

A Letter from Pastor Kevin's Friend

(Who Works For a Church That Is Rapidly Departing From the Faith)

Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: This week I received the following letter from a Christian friend of mine. His job is to take care of the computers and networking at a big Purpose Driven church. He took the job several years ago when the Pastor was beginning to push the church deeper into the Purpose Driven and Emerging style. The result has been disastrous.

Hi Pastor Kevin,

I work in a “modern Church” that follows a model that is non-Biblical. Our executive Pastor is a man who was fired as the Sr. Pastor from another Church for an adulterous affair with a woman in his congregation. He was “re-ordained” back into a Pastoral role by another Sr. Pastor who then lost his job for an adulterous affair too. I always thought that the qualifications for an Elder/Pastor were to be taken very seriously and that the behavior of a Pastor should be above that of his congregation. Things are quite liberal here and our divorce rate inside the Church is as high as it is in the world. In this modern Church men report to women even at the Pastoral level (1 Timothy 2:12). Homosexuality is overlooked, living with your significant other is accepted among the Church employees and especially the congregation.

Did you know that not all gods (other than Yahweh) are Satan? Some are legit. I never knew that until I was rebuked recently by a Pastoral Leader. Yahweh & Allah are the same God. I am learning a lot – about these guys as they try to cover up for false prophets (Rick Warren & Bill Hybels) and man-made religion. Ecumenicalism is a good thing I was told because it brings peace among the religions. I asked him – did Jesus come to bring peace or division? And living in peace is not supposed to be accomplished by yoking with satanic faiths. I was also told the most spiritual experience a Christian can have is at a U2 concert – by the newest Pastor on staff. When I showed him my research on the spirits around U2 and Bono I was rebuked and publicly criticized in front of the staff “for having no discernment.” You see the entire Pastoral staff was heading out to the U2 concert that night and I rained on their parade. These people have no idea what direction they are going and they don't want to be told either. They believe that they can practice anything and if it brings about desired results (of man, NOT Jesus) then it must be OK. The desired results are more people in the building which means more money when the bucket gets passed. It is works based in that more people in the building supposedly makes Jesus happy and at some point these goats are supposed to become sheep – on their own. They claim their attendance numbers and wealth are a gift from God.

The Worship Pastor at this Church was hired because “he gears his worship music towards the non-believer.” These exact words came out of the Sr. Pastor's mouth. I asked a Pastor since his music is directed at the non-believer then how is that worship? That is idolatry masked as entertainment. The Pastor admitted that he had heard those words too but didn't want to discuss it. When one man has total control over a congregation and he is not held accountable then when he goes south, he takes the Church with him. And anyone who questions this unbiblical path is given the Rick Warren sanctioned “heave ho.” If you want to keep your job then don't ask questions.

Our Lord and Savior commands us to watch for signs of His return. These signs go unnoticed in this Church. The end times are something to be avoided altogether. There are jobless people in the pews starving for explanations of what is going on yet they are lulled back to sleep with a teddy bear version of Jesus.

The bar is drastically lowered in the modern church so as to attract as many people as possible. The nonbeliever is made to feel comfortable as though they are being entertained and not preached at. The pastoral staff admits that 50 to 75% of the attendees are not believers. Here, the goats are entertained and the sheep are starved. They admit that what they do best is to put on a good show for the weekend services. They consider it a good thing that people are made to feel comfortable in their seats – is it called being non-judgmental. They are relieved that the Sr. Pastor will never say anything that will offend someone so you can invite anyone to Church. When you avoid preaching about sin you deny the ministry of the Holy Spirit and yes, the nonbeliever is very comfortable in his/her seat.

Occasionally attendees are asked to pray “the sinner’s prayer” and then come forth. In front of the cheering crowd they are then “welcomed into the Kingdom of God” then led off to a room where they are handed a pamphlet. They are not assigned to anyone for discipleship, they are left to fend for themselves. But they are told they are now saved and yet their life never changes at all – big disappointment. And because nothing in their life ever changes where do you think they end up? In a recovery class – trying to change their life themselves. We make emotional decisions all the time based upon our feelings. But the most important decision we will ever make must be based upon the Truth and not feelings. The Truth is never wrong but we cannot say that about our feelings.

I have done some recent studies on Bill Wilson, the father of the 12 step program. It turns out he was a full on occultist who took LSD regularly to commune with the bright light (spirits) that delivered him from alcohol. All of Bill Wilson’s mentors were occultists with one of them (Aldous Huxley) being a friend of Aleister Crowley. The 12 step process was “channeled” by Wilson from the spirit of a dead 15th century monk. Wilson had a special room in his house called the “spook room” for séances. The 12 steps are the “spiritual foundation” for the church I work at. They call themselves a recovery church – of course there is no Biblical model for this nonsense that Bill Hybels dreamed up and they avoid my question when I ask them where they get the authority to offer “recovery.” What is it about your old life that you want back? Aren’t we supposed to “die to ourselves?” Isn’t one step better than 12 and if you have to keep enrolling in this program year after year – then how is that recovery? In short, if you don’t want to submit to Christ and be delivered then join a recovery group. You see people are using this Church as a place to hide from God in.

Those born again don’t need recovery yet they are told in this Church that to reject recovery is “denial.” They are taught that their spiritual journey is really about them and to be more godlike you must get your act together (sounds like free masonry). In reality they have replaced sanctification with recovery which gives them an excuse to remain “babes” assuming they are justified to begin with. Recovery gives them an excuse to preach a watered down, unoffending message to damaged and wounded souls – so much for the Good News. If Jesus preached like these guys He never would have been crucified. Just tell them all the whole truth and let them decide if this is how they want to spend their life – following the real Jesus. And the deception it takes for man to convince himself that he has the authority to tell Jesus what His bride will be like. That’s like me telling another guy I don’t like his wife so he needs to change her to suit me. These people will stand before a Holy, Holy, Holy God someday and answer for this if they don’t repent and turn to Christ and only Christ. I love these people and it breaks my heart to see this Laodicean model for Church played out before my eyes and by those I care about.

Please hold this up in prayer. Perhaps there is another battle on another front He wants me at. But like in the early chapters of Ezekiel, God told him to witness regardless of who listened.

Come Lord Jesus, come.