

Ten Indictments (A Historical 21st Century Message) - Part 2

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Paul Washer critiques modern evangelism practices, emphasizing the need for genuine conversion and a proper understanding of the gospel.

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:33, Matthew 18:15, Mark 1:15, 2 Corinthians 13:5, Hebrews 12:6

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Description

Paul Washer delivers a powerful sermon addressing the misconceptions and dangers of the 'sinners' prayer' and decisionism in modern evangelism. He emphasizes the importance of true repentance, faith, and ongoing fruit in a believer's life as evidence of genuine conversion. Washer challenges the unbiblical practices of quick conversions and shallow invitations, urging for a deeper understanding of salvation and the nature of the Church. He highlights the need for loving and compassionate church discipline as a biblical practice often neglected in today's churches.

Transcript

And now it is the same today. What do we face? I will tell you what we face. It is not a sort of infant baptism necessarily most of the time. It is not a high church confirmation by an ecclesiastical authority. What we face is the sinners' prayer. And I am here to tell you, if there is anything I have declared war on it is that.

You say, "Brother Paul..."

Yes, in the same way that infant baptism, in my opinion, was the golden calf of the Reformation, for the Baptists and the Evangelicals and everyone else who has followed them today, I will tell you, that sinners' prayer has sent more people to hell than anything on the face of the earth.

You say, "How can you say such a thing?"

Go with me to Scripture and show me, please. I would love you to stand up and tell me where anyone evangelized that way. The Scripture does not say that Jesus Christ came to the nation of Israel and said that "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand, now who would like to ask me into their hearts? I see that hand."

That is not what it says. He said, "Repent and believe the gospel."²¹

Now men today are trusting in the fact that at least one time in their life they prayed a prayer and someone told them they were saved because they were sincere enough. And so in their salvation if you ask them, "Are you saved?" they do not say, "Yes, I am because I am looking unto Jesus and there is mighty evidence giving me assurance of being born again."

No. They say, "One time in my life I prayed a prayer."

And they live like devils. But they prayed a prayer. And some of them... I heard of one evangelist who was coaxing a man to do that thing. Finally the man felt so uncomfortable the evangelist said, "Well, I'll tell you what. I will pray to God for you and if it is what you want to say to God, squeeze my hands. Behold the power of God."

Decisionism, the idolatry of decisionism. Men think they are going to heaven because they have judged the sincerity of their own decision.

When Paul came to the Church in Corinth he did not say to them, "Look, you are not living like Christians so let's go back to that one moment in your life when you prayed that prayer and let's see if you were sincere."

No, he said this, "Test yourselves, examine yourselves to see if you are in the faith."²²

Because I want you to know, my friends, salvation is by faith alone. It is a work of God. It is a grace upon grace upon grace. But the evidence of conversion is not just your examination of your sincerity at the moment of your conversion. It is the on going fruit in your life. It is the ongoing fruit in your life.

Oh, my dear friends, look what we have done. Isn't a tree known by its fruit? What 60%, 70% of America thinks it is converted, born again. We kill how many thousands of babies a day? We are hated around the world for our immorality. Yet we are Christian.

And I lay this squarely, the blame, at the feet of the preacher.

Fifth indictment: An unbiblical gospel invitation.

We have touched on it a bit. I want to go further. Look how we do it today. I mean, now listen to me. The more... I have seen this everywhere. The Calvinist, the Arminian, a lot of them share something in common. It is this, the same superficial invitation. They talk a lot of talk about a lot of things and then they come to the invitation and it is almost as though everyone loses their mind.

Walk up to someone says, "God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life."

Can you imagine telling that to an American?

"Sir, God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life."

"What? God loves me? Well, that's great because I love me, too. Oh, this is wonderful.

And God's got a wonderful plan? I got a wonderful plan for my life, too. And if I accept him into my life I'll have my best life now. This is absolutely wonderful."

That is not biblical evangelism.

Let me give you something in its place. God comes to Moses and he says this.

The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished.²³

The reaction of Moses: "Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship."²⁴

Evangelism begins with the nature of God. Who is God? Can a man recognize anything about his sin if he hath not a standard with which to compare himself? If we tell him nothing but trivial things about God that tickle the carnal mind, will he ever be brought to genuine repentance and faith?

