

## **Exposing Church, Part 14**

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Good morning again everyone. Thank you again for taking your time to listen to God Send Us Men Ministries. We've got quite a bit to look at this morning before we get into today's message.

First, we are getting very close to nailing down some details for the Kingdom Conference 2020! Mark these dates - we are just about positive this is it. I hesitate just a little but we are so excited about it - I want to go ahead and start talking. It looks like Thursday March 26 through Sunday March 29th will be the days.

We are looking at the 26th as a travel day for most people with check-in beginning anytime after noon. We'll have our first meal beginning around 5:30 or 6, then our first message of the conference will be at 7:00pm. Ted will be our first speaker of the weekend.

Then, the next day will be filled with preaching and fellowship and recreation. The Retreat Center has lots of things to do - especially for young people and we are so hoping that there are a lot of young people that will be attending.

We'll be providing breakfast, lunch and dinner each day with plenty of wholesome ingredients - the plans for the food are fantastic.

Saturday's day will be continue with the same, then I think, a very exciting event is going to take place either in the afternoon or evening, but we will be hosting a debate between Ted Weiland and Brent Winters with the topic, "Is the U.S. Constitution a Christian Document?" Lord willing, we'll be opening up this debate to the community at large and it would be great to have a packed house for the event. For those of you who do not know Brent, his website is [www.commonlawyer.com](http://www.commonlawyer.com) - and of course, Ted's website is [www.bibleversusconstitution.org](http://www.bibleversusconstitution.org)

Our last message of the weekend will be after brunch on Sunday morning.

In addition to all the great fellowship we will be having, we are hoping to get minds together to see what we can begin doing to start building actual, true, Biblical, Kingdom ecclesias so that we can begin to advance the Kingdom with what is left in our generation.

Friends, we need to face this harsh reality. As I said last week, let's be honest with ourselves and face what we have done. In our generation - in our lives today - we as men - say over the age of 50 - has the Kingdom of God advanced in our generation - or has the opposite occurred?

Well. Let's see. There wasn't a mass shooting - staged or real - in the U.S. since our message last weekend. The legalization of sodomite marriages is still going on. The Laws of God are still being preached against - we haven't even made a dent concerning that. The reality is, we have not seen the Kingdom of God advanced in our generation. But, we have 20-30-40 years left to change the course of history.

I'm telling you that among all the doom and gloom with everything surrounding us - "These that have turned the world upside down, are come hither also, and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another King, One Jesus."

From the Day of Pentecost to Acts 17, depending on whose timeline you look at, it was a relatively short amount of time. Possibly as short as 10-15 years, maybe 20, but absolutely less than 30.

When the power of God is unleashed - unleashed in the lives of men who follow the example of the apostles as shown from Acts 17 - the power to turn the world upside down will take place.

Funny how so many "churchians" refuse to believe that Bible Prophecy has already been fulfilled and they read the last 27 books of the Old Testament and say those things are being fulfilled today - but when it comes to passages such as Acts 17 - they seem to not only have no real value - but in reality - the "churchmen" fight against the power and say that those things that we said were not even truthful statements. Amazing.

I'm here to tell you today that though we have failed miserably in advancing the Kingdom of God in our generation - there is still time to turn things around - before our children and our grandchildren rise up and realize the despicable system we've given them and curse the days that we were even born.

They are going to lose a lot more than McDonald's and the NFL - I'll assure you.

Barely more than 100 years ago, most of the exchange of goods and labor was paid in God's money - gold and silver - or at the very least redeemable in God's money - gold or silver. Today, there is no gold and silver exchanged by the common man - and the young

people of today think it's the greatest thing going to quote unquote "pay or be paid" with their stupid phones. They don't have gold or silver or anything of intrinsic value - they don't have paper - they've got their stupid phones or credit cards - and just go through life with not even the faintest thought that whoever controls their phones could shut them off and there would be absolutely nothing they can do about it.

