youth with a Mission, YWAM, declared this, we are here for the greatest move of God in human history. Five years from now, we will be in a

Jesus movement beyond anything we could have imagined.

It all starts tonight. Speaker Lou Engel stated that the following, the death of Billy Graham, a major revelatory shift has taken place. Notice that word revelatory.

Featuring the proclamation of the gospel, signs and wonders, stadiums will be filled and Billy Graham's mantle is coming on the nation. It will be Jesus, the evangelist, who is going to fill the stadiums of America. Why wouldn't I believe that I should see stadiums with massive evangelism, signs and wonders and miracles and hundreds of thousands of people being saved in America? We believe this day something will transfer and bring us into worldwide transition into the greatest Jesus movement we have ever seen.

Well, now that would be wonderfully exciting, Mr. Mahone says, if it were true. But it's not true. Why would I say that? I'm saying that myself, along with him.

Why would we say that, that that cannot be? The reasons are manifold. Primarily, the main reason is there is nothing like that in scripture, but rather the contrary. The word of God tells us about the present spiritual condition of the world and the state of the church at the return of the Lord draws nigh.

The situation is characterized by an anti-Christian outside the church and apostasy within. Chapter 24 of Matthew is laid out crystal clear, as I quoted the other day, Take heed, what shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the age? Take heed that no man deceive you. Jesus said that.

Also in Luke 18.8, nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, shall he find faith on the earth? Question mark. But evil men and subducers, Paul says to Timothy, shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. In 2 Timothy 4, 3 and 4. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.

But after their own lusts will heap to themselves teachers having itching ears. And they, listen, shall turn away their ears from the truth. You remember what I read in 2 Thessalonians 2? And shall be turned on the fables, 2 Peter 2, 1 through 3. But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you.

Privately shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways, by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken out, blaspheme. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you, whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation flumnereth not.

Those are just a few of the scriptures that describe the end time of the spiritual condition of the last days. And those traits are greatly increasing as we see the end approaching. I have followed these things for years and I've been able to monitor them, many of them from my youth, as they have increased gradually over these years.

They will greatly increase prior to the rapture of the church, and on into the latter horrendous wickedness of the great tribulation period. This is what the Bible clearly teaches. These people appear to be ignorant of the major conditions and events the Bible says are to come.

Especially, you can read Mark 13, 22 to 23, Acts 20, 28 to 31, grievous woes shall enter, not sparing the flock, Paul says. 2 Thessalonians 2, 1 Timothy 4, 2 Timothy 3, and the book of Jude. And then of course, the book of Revelation, along with many others.

And then let me refer to the major problem here. They do not take the book of Revelation literally. They have relegated the book of Revelation into history, or almost to be done relevant to our time.

And that is sad, because if you read even the seven churches of Asia, the last church, the church of Laodicea, which depicts our age, I believe. How Jesus is on the outside knocking on the door. He's not even inside anymore.

And they, of course, have brought that strong delusion, likewise, that he talks about there. They do not believe that Christ is coming to set up his kingdom in a future time, which Revelation would be so clear. In Revelation 20, but what you have between the church age in chapter 4, verse 1, and chapter 19 is the illustration and the clear word of God concerning the Antichrist and the false prophet, and many of the plagues also, and the trumpet judgments, vial judgments, and opening the seals, and all that is in there.

But the whole picture is not of an end time revival that will bring and sweep masses of people into the kingdom, but rather of a people believing in Antichrist and a false prophet that will deceive the people with signs and wonders, calling fire down from heaven in the light of day before them all to persuade them that they have the truth. But it will be the strong delusion, and it'll be a lie, and yet multitudes are going to follow it. That is what is going to happen, and what is before us in our time here.

And this strong delusion of revival that these men are describing at these meetings are not true, and are a deception here. Compare them with what is being taught by those in the SIN leadership. Here's what those leaders are saying, including those at Bill Johnson's Bethel Church in Reading, California, and his school of supernatural ministry, Lorne Cunningham in YWAM, Youth with a Mission, the New Apostolic Reformation leaders, along with dozens of like-minded, very influential, word, faith, healing preachers and their ministries.

They believe that God is pouring out His Holy Spirit in these last days, which will result in worldwide revival. As the revival grows, Christians will be placed in, this is what they're teaching, into the highest governmental leadership positions throughout the nations. This will culminate in a Christianized world that is responsible to restore it physically, governmentally, environmentally, and spiritually, morally, and through restoring social justice.