We do not begin with, "God loves you and has a wonderful plan." We begin with a discourse of the full counsel of who God is. And we tell him from the start it may cost him his life.

After that we have exploratory questions. "Hey, you know you are a sinner, don't you?"

That's like years ago my mother died of cancer. It is like the doctor walking in on today and say, "Hey, Barb, you know you got cancer, don't you?"

We treat it so superficially. No weight, nothing solemn.

"Sir, there is a terrible malady upon you and a judgment coming."

Because if you just tell a man, "Sir, you know, you are a sinner?" Go ask the devil if he knows he is a sinner.

He will say, "Well, yes, I am. A mighty good one at that... Or a mighty bad one depending on how you look at it. But, yes. I know I am a sinner."

The question is not do you know you are a sinner. The question is: Is the Holy Spirit so at work in your heart through the preaching of the gospel that a change has been wrought so that the sin you once loved you now hate and the sin you once desired to embrace, you are wanting to run from it as though you were running from a dragon?

And then the question: Do you want to go to heaven?

This is the reason I would not let my children go to 98% of the Sunday schools and vacation Bible schools in evangelical churches because some well meaning person stands up and says, "Isn't Jesus wonderful," after showing the Jesus film. Yes. "How many of you little children love Jesus?"

"Oh, I do."

"Who wants to accept Jesus into their little heart."

"Oh, I do."

And they get baptized. And they may walk a little bit because they have been.... They are being raised in a Christian culture, sort of, a church culture anyway. And then when they turn 15, 16, when they have the strength of will they begin to break the bonds. They begin to live in wickedness and then we go after them saying, "You are Christians. You are just not living like it. Stop your backsliding," instead of going to them biblically and saying this. "You made a confession of faith in Christ. You professed him even in

baptism, but now it seems as though you have turned away from him. Examine yourself. Test yourself. There is little evidence of any true conversion in you."

And then when they are 24, 25, after college, maybe 30, they come back to church and they rededicate their life and they join right in with that pseudo Christian morality that encompasses churchianity in America and in the end they hear this: "Depart from me you worker of iniquity. I never knew you."²⁵

You say, "Brother Paul, you are so angry."

Have I not right to be? Somebody must be crying out for revival. But we haven't even got the foundations straight.

Oh, that revival would come and straighten our foundations. But would we, while we have open eyes and open ears and have Scripture in front of us, should we not correct these things?

Would you like to go to heaven?

My dear friend, everybody wants to go to heaven. They just don't want God to be there when they get there. The question is not do you want to go to heaven. The question is this. Do you want God? Have you stopped being a hater of God? Has Christ become precious to you? Do you desire him?

That is what political theory is all about, my dear friend. Everybody wants to go to heaven. But men are haters of God. So the question is not do you want to go to a special place where you will no longer hurt and you will get everything you want. The question is: Do you want him? Has Christ become precious to you?

Often as a person prays they are told after that, "Would you like to go to heaven?"

"Well, yes."

"Well, then, would you like to pray and ask Jesus into your heart?"

Now, my dear friend, let me say this. There are people who get saved using that methodology, but it is not because of it. It is in spite of it.

"Sir, do you desire Christ? Do you see your sin?"

"Oh, yes, yes, I do."

"Sir, let's look at a few Scriptures here that lay out for us what repentance looks like, the Spirit bearing witness that this is happening in your life. Do you see brokenness? Do you see the disintegration of everything you fought and now your mind is filled with new thoughts about God and new desires and new hope?"

"Yes, I see that.

"Sir, that may be the first fruits of repentance. Now, throw yourself upon Christ. Trust in him. Trust in him."

And then listen to me. You have the authority to tell me the gospel. You have authority to tell me how to be saved and you have authority to teach men biblical principles of assurance. But you have no authority to tell men they are saved. That is the work of the Holy Spirit of God.

But when you take them through that little thing, "Did you ask Jesus into your heart?"

"Yes."

"Do you think you were sincere?"

"Yes."

"Do you think he saved you?"

"I don't know."

"Of course he saved you because you were sincere and he promised that if you asked him to come in, he would come in. So you are saved."