There is a reason why God's Laws require gold and silver to be used as a medium of exchange. It's not just because God thought it would be a cool thing to require of people - it's because He knew that it was a source of freedom and prosperity and that's what He desires for His creation. A Godly economy is the very foundation of freedom. This is exactly why the enemies of God - attack economies first.

If the ignorance wasn't so sad, it would be funny, but in my lifetime I've heard it said a thousand times how terrible the years 1962-1964 were for America - and that those years were so bad because it culminated in prayer being taken out of the government schools. Not to mention the fact there should not be government schools to begin with - 1,000 times worse than the removal of prayer from the government school was the removal of silver from the coins in circulation in America and the ability to take a Silver Certificate to a bank and exchange it for a silver dollar. That was 1,000 times more damaging to America than removing prayer from an institution that was already Godless.

I was young in those days - but as much as I paid attention in the quote unquote "church" not once - ever - did I hear a so-called preacher speak out against the final destruction of an economy that at one time had some roots from the Word of God.

I've said this before and I'll say it again today - if there is anything at all - anything that even resembles something from God's Word associated with the U.S. CONstitution, that is the clause "No state shall make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debt."

The so-called patriots, like Alex Jones, and others who constantly harp about their CONstitution NEVER say a word about the gold and silver clause and the reality is - if those people who love and worship their CONstitution would make the states obey it - in this area alone - it would roll back the New World Order and its assault on freedom by 100 years or more. Overnight - forcing states to obey that one thing - would stop the criminal elements masquerading as government in America. It would happen overnight.

It is laughable - absolutely laughable - hearing the "churchmen" command their

followers to obey the laws of the land - yet the one law - just this one - if it were to be obeyed - would turn this country on it's ear and roll back the tide of evil - and it would happen almost overnight.

Why? Why is the removal of the silver and gold from the people such a horrific things? Because doing away with gold and silver and replacing it with paper, plastic and keystrokes is the epitome of the "love of money" and the Scripture says - "For the love of money is the root of all evil."

The love of money is the root of all evil. That's what the Word of God says in I Timothy 6:10. It doesn't say money is the root all evil - it says the LOVE of money is the root of all evil. The pursuit of the lust for power, for control, for earthly things. And it doesn't say what the New Kings James Bible - the version of the "churchmen" says - which says this - now listen closely - this is what the "churchman's" version of I Timothy 6:10 says...

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

No. The love of money is THE ROOT of ALL EVIL. That is what God intended for His people to know and to implement that principle into their lives in order to keep the Laws of God in their lives and in their communities.

And when the U.S. quote unquote "government" allowed the gold and silver to be taken from the people and given to the banking families - they accelerated the descent of this country 100 fold. Don't get me wrong. The U.S. was set up for failure in 1789. But there were still some carryovers from the times America was great - from the 1600s - and one of those things was the use of gold and silver among the people for trade. When the Laws of God are implemented - even among the lost - even among the rebellious - wow - did you hear that??? - when the Laws of God are implemented - even the Godless can reap benefits. Certainly not going to reap the full benefits that come from the inside out when a man embraces the Kingship of Christ in his life - but even the Godless will benefit when the Laws of God are the norm.

Listen, in the 1960s, you could go somewhere and leave your doors unlocked. You didn't have to go everywhere armed in order to not be murdered in a mass shooting at the grocery store. The sodomites were at least in the closet with the rest of the freaks and the perverts. Something happened that accelerated evil in America and I'm telling you that one of the biggest things that happened was when the Law of God regarding gold and silver was trashed - I guess to be even more detailed - when the Laws of God regarding just weights and measures were trashed - the proliferation of evil began to

accelerate.

This is because "be not deceived God is not mocked, whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

This is what we have done. This is what our fathers did and our grandfathers. My grandfather was born in 1901. Where was he? What was he doing when a lot of these things were taking place. He was only 12 in 1913 so I have to give him some grace there. But what was he thinking when he started taking paper for his labor instead of gold or silver? What was he doing, what was he thinking when they passed quote unquote "laws" demanding the people turn in their gold?

I don't know. But I know this. He did not know the Laws of God - which reveal to us the mind of God - which shows us the Will of God - to know that all actions of a man and a society should be measured - or ruled - by the Laws of God so that we can discern good and evil and act accordingly.