I don't know if you are familiar with that word, but it's becoming a very popular word. And I just have to give this warning. We know there's a major war going on, a civil war in Washington, D.C. If our present president would win another four years next year, be careful that you will not put your trust in his attempt to turn things around to last.

They will not. If God grants us another four years, I will rejoice in the fact of what has already happened in these three and at least in a little bit of an attempt being made to stem the tide of liberalism and the far left and all their agenda, which if they win, life will change as we know it, I believe. So anyway, be careful of that.

Because they believe that... And here's the problem. All the scriptures and the prophecies that prophesy of a time that the knowledge of the Lord shall be as the water scope of the sea and all the scriptures that talk about the kingdom to come and how Christ shall rule with a rod of iron and that we will rule with him and all of that, they have relegated that to our age. It is a kingdom now philosophy.

Kingdom now philosophy. You would be shocked if you would make a little research on who, how many people in the last 60 years, 70 years have used the phrase, heaven can wait. I mean, these musicians have made songs of it.

The movie industry in Hollywood has produced numerous movies of it back in the 70s already and even before that maybe. And books after books have been written and distributed. And just the concept is, we need to want to experience this stuff now.

Heaven can wait. That's the philosophy of this whole thing. But anyway, they do not believe in a thousand year reign.

They do not believe in the literal fulfillment of the book of Revelation. So they want this kingdom that is prophesied and is promised to us that shall come when Christ shall rule out of Jerusalem with a rod of iron and bring all of the nations into subjection unto him. Or else that's the way it's going to be.

But they want that now and they want to make it happen through, and I would say they believe through the spreading of the gospel. This is called the doctrine of dominionism. So if you ever hear that word, they believe that the devil took the dominion back in the Garden of Eden when he deceived Adam and Eve.

And we, through the power of the gospel and Christ's death, should take the dominion now and rule and reign here on earth and get into politics and get into government and get into the police force. And but the very opposite is happening. You know what's happening in the major cities? The Muslims are getting into the police force and are not responding properly in certain things.

And it's just the opposite of what they have proposed. The next kingdom to come in God's timeline, I believe with all my heart, is the kingdom of the Antichrist. I see his footprints all over the world, in the churches and in government and in society in general.

You know what has happened to the abortion issues and the gender issues and the homosexual issues and the general moral climate of America has gone steadily downward. And it's headed to... And even the governments that are collapsing the integrity, honesty and moral uprightness and all that is falling to shambles around the world. And people are so full of untruth and lies.

It's unbelievable. This is heading to an Antichrist system which will rule this world and be the worst tyrant this world has ever known. Like they say, make Hitler and Stalin look mild.

The prophet Jeremiah adds that about this time that none is like it, calling it a time of Jacob's trouble and likening it to a woman laboring through birth pains. I shall see every man with his hands on his loins as a woman in travail and all faces are turned in the paleness. Jeremiah 30, 6 and 7. What is astonishing about the false scenarios promoted by the Christian kingdom now dominionists is that none... Excuse me here.

They don't understand the scriptures and they don't search the scriptures daily to see whether these things be so. And so they're taught in these mass evangelistic big meetings and the people believe it. The verses that I quoted here, if they are spiritualized or twisted to indicate a worldwide revival and that is happening.

There are concepts of prophecy and revelation and end times and so on that twist this whole thing around and believe that we will gradually win and take over. Some of them are saying and here's another thing. They don't believe in the soon coming of the Lord.

They have pushed that off even in hundreds of years while they believe the church will gradually take the dominion over the world. They say God is doing a new thing. But God says heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall never pass away.

The prophet Isaiah wrote to the law and to the testimony if they speak not according to his word it is because there is no light in them. Isaiah 8 20. Not only do these false teachers have a dominionist objective that is completely at odds with what God's word says but also their pronouncements are rooted in a completely corrupt belief system.

The move has been referred to as a word of faith, healing and prosperity ministry. Its roots go back to false prophets and teachers such as E.W. Kenyon, Kenneth Hagen, Charlie Capps, Kenneth Copeland, Fred Price, Marilyn Hickey, Joyce Myers, Rodney Howard Brown. He was the main man of the Toronto curse.

