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Proverbs 16:25 warns, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." When looking for direction Solomon puts it bluntly: "Be not wise in thine own

eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil." No matter how they dress it up, anything running contrary to the Word of God is evil and we should have nothing to do with it.

The church has been expected to buy into man's truth or suffer the consequences of rejection and being misunderstood. If we don't just kowtow to the party line we can expect persecution. They demand unity, but on their terms. Unity never stops at acceptance; one must then promote and praise their man-made "truth." Here are a few areas in which man-made truth has infected the church. We must fight against its spread by finding, accepting, and promoting what God's Word says on these topics: evolution, LGBTQ sexual revolution, masking/isolating/social distancing the healthy instead of the sick, globalism/communism/socialism, climate change will destroy the earth, and Critical Race Theory.

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feast for unity." Instead, we must demand to be united around Truth and feast at the banquet that Liberty provides; for, to be united in deception, leads only to destruction. What causes such blindness and lack of objectivity? What makes people so willing to just accept what they've been told instead of searching for the Truth? Why do so many swallow the media's propaganda, Facebook's false "fact checkers," and the Left's so-called science?

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The Apostle Paul's answer is found in Romans chapter 1. We "hold the truth in unrighteousness," and have "changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator." In other words, sin; it's sin that blinds the eyes, ears, and mind to truth, making us reprobate. It's neglecting to hold to the most basic of truths—"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth"—that leads to further sin, further rejecting truth, and eventually, the inability to distinguish truth from falsehood and the difference between the holy and the profane.

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Like the children of Israel, America has allowed sin to infect its heart and mind, believing the lie for so long that we are near unable to hold the truth in righteousness. Daniel 9:7-8 "O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; ... because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee."

Such confusion of face doesn't initiate the fall of a nation; it describes the fallen state of that nation. It's a nation that no longer teaches its children the difference between the holy and the profane, nor does it live as though there is a difference. It's a nation that calls good evil and evil good, perpetuating the "confusion of face" that Daniel confesses to.

Now that we know the problem, what's the answer?

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God's Word brings clarity to confusion. The solution is to get right with God; confess our sin, repent, and throw ourselves on His everlasting to everlasting mercy. We can't do that for the whole nation; but, after we are right with Him individually, we can pray rightly for our nation as Daniel did in chapter 9 of the book that bears his name. It is a prayer of national and personal repentance and I urge you to sit down and prayerfully read it. It "is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

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