I can tell you what I know about the 1960s. Instead of the preachers so-called preaching that the Laws of God were being obliterated in America - they were telling people that what was going on was the fulfillment of Bible prophecy - so not only is there anything you can do about it - there is nothing you should do about it - because to resist the fulfillment of Bible prophecy is to resist God Himself.

And that message has rang loud and hard from the pulpits of the "churchmen" ever since and friends - look what it has gotten us!!! We are the result of our beliefs. Our society is the result of who and what we really are. We are a people who have forsaken our God. The "church" and the "churchmen" have sold us a bill of goods and we fell for it - because just like my grandfather did - we don't know the Laws of God and mind of God which reveals the Perfect Will of God. So today, the biggest majority of people in America and around the world continue to play something called "church" and they don't even have the slightest hint that the word should not even be in our English Bibles.

The other day Jeff sent me an email because he was excited about some things he saw on a website. But his excitement began to subside when he soon saw that it was just another "churchman" website. Nonetheless, he sent an email to the "churchman" and asked if the quote unquote "ministry" was incorporated. Here is Jeff's original email:

*Hello, I have previously seen your billboards on 1-70 near Columbia, and have just seen*

*a portion of your televised program on JCTV, so I have just visited your website as well.*

*I was pleasantly surprised to see your WELCOME/LEARN MORE page start out by using the term "churchianity" as I find the description is important. I have come out of 'churchianity' and seek to enter the kingdom, plainly speaking.*

*Therefore, my question is, is the YAIY a non-profit 501(3)c tax-exempt organized creature of the State of Missouri? Or, is it a called out ecclesia (civil body politic)?*

*Many thanks,*

*Jeff*

Then Jeff got this response.

*Like Paul we should take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the "Caesar" of our day. It is to our advantage to remain under the umbrella of the "501-c3" category as long as we can peacefully serve and obey Yahweh. If that changes, we will have to meet the challenge.*

I fully expected this type of response from the "churchman." This is the same thing I hear from the "churchmen" who support Trump or other politicians. Well, King David committed adultery with Bathsheba and even conspired to get her husband killed, so, apparently that gives us the green light to do the same - and just blame it on God.

*"God, you put this tree in the garden. It's your fault we ate of it. If you hadn't put it there, we wouldn't have eaten it. So, it's really your fault."*

And here we are today. "God, you have allowed all this proliferation of evil, you can just fix it yourself."

No, it is our responsibility to obey the Laws of God and implement them into each and every one of our generations. If we do, good things happen. If we don't we plainly see what happens. And we've been doing the don't for so long - now it's gotten so out of hand - I truly believe that a lot of people would just as soon go on and die as to roll up our sleeves, put on our boots and get busy removing the mounds and mounds of rubble that have been heaped on the foundations.

Friends, I may not be able to remove the rubble and get to the foundation, but when I die, it is going to be said that he died trying. There is no phony rapture. There is no phony second coming - which would actually be a third coming - because His second coming occurred at AD 70 and it occurred to ONLY the people that it could have

occurred to.

I received more great emails this week. This one came from Paul, who has written in before, but he wrote early in the week with some questions, then concluded the week with such an exciting email, I am going to share it with you in a few minutes.

But he had asked me specifically about I Corinthians 15 and I Thessalonians 4, I believe - they were questions related to Fulfilled Bible Prophecy. In one of my responses I asked him to please look at Hebrews 9:28. I asked him to read it very slowly and several times. I wasn't trying to make him look silly and I'm not trying to make anyone look silly, but look at what this says. Hebrews 9:28. If you are listening in the car - please get your Bible as soon as you can and look at this. For reinforcement sake, let's begin in verse 26.

For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

So Christ

Look at the English construction of these verses.

For then must he often have suffered...

That's explaining the history, the past, the act, if you will.

So Christ

Now the conclusion. The meaning, the result.