They call it the Toronto blessing where people responded in a revival and people they thought and people flew in from all over the world and it went on for a couple of years. I think nightly meetings there and of course the manifestations was so bad as people barked like dogs and cackled like roosters and screamed like cats. I got to deal with an individual who actually came from there and it was almost like he had an evil spirit in him and he wanted out of it and all that but he had picked that up in those meetings.

Another one I want to mention and of course the leader of the pack, Benny Hinn. If you ever want to know that, look up the confusing world on YouTube of Benny Hinn. Another one is Miles Munroe.

Miles Munroe lived in the Bahamas and deceived a number of our people from the Lancaster County here. He said, and I heard him say this personally on a YouTube of his messages, Jesus didn't come to die, He came to start a kingdom. When I came to start a kingdom spiritually for the last 2,000 years and eventually literal but to say He didn't come to die is blasphemy.

He had a few years ago, he had a leadership seminar scheduled in the Bahamas. Some of the local people here flew down to attend and he was on another island down there, came flying in on a rainy night and to land at the airport where they were going to have the seminar and he hit a derrick or a crane at the airport and killed everybody on the plane. His wife, I think, some of his children were along and the pilot and co-pilot, everybody died.

So they had a funeral and turned around and went ahead with the leadership seminar. And in all that, people still do not detect that this man was a deceiver and a false prophet. And I tell these people, you need to renounce that any involvement with this man and have nothing to do with him or his doctrine.

Not saying that every word he said was not true, but he was a false prophet. And him and Benny Hinn were friends and they exchanged ideas about this kingdom thing, this kingdom now philosophy. And Benny Hinn got so excited when they sat down and Miles Monroe shared with him his own revelation concerning these things and so on.

Yet I want to mention that each one of these men probably has their own twist of these things, healing methods, commanding prosperity, positive confession. May I just stop there a little bit? The whole idea is that you cannot make any negative statements or any negative beliefs or feelings, that you have to always have a positive confession. So if you're sick, you deny the symptoms that you're going through and say, I'm well, I'm well, I'm healed, I'm okay.

You know, and especially so if they prayed over you, even though your body is rotting away and falling apart with cancer. And this is taking people into delusion right up to their deathbed, up to days before they die, not being able to say goodbye to their families and prepare in a proper way to meet God, to meet God. Instead, they're still laying there up to a week before they die, declaring that they're not going to die and that they're going to be healed.

And I declare this positive confession. I mean, you talk about a strong delusion. This is unbelievable.

And how it has found its way across the world, commanding prosperity. It's God's will for you to be rich and not to be poor. They don't believe in crossbearing, self-denial, all these precious subjects that the Lord Jesus taught us are simply relegated out of reality.

Using faith as a technique, performing as gods under God. These people are chanting in the meetings, ye are gods, ye are gods, ye are gods, by a moderator of some of these men that teach their people to say these things. They are teaching that we can do everything Christ did.

And they look at the New Testament, they look at Pentecost and what happened at Pentecost, and they say we can do everything. And it's everything that Christ did. No man has ever in 2,000 year history been able to do what Christ did and heal the sick like he did and raise the dead and cause the lame to walk again.

And even though all these years have gone by, they still try and try and try to make this thing happen and try to confess it and try to believe it and try to confess it, say it is that way. When it's not, and this has caused so much delusion, I remember Bonka from Germany had a meeting like that in Switzerland. A dear friend of mine, an older man who had a short leg out of Russia, he had a wedge on his shoe about that high.

And he went down there to get healed. In all those days, they were straightening legs and what have you. And he went forward in order to be healed of his short leg.

And he was so caught up in the spirit of it that he left his shoe on a pile and went home walking on his tiptoe on that leg and thinking he was healed. When he got home, finally, he was from Germany, he actually spent a night in his home. He actually came to the reality that nothing had happened and rode back to the outfit in Switzerland where he was to see if they could find his shoe and send it back to him.

And then they'll say it's because he didn't have enough of faith. They always put the guilt on you. Like John D. Martin says, there was a fellow in a meeting like this and he was up there straightening legs and healing people.

And here a man came with a big wedge in his shoe. Hopping up the aisle, you know, just coming up through there. And all at once, the man saw him come and he said, are you sure you have enough of faith for this? And he put the monkey back on his back, knowing that they can't straighten it and lengthen it to that degree.

And I want to speak maybe more specifically about healing. And I believe in healing. And I've seen healing.

And I've experienced healing myself with a thyroid problem years ago. When I had the laying on of hands, I also did some other doctoring. And I'm not fully sure what all contributed to it.