And they walk out of the church after five minutes of counseling and the evangelist goes to [?] and the man is lost. The man is lost.

An unbiblical invitation. If they ever doubt, if they ever doubt their salvation again, here we go again. If they ever doubt their salvation, "Let's go back to a point in time. Was there ever a point in time in your life when you prayed and asked Jesus to come in?"

"Yes."

"Were you sincere?"

"I think so."

"That's the devil bothering you."

And if they live without growth even in the context of a church without growth in continued carnality, no fear. We blame it on the lack of personal discipleship and we write it off as the doctrine of the carnal Christian.

The doctrine of the carnal Christian has destroyed more lives and sent more people to hell.

Do Christians struggle with sin? Yes. Can a Christian fall into sin? Absolutely. Can a Christian live in a continuous state of carnality all the days of his life not bearing fruit and truly be Christian? Absolutely not or every promise in the Old Testament regarding the New Testament covenant has failed and everything God said about discipline in Hebrews is a lie.

A tree is known by its fruit.

When we work with men in conversion... I have seen preachers who understood much about the things of God, but when they come down ever after an exemplary gospel presentation they will enter, once again, into this methodology.

Let me give you a story and then we will go on to the next indictment, but a story that is one of the most precious moments in my life as a Christian.

I was preaching in Canada just... Actually they told me it was like 30 kilometers from Alaska. There were more grizzly bears in the town than there were people, really. It was a little church of about 15, 20 people and I was preaching. And right when I got up in the pulpit this mountain of a man walked in in his 60s, early 70s, but just a mountain of a man. He could have whipped every one of us in this building.

And as I preached, as I saw his face, I just threw everything away and started preaching the gospel. He was the saddest human being I have ever seen. Just gospel, gospel and when I got done I walked right from the pulpit to him.

I said, "Sir, what is wrong. What is troubling your soul? I have never seen a man so sad and down hearted in all my life?"

And he pulled out a manila envelope and it had some x-rays which I couldn't understand, but he said this. "I just came from the doctor. I am going to die in three weeks." That is what he told me. "Now I have lived all my life on a working cattle ranch. You can only get there by float plane or riding horses across the mountains and all this stuff." He said, "I have never been to church. I have never read a Bible. I believe there is a God and one time I heard somebody talking about some guy named Jesus." He said, "I have never been afraid of anything in my life and I am terrified."

I said, "Sir, did you understand the message, the gospel?"

He said, "Yes."

Now what would have a great majority of preachers done at that moment?

"Well, would you like to ask Jesus to come into your heart?"

That is what they would have done.

I said, "Sir, you understood it."

He said, "I understood it, but is that it? Is that just..." He said, "A child could have understood that. Anybody. Is that all it is that I understand it and I pray or...?"

I said, "Sir, you are going to die in three weeks. I have to leave tomorrow. I will cancel my plane ticket and we will stay here over the Scriptures wrestling and crying out to God until you are either converted or you die and go to hell."

And so we began. I began in the Old Testament, the New Testament, every verse of Scripture dealing with the promises of God regarding redemption and salvation, over and over, time after time, reading John 3:16, praying for a while, crying out to God, questioning the man regarding repentance, regarding faith, regarding assurance, working till Christ be formed in him.

And then, finally, just exhausted that evening there was no breakthrough, there was nothing. And I said, "Sir, let's pray." And we prayed.

I said, "Sir, read John 3:16 again."

He said, "We have read this a million times."

I said, "I know, but it is one of the greatest promises of salvation. Read that text again."

And I will never forget. He had my Bible on his lap in those big mountainous hands of his and he said, "Ok." He said, "For God so loved the world, that He gave...26 I'm saved. I'm saved. Brother Paul, all my sins are gone. I have eternal... I'm saved. I mean..."

I said, "How do you know?"

He said, "Haven't you ever read this verse before?"

What was going on? A working of the Spirit of God instead of those little tricks you try. What you want to go eat. What you think preaching is a spectacle and after that you go back to the hotel? No, after the preaching is when the work begins. Dealing with souls. People come forward in meetings for counsel by someone who shouldn't be counseling. Five minutes, they are given the... Quick, give the card to the pastor and the pastor says, "I would like to present to you a new child of God. Welcome him into the family of God."