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

How could any other people, at any other time except for the first century - how could anyone else see Him a second time? The only people that could have seen Him second time - were the people that saw Him the first time. That's very clear. The reason I asked Paul to read it slowly and over and over again if need be - is because this is where the phrase "the second coming" comes from in Scripture and it is as clear as can be that only the ones who saw Him the first time - could see Him the second time.

So then at the end of the week, Paul sends me this final email:

*Hi Charlie*

*I am sure you have cited this passage as a proof text for all bible prophecy being fulfilled in Christ, but it just occurred to me as I was listening to Ted.*

## *1 Corinthians 15*

*Verse 25 - For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. - tells us when his earthly reign is over, i.e. when he's put ALL his enemies down.*

*Verse 26 - The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. - tells us that he completely accomplished his mission of defeating death with his resurrection.*

*Verse 28 tells us that he has returned to God for eternity. Mission accomplished!*

*It couldn't be clearer.*

*Kind regards*

*Paul*

## *1 Corinthians 15:24-28*

*Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.*

*For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.*

*The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*

*For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.*

*And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.*

Yes, Paul! And this exactly why I spent the time laying the foundation that death has been destroyed. And this is exactly why the "churchmen" fight against the truth that Christ destroyed death. If Christ did not destroy death, then that means that the earthly kings are still ordained by God - and men are required to obey earthly kings - that God allows earthly kings to redefine good and evil according to their own terms - and then God commands His creation to obey earthly kings quote unquote "laws" even when those laws are completely opposite of the Laws of God.

This is what the "church" and the "churchmen" were set up to do. And the sooner we understand this - and reject the "church" and the "churchmen" and reject their wicked, perverse twistings of the Scripture, the sooner we can get to turning our generation upside down - which is exactly what our calling as followers of Christ is supposed to be.

Jesus is not coming back here on a white horse to fight. You know what? This really stinks - but it has to be said. Even if He were coming back - it would be to fight a battle that almost every "churchian" would be in the opposing army. Christ would be fighting to implement the Laws of His Father - "thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven" and

the man who has attended quote unquote "church" all his life - and has been living with the ideology that the Laws of God are bad, they are done away with - if Christ returned to set it straight - nearly everyone would be on the wrong side of the battle.

Listen to me now - I'm going to step on our own toes - and I mean those of us who desire the Laws of God - those of us who are trying to obey the Laws of God - under the Laws of God - the entire economic system of America - with its federal reserve banking system - would bring the death penalty if the Laws of God were being obeyed and enforced today.

Individually, we need to be seeking to free ourselves from that system as much as we possibly can. I know it's hard. "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" I know it, believe me, I know how hard it is. But we have to roll up our sleeves, put on our boots, and get after it because there is no white horse riding saviour that's coming to the rescue.

The white horse riding Saviour already told us what it takes to turn the world upside down. It's just a matter of our obedience.

When Jeff received the response from the "churchman" regarding his inquiry into whether the "church" was 501(c)(3) or not, I told Jeff that a passage came to mind immediately and I was going to share it in this morning's message.

I want you to turn to Jeremiah chapter 2 with me. The 66 books of the Old Testament contain everything we need to know about the mind and Will of God for His creation. He did not create it, then leave us here to figure it all out by ourselves. He gave us the blueprint. It's written down for us. When we study it from the perspective that He is King. He temporarily allowed men to play that role for the sole purpose of showing us what a colossal failure that becomes - in fact they messed up the world so bad that He had to create a New One in order to fix it - but when we study from that perspective - we can truly know what it is we are supposed to be doing.

The "churchman" loves to quote I Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

But they never ever quote the very next verse, verse 10,

- [10] But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
- [11] For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
- [12] Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
- [13] Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
- [14] But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
- [15] But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.
- [16] For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

There are things that should hit us right smack between the eyes - they are so blatantly clear - so obvious - I'm just amazed at how we can't see them. Jeremiah 2. Exposing the "churchman" verse 1 - if the shoe fits - wear it.

- [1] Moreover the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,
- [2] Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith Yahweh; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.
- [3] Israel was holiness unto Yahweh, and the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith Yahweh.
- [4] Hear ye the word of Yahweh, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:
- [5] Thus saith Yahweh, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?
- [6] Neither said they, Where is Yahweh that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?