But it totally disappeared. I was a young married man and my heart was beating so strong that the doctor said you're going to wear out if you keep that up. And he wanted to cut some of my thyroid away in order that my thyroid would not be so active.

It totally disappeared. And I've never had anything like that since. But for what these people claim, you ought to send them into the hospitals and empty them out.

You ought to raise people from the dead. And they try and try and try to do that. And it doesn't happen.

But they sometimes wake somebody up, maybe out of a coma and claim they raised him from the dead. And I don't believe a minute of it. But then let me take a friend of mine that's blind to him and let them come back with clear eyesight if they can do everything Jesus did.

But it never happens. And yet they go on with this delusion. God help us.

Strong delusion that people should believe a lie. I have to think of Oral Roberts. He was another one.

Maybe some of you heard, let me read a little bit about him here. An early leader of this was Oral Roberts at Oral Roberts University. This was in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

I remember when it collapsed in bankruptcy when he built a hospital seven stories high for healing. And people came to it for a while. But you know the story.

Finally, everybody had to have medicine and had to be operated on the same as everybody else. And the whole thing collapsed and emptied out and had to be sold in bankruptcy. But you know what he did? He went into a tower and claimed God met him there as an older man having been in bankruptcy virtually, owing millions of dollars, and saying that if he doesn't, if the people don't bail him out, God's going to kill him.

Well, I'd have sure taken the attitude to wait and see what happens. But guess what? The people gave him millions. You know, and then God, then he didn't have to die and all that.

Some rich man from Florida answered the call and bailed him out. But that's what he did. He was in this tower and he was praying and he said, God told me that if my people don't help me in my financial situation, he's going to kill me.

These men are liars. They are liars, just like 1 John says. They abide not in the truth.

They have no part nor lot in the matter of the gospel. Other schools with similar emphasis on healing, including Mike Bickle's International House of Prayer, IHOP. I'm sure you've heard of that in Kansas City.

Bill Johnson's Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry in Redding, California. Does the Bible teach supernatural healing? Yes, it does. We have the opportunity to anoint with oil, call the elders of the church, pray over individuals that may be healed.

But what these people are doing is a farce. And I'm not going to have time to give all the reasons why this is going the way it has in my understanding, but it's a misunderstanding of the Book of Acts and the Pauline Epistles. I believe that there was great power of healing given both to Christ and then to the early apostles, to the 12 specifically, for the authentication of the truth in a Jewish world and in a heathen world likewise.

And there have been various things like that that have showed up occasionally in small manners in the mission field, whether people were totally heathen and God gave the missionary certain healings and certain miracles that helped authenticate the truth of what he was telling to a totally heathen people. But did anybody ever have what Jesus had or Paul had or Peter had that Paul could send his handkerchief and lay it on people and they were healed? Or the shadow of Peter healed people. But as soon as you get into the Book of Acts, it had diminished to the degree that people were left behind sick and Paul's throwing the flesh never got taken out.

And so it was just not that way. And anybody had the power that Jesus did. I think the scripture says, and they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming.

That's the word I wanted. His word with signs following. In Mark 16, Jesus is still confirming the word with signs following as he had been testified by missionaries ministering the truth of the gospel in very challenging places worldwide.

But where I find it in the industrialized nations of the United States, Canada, Germany, France, England, you don't find it. And people try to make it happen with all the efforts that they know that they can muster up and lie to the people. But maybe out in a jungle somewhere in South America or Africa, you see a miracle here and there.

But in the industrialized nations, why not? Because they have the word readily available to them and they don't believe that word that is given to them. And so God's not going to authenticate his power and his truth in great miracles and healings. So Jesus confirmed the word with signs following.

What are these men doing? They promote a false gospel and a host of unbiblical doctrines and practices. According to the scripture as noted, Jesus will not work with them by confirming their heresies with miraculous signs following. And they have tried in my lifetime and tried and believed and pushed and persuaded and promised all to thousands of people have left the faith because they were lied to in those kind of meetings and it didn't happen what men said it would.

Along with that was the whole tongues thing on top of it yet, which I may make some comments on it in the next couple of days on that. But let me just explain what I believe concerning greater works shall he do because I go to the Father. Jesus said those works.

And the people, they try to say, well, we're supposed to be having greater miracles than even Jesus did. Well, I believe in greater miracles than what Jesus did. And that's because he had not gone to the cross.