How dare you?

If you are going to present him, say this. "This man tonight has made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. And because of our fear of God and our love for the souls of men we will now be working with him to make sure that Christ has truly been formed in him, that he truly has a biblical understanding of repentance and faith and great assurance and joy in the Holy Spirit. That is what we are going to do."

Look what we have done. I plead with you. Look what we are doing. And this is not some cult. This is us. Stop it. Stop it.

Sixth indictment: Ignorance regarding the nature of the Church.

God has only one religious institution. It is the Church. It is the Church. And our ultimate goal and the ultimate product of revival will be the planting of biblical churches.

I have the greatest fear that the local church today is despised. Tell somebody you are an itinerant preacher, that you have a world wide ministry and they all bow down. Tell someone you are a pastor of a group of 30 and they make you sit in the back during the

conference.

He is not the prince of itinerant preachers, he is the prince of pastors.

Several years ago Bill Clinton had a slogan during the election. "It is the economy, stupid." My pastor, Jeff Noblett, one of the elders in our church, the primary teaching, preaching pastor, he said to me one day, he goes, "You know, I'd like to have a bunch of shirts made up."

"What would they say, brother Jeff?"

"It's the Church, stupid."

Jesus gave his life for the Church, a beautiful virgin, pristine Church. If you want to give your life for something in the ministry, give it to the Church, to a church, a body of believers, a local congregation. It is the Church.

Now let me say this about the Church. I want you to listen well. There is not a remnant of believers in the Church. We all know about the remnant theology, you know, that throughout all the course of Israel there was Israel the people of God and a remnant of true believers. That is not true about the Church. There is not a remnant of believers or a small group of believers inside a larger group called the Church. The Church is the remnant.

And I want to say this. If pastors have ever come to close to blaspheming it is with regard to this. I hear theologians, itinerant teachers, pastors, this and that saying these sorts of things. "There is just as much sin in the Church as out of the Church. There is just as much divorce in the Church as out of the Church. There is just as much immorality and pornography in the Church as out of the Church." And then preachers say, "Yes, the Church is acting like a whore."

I want you to know this. You ought to be very careful calling the bride of Jesus Christ a whore.

I will tell you what the problem is. Pastors and preachers don't know what the Church is.

I want you to know that the Church of Jesus Christ in America is beautiful. She is frail at

times. She is weak. She is buffeted. She is not perfect, but I want you to know she is broken. She is humbly walking with her God. The problem with you is you don't know what the Church is.

Today because of the lack of biblical preaching the so called Church is filled up with carnal, wicked people identified with Christianity. And then because of all the goats in the midst of the lambs, the lambs are blamed for all the things the goats are doing and then the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of us.

Have you ever read... Let's just.... I know we are running out of time, but just go quickly with me, just go quickly. I want to show you something. Go to Jeremiah 31, thank you.

Verse 31 of Jeremiah 31. "Behold, days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.'"27

Now I do not want to take away anything from the people called Israel, but this text is also applied to the Church. Understand that. I don't want to get into any battles on eschatology, but in the Bible, in the New Testament, the book of Hebrews it is applied to the people of God.

"Not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt."28

I hear preachers saying all the time, "Well, when you look back and you see Israel, you see a bunch of godless, idolaters, people. And in the midst of them there was a tiny remnant of true believers." That is true, but don't apply that to the New Testament

Church because he says, "I am going to do something different,

Not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

"But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them."29

He hasn't just given you, if you are converted, he hasn't just given you a stone tablet of

laws. He has supernaturally, through the doctrine of regeneration, written those laws in your heart. And because he has done that, "I will be their God, and they shall be My people."³⁰

And look what it says. ""They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,' declares the LORD, 'for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.'"³¹

Again, the doctrine of regeneration. God is doing a new work these last 2000 years. We don't have a lot of churches in America. We have a lot of really nice brick buildings on finely manicured lawns.

Just because someone says they are of the Church or they are Christian doesn't make it so. Look what he says. They will not even have to teach one another.

Now that doesn't mean there won't be teachers and preachers, but there will all be an outstanding knowledge of God among them, particularly with regard to their sins having been forgiven.