They aren't going to say where is Yahweh. Because they have spent their entire lives telling people that Jesus is coming, Jesus is coming. They spend all their time on some future coming that they have absolutely no concept of the understanding that He came, He conquered, He finished, He did everything the Scriptures say the promised Messiah was supposed to do - and He isn't coming here again. This is our fault. We left the King.

The King did not leave us. Verse 7.

[7] And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.

The exact same thing that Israel of old did - our fathers and grandfathers and their fathers did the same thing. We have defiled the land. How is the land defiled? When God's Laws are replaced with man's statutes. When man takes it upon himself to redefine good and evil - he becomes a defiler. That is exactly what they did in Jeremiah's time - it's exactly what has happened in our time - particularly over the last 200 plus years. We are not fulfilling Bible prophecy today. We can change the result of the abominations because the Saviour came and offers forgiveness and transformation.

Listen, if we were fulfilling Bible prophecy - then yes - there would be nothing we could do to make it change. The prophecies were fulfilled in the first century and those fulfilling those prophecies could not have made a change. Jacob have I loved, Esau have I hated. Neither of those boys had a say in it. Judas betrayed Jesus because it was prophesied that way. Judas had no choice in the matter. That's the way it was in the Old Covenant World. Predestination, foreordination, those things were in the Old Covenant World - and they passed away with the Old Covenant World. The modus operandi in the New Covenant World is "Whosoever will may come." When we embrace Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords and then begin to implement His Laws, His Will, His Ways into our lives and into our communities - we can bring about change. We can alter the course of history. We can see the Kingdom of God as the head and not the tail in our generation.

But as long we continue with this deception that God allows other kings and other kingdoms and other governments in His New World - it is the powers of darkness that rule and the people of God will be in constant mourning as a result.

Jeremiah 2:8

[8] The priests said not, Where is Yahweh? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal,

Now watch this closely. Hold on. Here it is. Right in the face. Right between the eyes.

The priests said not, Where is Yahweh? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

The quote unquote "churches" and the "churchmen" today are 501(c)(3) not for profit government corporations. They are not for profit. The Scriptures say as clearly as anything else can be said, the false pastors, the false prophets, the prophets of Baal, walk after things that do not profit. They are 501(c)(3) NOT FOR PROFIT government corporations.

It was written hundreds of years ago - but it may as well have been written today. Please look at this. Look at this phrase from Jeremiah 2 - they walked after things that do not profit. The quote unquote "churches" and the extra-church quote unquote "ministries" in America are NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATIONS. How can we not see this clearly? Verse 9.

[9] Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith Yahweh, and with your children's children will I plead.

[10] For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing.

[11] Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit.

In the last 200+ years on American soil, the people have changed their gods. We have allowed men to become lawmakers. We have allowed mere men to take on the form of gods. Jesus said, "Ye are gods?" You have taken to yourselves the power and authority to redefine good and evil and then you compel other men under threats of jail, tortures or even death if they don't obey your definitions?

And the "churchmen" lead the way. It is the "churchmen" that compel men by the Word of God say they - to obey those who redefine good and evil.

Listen friends, this concept of church and Ecclesia is not an "agree to disagree" issue. This is right and wrong. Good and evil. Black and white. Life and death. We are in the shape we are in today because the world thinks that the "church" and the "churchmen" hold the truth of God in their possession and the reality is - they have been exposed so much by the world - that the world says, "If you are the spokesmen of God, we don't want anything to do with you." And rightly so.

If the "church" and the "churchmen" are the voice of God - then I don't want that god either. What they've been spewing from their pulpits for all these years is not working. We have been in an accelerated downward spiral for many years and it's the result of the twisted, convoluted, evolutionized theology of something called quote unquote "church" and it resembles absolutely nothing of the Gospel once delivered to the saints.