He was not able to give the full picture of the gospel. He was not able to talk about the power of the blood of Christ and the atonement that he was made because it wasn't made yet. And many times he actually gave things to do like the law, you know, what sayeth the scripture and he'd quote the law for people to do.

And they said, what must I do that I might inherit eternal life? But the greater thing is to provide the entire gift of salvation with the contribution of the power of the Holy Spirit in your life, the comforter that came after Christ's death and resurrection. And that is greater to me than a person being healed of a lame leg or a blind eye that was able to see. To give that blind man salvation through the gospel is a greater thing than giving him physical eyesight.

That's how I understand those greater things that came. Today we can talk about the blood, the power of the cross, the death of Christ, the atonement for sin, and the power of the Holy Spirit coming by the

comforter coming there according to his promise and what happened there in Acts chapter 2 that became a reality there. What then of the gathering of 50,000? At one point, the sin's 12-hour session, one of the speakers stepped forth to invite them, those in the crowd, to commit their lives to Jesus.

He declared, I want everyone to lift up their hands. We're all going to pray this together in support of those who are praying it for the first time. Are you ready? Say, Dear Lord Jesus, I come to You today and a sinner needing salvation.

Lord Jesus Christ, as of this day, I say yes. I say yes. I say yes to You, Lord Jesus.

No more hesitation. No more procrastination. No more negotiation.

As of this day, I belong to Jesus and Jesus belongs to me. I believe it. I receive it.

I confess it in the name of Jesus. And everybody said, Amen. The entire gathering of thousands shouted an enthusiastic Amen.

Take a closer look. What gospel were they given? What Jesus were they introduced to? 50,000 young people and the amount of repentance that would be needed for their worldliness, for their living together as boyfriend and girlfriend, or living in fornication, or experimenting with drugs, or smoking marijuana. Chances are, there were thousands that were involved in those kind of sins.

And the repentance to turn from sin is never mentioned. Jesus who? Many false Christs, Jesus says, abound in our day. Did they put their trust in God who became a man who never ceased to be God and man? Did He pay full penalty for our sins on the cross? There's nearly a billion Roman Catholics don't believe that.

Many of the Word, Faith, Healing, Prosperity teachers likewise do not believe that. You know what they believe concerning Christ? I mean this is, I've run into this over and over again. They believe He was born again in hell.

They believe that He died and went to hell and was tormented there by the demons suffering hell for us and that there He finally got born again. And came up out of there and then of course, I'm not sure what they make out of the resurrection. But they believe the penalty was paid in the depth of hell as Christ was tortured by Satan and his demons.

That is not the Jesus we know. That is not the biblical Jesus. And as Galatians says, it's another Jesus.

It's another gospel. It's another Word. That's what these men have.

Don't go near them. Don't have anything to do with them. The Bible says, Come out from among them and be separate and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you.

But it must be on God's terms. Not on these. Were those who nearly filled the stadium in Orlando aware of Christ's sacrificial act of dying for mankind's sin and that He was accepted by God the Father as satisfying divine justice according to Isaiah 53 that He looked on him who was pierced and He accepted him.

However, that goes there. Did they know that Christ's resurrection was proof of God's acceptance? In fact, it's the resurrection of Jesus Christ that gives the church or individuals the power to live a godly life. The invitation given seemed to be with the intent to have the recipients make a commitment to follow Christ

and to go forth sharing the gospel locally and internationally.

That is asking for a critical commitment of one's life. Yet the gospel they were given was entirely without biblical substance. What transpired as an altar call was purely emotional.

And the hope for obligation of their lives had no biblical support. Thus, the hearers could only depend on their feelings. And 50,000 of them sent out across the world equipped with that in order to win the world for delusion.

International deception and delusion that comes out of that. And that was only one. That was only one.

If I could give you the history of the Bethel Church in Reading, California or what is going on in New York City in the Hillsong Church up there. Those services would remind you of Las Vegas flesh show with the nakedness and everything that is involved. The extreme dancing and nakedness and all that on a Sunday morning service.

And the building flooding with thousands and thousands of people, especially young people. My time is up. I will leave it with that.

And again, make the plea to all of you. Open your eyes. Examine things.

Be faithful Bereans. Examine all these movements by the Scripture. And if there is a question of these things that do not line up, don't go there.

Don't go with them. Save yourselves from this deception. Thank you.

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