Quickly just jump. Look at 32, chapter 32 verse 38. "They shall be My people, and I will be their God."³² He doesn't say, "I hope so, maybe, if I get lucky, oh, if I can get enough evangelists to work with me, maybe this will all come out right."

He says, "I am going to pull a people for me, a people that I am going to give to my Son."

And he says, "They shall be My people, and I will be their God."³³

Look at this. "And I will give them one heart and one way."³⁴

Now, don't be angry with me, any angrier than you already are at least. But listen to me.

The 70s and 80s and all the Jesus marches and everyone weeping and crying, "The Church is so divided. The Church is not one."

My dear friend, let me tell you something. If the Church is not one there is a prayer out there that God the Father did not answer for his Son. And this new covenant promise assailed.

So I want to redirect you a little bit. I want to submit to you, the Church is one. She has always been one.

Have you ever sat down on an airplane or maybe met someone in a marketplace you didn't even know and you being maybe Baptist or Mennonite or this or that, but truly evangelical, truly Christian, you talk to him for no more than few minutes and you discover, "He is a believer. This is a live one."

And at that moment you would give your life for him. You would give your life for him.

I remember one time we were in [?] in Peru and it was during the time of the [?] and the civil war that was going on there. We rode 22 hours up in the back of a grain truck under a black tarp and at about midnight we pulled the tarp off, the truck stopped and we jumped off into the jungle. We stayed the night just at the edge of the jungle and made our ways up to a place called [?]. About half way up we got lost in the dark the next day so we were praying, me and my dear friend Paco, we were praying, "Oh, God, give us some direction. We are lost. If we are found in here the terrorists own the place. The military wouldn't even go in." We cried out, "Oh, God, give us some direction. Help us." We heard a bell. And then we heard somebody talking. It was a strange conversation at first we thought. Then we realized it was a little boy coming in from the fields with his burro and he was talking to his burro. And so we got behind him and we followed him. Then we stood on the edge of the town, a little village, huts, adobe homes and I said, "Paco," I said, "You know, if terrorists own this thing we are dead."

"Yeah, but we have got to somewhere."

So we got down, walked up to a man who was drunk in the dark and said, [?] "Are there brothers here?" Because everybody knows what that means in the mountains? It means a real Christian.

And he said, [?], "The old woman over there."

So I went over there. There was an old Nazarene woman and I knocked on the door. I said, "I am an evangelical pastor. Please help me."

That old woman reached out with that lantern. She grabbed me. She pulled me inside. She grabbed Paco, took us down. Her house was cut out of a kind of a cliff in the mud and took us down in the basement where there was some hay and chickens and things and she sat us there and she lit a lamp and then a little boy came in and she called to him and said, "Go get the other brothers." And they started bringing chickens and yucca and everything else, risking their life. Why? Because we are one.

Stop saying all these silly things that you are saying, that the body of Christ is divided and it is a mess and it is full of sin. I would not talk about the bride of Christ that way if I was you.

What you have got is a bunch of goats and tares among the sheep. And because very little biblical, compassionate Church discipline is practiced, they live among the sheep, they feed on the sheep and they destroy the sheep and those of you who are leaders in the Church are going to pay a high penalty when you stand before the one who loves them because you did not have enough courage to stand up and confront the wicked.

As a matter of fact, listen to me. The average scenario in North America with regard to churches by and large, the churches are democracies. And I don't want to get into the ifs and pros or cons of that. But here is what happens. Because the preaching of the gospel is so low, the church is basically the majority of it are carnal lost people and because it is a democracy they by and large govern the direction of the church. And because the pastor doesn't want to lose the great number of people and because he has wrong ideas regarding evangelism and true conversion, he caters to the wicked in his church and his little group of true sheep that belong to Jesus Christ are sitting there in the midst of all the theater, in the midst of all the worldliness, in the midst of all the multimedia going, "We just want to worship Jesus and we just want someone to teach us the Bible." And pastors are going to pay for that.

I have.... It is true. It is just true.

You are saying, "Oh, you are just angry."