Do you know the history behind the movement for quote unquote "churches" to become incorporated? You have to dig for it to find it but it's there. Some people think it was because lawyers convinced the "churchmen" to seek limited liability in case they got sued. But it actually goes back a little farther than that.

The issue gets right to where I'm at in my battles with the state today. And it involves a man's name.

It used to be in America - and I mean as recently as just a little more than 100 years ago, most people that were born on American soil, had their births - I'm spelling that b i r t h but there is a really interesting study that proves that today it should be spelled b e r t h - I'll not go into that today - but it's very interesting. But births used to be recorded in the family Bible.

And I am saying that when the birth was recorded in the family Bible, those were the days where Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord. There was no question that the children belonged to the parents given by God to raise up in the knowledge of God. Things began to change when the record of the birth was changed from the family Bible to the courthouse. Today, the concept that the children belong to the parents is passe.'

This past week, Sweden, who I had always thought was supposed to be some freedom leaning people, but their quote unquote "supreme court" ruled that parents do not have a quote unquote "right" to homeschool their children. It's pretty simple. Governments believe they own the children. And, why not? When you register with the state, you are putting yourself, or whatever you register with the state, under their statues. That's what you are doing. Deny it, if you want to. But it is what it is. Register your marriage with the state. The state's courts have already determined that a quote unquote "marriage" with a state marriage license creates a limited partnership. One third the husband, one third the wife, and the controlling interest is the state. Deny that? That evidence alone should be all someone needs to know the dangers of registry with the state.

Anyway, here's how quote unquote "churches" started getting incorporated on a mass scale in America. And, it began in the 1940s.

America underwent a huge change after the Civil War. Now this is actually complicated, in my opinion, so I'm going to leave a lot out here to try to make it simple - not that you need simple - I'm not insulting you - I need simple - but the U.S. government began turning people into citizenships - a newly redefined status that they implemented after the Civil War through their 14th amendment. Citizen ships (that's why I said birth, birth should really be spelled b e r t h today - because that's what ships are called when they enter the sea.

With this new system of citizenships and corporations and creatures, etc., there was a new way of dealing with these entities in the so-called courts. For instance, and this is where I'm headed with why the "churches" started getting incorporated. In order to sue someone in the U.S. court system, the quote unquote "legal" name had to be used in the court record. And, they determined that the "legal" name would be the name recorded with the secretary of state of each state.

So what happened was this. The "churchman" in complete violation of the clear teachings of the Word of God went to the banker - who was also operating in clear violation of the Word of God - in order to get a loan to build "church" buildings. Now anytime there's a loan involved, there is potential for default. And when there is default, there might need to be a lawsuit. So, in order for the banker to have standing in court against a quote unquote "church" should the quote unquote "church" default on the loan - the only way the banker could sue was if the "church" name was on file with the secretary of state. The way for the "church" name to get filed with the secretary of state, articles of incorporation would need to be presented.

The "churches" and the "churchmen" love to give their false teaching of Romans 13 regarding obeying men's definitions of good and evil - that should be clear to all of us now - but what about Romans 13:8? Owe no man anything? Or what about the borrower is servant to the lender? And what about the Words of Christ that no man can serve two masters? He'll either love one and hate the other, or he'll hold on to one or despise the other? How does the "churchman" justify all the debt he has put his quote quote "church" under with the clear teachings of the Scripture regarding not being in debt?

I don't know if I ever told you this or not, but when I was in quote unquote Bible college, in Pastoral Theology class, or Church Administration, I forget which one, do you

know they taught us that as soon as you could - if you were starting a new quote unquote "church" you should acquire some form of debt. The logic was that if you got the people to agree to some form of indebtedness for the so-called "church" the less likely the people would be to leave and maybe go to another quote unquote "church."

If you went to an existing quote unquote "church" as a new pastor, you should try to get into some type of building program so that you could get people committed to a cause thereby psychologically binding them to the "church" even as a way of shaming them from leaving at some point.

Isn't that incredible? It's actually quite shameful. Someday I'll tell you how they told us - wink wink - you could get an old building replaced with a new one - should there be an accidental fire.

So, it was in the 1940s when the "churchmen" were required by the banks to become corporations in order to receive loans from the banks. Once again, the love of money is the root of all evil.

Now, if you doubt this, or don't believe it, I want to read to you an article from the Washington Times from 2002. The headline is:

### **Falwell wins church-incorporation suit**

*By - The Washington Times - Wednesday, April 17, 2002*

ROANOKE In a lawsuit brought by the Rev. Jerry Falwell, a federal judge ruled that an 18th-century Virginia law banning churches from becoming corporations unconstitutionally restricts the free exercise of religion.

U.S. District Judge Norman K. Moon ordered the State Corporation Commission to grant Mr. Falwell's Thomas Road Baptist Church a corporate charter, needed to accomplish the Lynchburg minister's dream of a master-planned Christian community.

Judge Moon wrote that the state constitution discriminates based on religious status. "Unlike other groups in Virginia, members of 'a church or religious denomination' are denied the benefits of incorporation because of their religious status," he wrote in an opinion issued Monday in Lynchburg.

Corporation commission spokes-man Ken Schrad said yesterday he did not know if the commission would grant Mr. Falwell a charter.

"We're deciding right now whether or not to follow the order or appeal the order,"

Mr. Schrad said.

Mr. Falwell said his ministry has grappled with Virginia's restrictions since the 1950s. "The worst part has been that the church has had to go before a Circuit Court judge for every business transaction," Mr. Falwell said in an interview. "It's not been something we couldn't deal with, but it has been very burdensome."

Virginia's ban on church incorporation is rooted in Thomas Jefferson's 1779 Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom, which calls for a strict separation of church and state. The General Assembly outlawed corporate charters for churches in 1787 and included the ban in Article IV, Section 14 of the Virginia Constitution.

In addition to the ban on incorporation, churches are not allowed to own more than 15 acres of property in a city or town and 250 acres in any one county. Virginia and West Virginia are the only states with such restrictions.

A.E. Dick Howard, a University of Virginia law professor and former counsel to the General Assembly, said he had recommended removing the laws while supervising the 1971 revision of Virginia's constitution.

"To allow anybody to not incorporate based on religion was on its face a violation of the First Amendment," Mr. Howard said. "That's an easy call."

The General Assembly, however, decided to keep the laws to maintain a rigorous separation of church and state, Mr. Howard said.

Since opening Thomas Road 46 years ago in Lynchburg, Mr. Falwell's ministry has grown into a sprawling 4,300-acre enterprise that includes a broadcasting network, Liberty University, a retirement village and a youth camp.

The 5,200-seat church, however, hasn't expanded from its original plot of 28.88 acres of residential property in Lynchburg.

Mr. Falwell, who wants to build a 6,000-seat sanctuary on 60 acres near his university, sued the state in November in an attempt to overturn laws that forbid churches from obtaining corporate charters and restrict the amount of property they can own.

Judge Moon has yet to rule on a second lawsuit that challenges Virginia's property restriction.

A corporate charter would give Mr. Falwell's church added protection from liability lawsuits, the ability to sue as an organization and the power to enter contracts.

It also would allow Mr. Falwell to eventually include his entire ministry under one corporate umbrella. Currently, the ministry is controlled by a dozen or so minicorporations under separate charters and boards of directors.

There you go.

The problem is, Jerry thought that some of the obstacles that he needed to overcome in his dream of a Christian community - would be taken care of if he incorporated -

what he didn't understand - and for the life of me I don't understand - because he is the one who made the phrase "with shekels come shackles" popular - becoming incorporated didn't help him overcome some of his obstacles - but it took his so-called ministry and made it into a creature of the state.

I was actually a little taken back from the first paragraph that talked about Jerry's plan for a master community. That almost sounds like Ecclesia. That sounds really good. But, when you operate from a futurist perspective, from the perspective that the Laws of God have been done away with - you are not going to have the understanding to make lasting, effectual change for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Lord willing, next week, we will look at what I believe a real, Biblical, Christian Ecclesia looks like. I'll give you a hint - it's not "church" at least "church" as the world understands it today.