My dear friends, do you know what it costs me to say this? It is true. Trying to keep together a bunch of wicked people while a little flock in the midst of them are starving to death and are made to go in directions they don't want to go with the carnal majority. Listen to me. If my wife was at Walmart late one night and you walked by as a man and you saw that two men were abusing her, three, four, five, then men were abusing her and hurting her and you put your head down in the name of self preservation and you walked by, I want to tell you something, my friend. I will not only look for those 10 men, I will look for you.

It is the bride of Christ and she is precious to him. It is going to cost you to serve to Jesus. It could cost you your church, your reputation and your denomination, absolutely everything. But the bride of Jesus Christ is worth it.

Look what it says. I love this. Look, 39. "I will give them one heart and one way."³⁵ And what is that way? It is Christ and it is holiness.

Every true believer I have ever met spoke much of Christ and had a longing desire to be more holy than they were, more conformed to Christ. And, look. "I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me always, for their own good and for the good of their children after them."³⁶

Oh, what a text that is. But let's just go on really quickly. "I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good."³⁷

Now, we just read this and so many people who are wicked, who are lost, they just go to church on Sunday. They hear this verse. "Yes, God has made an everlasting covenant with me. He will never turn away from me, never, never. I am secure because of God's grace." But they fail to read the second part.

And look what it says. "I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me."³⁸

The evidence that God has made an everlasting covenant with you, sir, is that he has put

the fear of God in you so that you will not turn away from him and if you turn away from him and he does not discipline you and you continue turning away from him, it is evidence that he has not put his fear in you, you have not been regenerated and you have no covenant with God at all.

Oh, it's true.

The seventh indictment--and we will just rush through this--and I know that this is misunderstood today and so I am going to define it: A lack of loving and compassionate Church discipline.

Most evangelical pastors in America today ought to take Matthew 18 and rip it right out of their Bible.

You can't do that, sir. You have got to take the whole thing.

Many pastors, their theology gets left behind when they come out of their office, out of their study. They are theological in conversation. They are theological in their office, but when they step out, they run the church by carnal means.

I am not an elder at my church and so--and have not been there very long--so I can say this without boasting. It practices church discipline. It is a very large church, about 1000. And they estimated they have saved 30 marriages in the last several years through loving, compassionate church discipline that does not begin with excommunication. It begins with, "Ye who are spiritual..."³⁹

We say, "Oh, I am too loving. We can't practice discipline. We just... we are just too loving."

You are more loving than Jesus? He is the one who commanded this.

"Yeah, it will cause so much problems."

Yeah, you're right. Maybe that's why there's not a whole lot of problems between the church and culture today because we are not confronting culture.

And we don't confront culture just by going out there and picketing Hollywood. We confront culture by obeying God. Noah built the ark and condemned the world. You

don't have to have a protest sign. Just walk in obedience and the world will hate you.

My dear friend, "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother."⁴⁰ Oh, what a wonderful thing. "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed."⁴¹

It is not that these guys are on your side. They are going to listen and judge. Maybe you are the one that is wrong. Maybe your brother is not in sin. Maybe you are overcritical and legalistic. Who knows?

And listen. "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector."⁴²

My dear friend, I believe that we need to hear this. We can either start obeying God and disciplining ourselves or we can have God do it for us. And maybe the hour is coming and now is when that is going to happen.

I am not talking about critical, legalistic, hateful men. There's enough of those. I am

talking about a man, a group of elders, leaders who love enough to lay their life on the line because they know this is not a game. This is not something that we do just for this

life, that eternity is at stake, the salvation of souls. Look at all these Christian bookstores.

Look at the old books of the old days of the Wesleys and the Whitefields and on and on, the Puritans and the Reformation. Most of those books dealt with what is the gospel, how do you preach it, how do you bring someone to Christ, how do you discern true conversion, how do you be a doctor of souls.

We have joined Rome in this matter. Rome: The baby is baptized, the baby is Christian.

The baby is Rome's. Never again deal with conversion. Just create all sorts of worldly means to try to keep them in the Church.

Evangelicals have done the same. Pray a little prayer with them after two or three minutes of counseling, after a half an hour of preaching, 25 of which was very funny stories and then drawing the net after five minutes. Counsel them for a little bit and then declare them saved and then spend the rest of their days disciplining them and wondering why they

don't grow.

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