

The Final Countdown – Rise of Wickedness

Part 4

“One day Orson was driving along this rural road outside of Vegas and he saw a three-legged chicken. And as he was driving along side it for a while, checking it out, he noticed the chicken was running 30 mph.

And so Orson thought, “Hey, that’s a pretty fast chicken there. But I wonder just how fast it can run.”

So Orson sped up his car up 45 mph, but the chicken stayed right along side of him! Then Orson decided to speed up his car again, and to his surprise, the chicken was still running ahead of him at 60 mph!!!

Well suddenly, the next thing you know, the chicken turns off the road and starts to run down this long driveway leading to a farmhouse. And so Orson decides to keep following it and that’s when he saw a man in the front yard that was surrounded by dozens of these three-legged chickens.

And so Orson yells out to the farmer, “Hey! How did you get all these three legged chickens?”

And the farmer replied, “I breed ‘em. Ya see it’s me, my wife and my son living here and we all like to eat the chicken leg. But since a chicken only has two legs, I decided to try something new, so I started breeding this three legged variety so we could all eat our favorite piece.”

And so Orson said, “Wow! That’s amazing! How do they taste?”

And the farmer replied, “Don’t rightly know...can’t catch ‘em.”

And it’s a good thing he can’t! Those things are evil aren’t they!

Wow! But seriously folks, how many of you guys would say that Orson had no idea the surprise he was in for when he took off on that journey that day?

Uh huh! That’s a sight you don’t expect to see! He should’ve bred a five-

legged cow or something else useful, you know what I'm saying? But seriously folks, believe it or not, did you know the Bible says one day the whole planet's going to be in for a shocking journey that's even worse than that, and that's going to happen at the rapture of the Church! And the reason why it's going to be such a shock is because for those who refuse to accept Jesus Christ as their Personal Lord and Savior, they will be catapulted into the 7-year Tribulation and it's not a joke! It's an outpouring of God's wrath on a wicked and rebellious planet. In fact Jesus said in **Matthew 24** it's going to be a "time of greater horror than anything the world has ever seen or will ever see again. And that "unless that time of calamity is shortened, the entire human race will be destroyed." But praise God, God's not only a God of wrath, He's a God of love as well. And **because He loves you and I**, He's given us many warning signs to show us when the Tribulation was near and Jesus Christ's 2nd Coming was rapidly approaching.

Therefore, in order to keep you and I from experiencing the ultimate bad day of being left behind, worse than a three-legged chicken crossing your path, we're going to continue in our series **The Final Countdown**. And so far we've already seen how the **#10** sign on **The Final Countdown** was **The Jewish People**. The **#9** sign was **Modern Technology**. The **#8** sign was **Worldwide Upheaval**. The **#7** sign was **The Rise of Falsehood**. And the

last 3 times we saw how the #6 sign was **The Rise of Wickedness**. And what we saw there was that God lovingly foretold you and I that when we see an **Increase of Absolute Unadulterated Wickedness** in all levels of society, which is happening today right now all over the world, thanks in part to a Wicked Worldview called **Humanism**, a Wicked Teaching & Attack from **Atheistic Evolution** and last time with a Wicked Worship called **self-love self-esteem** from **Secular Psychology**, uh...guess what? It's an indicator from God **you are living in the last days!** In the Last Days people would be **lovers of themselves!** That's what they promote! And it also explains why we've gone from a Great Mighty Christian Nation into this...what we have to deal with today!

But that's still not all. The **5th reason why** we turned from a Great and Mighty Christian Nation into this **Rise of Wickedness** we see today is by the promotion of a **Wicked Lifestyle**. That's right, I'm talking about **hedonism**. Little do people know that these teachings we've seen so far, called humanism, atheism, and selfism, have all added up to aid in the **massive rise of wicked behavior** we see today. It's led to a whole new wicked lifestyle called hedonism. You know, the pleasure principle. But don't take my word for it. Let's listen to God's.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud,

abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God – having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.”

Now folks, one last time, we’ve already seen in this passage that it tells us how one of the major characteristics in the Last Days society is that it’s going to one that’s filled with absolute unadulterated wickedness, right? And last time we saw that the apparent root of this wicked behavior was stemming from a **love of self rather than a love of God**, the very first thing mentioned there, right? Now here’s the point of bringing this passage up again this time. Notice what was the **last behavior** mentioned there? People would be **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God!** And if you think about it, this is the perfect capstone of this wicked list of behavior mentioned here. You start off with loving yourself first, then you end up pleasing yourself first. It makes total sense if you put it all together. Hedonism, or “seeking to please yourself more than God” is simply the party attitude we see today of, “Hey, if it feels right or good do it,” right. It’s the logical response to this promotion of humanism, atheism, and selfism. Think about it. If man is the center of all things, **humanism**, and there is no God, **atheism**, and you’re supposed to now love your first, **selfism**, then what’s left to do? Hey, it’s party time, right? You got to live it up! You got to do

whatever you want and please yourself as many ways as you possibly can because tomorrow we die and go back to the ground to be worm bait, right? Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die, right? You've heard the saying.

Now here's the point. Tell me that's not the average person's attitude today? Tell me this is not their marching orders when they get out of bed! Party it up! Please yourself as many ways as you can before you die, right? **This is hedonism.** It is wickedness unrestrained and once it hits your society, judgment is coming! I didn't say that. God did! Let's take a look at two other societies that God wiped out for their hedonistic wicked ways!

Genesis 19:4-7,24-25 "Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom – both young and old – surrounded the house. They called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them." Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him and said, "No, my friends. Don't do this wicked thing. Then the LORD rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah – from the LORD out of the heavens. Thus He overthrew those cities and the entire plain, including all those living in the cities – and also the vegetation in the land."

Genesis 6:5-7 "The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The LORD was grieved that He had made man on the earth, and His heart was filled with pain. So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth – men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air – for I am grieved that I have made them."

Now folks, it looks like to me that God is not only grieved by our wicked behavior, but unless we turn around, He's going to judge us too for our wicked behavior, right? But hey, good thing we see no signs of engaging in that level of wicked behavior like Sodom and Gomorrah and being continually wicked all the time like in Noah's day. Yeah right! We're already there! Folks, you tell me if our hearts haven't gotten just as wicked as Sodom and Gomorrah and just as evil **all the time** like in Noah's world. We too whether we want to believe it or not, are headed for judgment folks, here's the proof.

- Schools are also teaching kids that religion is a “disease” and entertainers are saying that, “the Bible is a work of fiction.”
- New York City principal nixes the song ‘God Bless the USA’ at kindergarten graduation, but when the kids went ahead and tried to sing it anyway, adults chanted back “Burn in hell.”
- Divorce cakes have now become a new trend.
- Epidemic growth of Internet porn cited.
- Sexually transmitted disease rates have hit record highs in U.S.
- Girl scouts are now supporting abortion and sexual promiscuity.
- MTV wants you to lose your virginity in a new reality show.
- The U.N. is calling for the legalization of prostitution worldwide.
- A PC game has been released called Rapelay that allows players to gang rape virtual women and then force them to have an abortion.

- A chastity ring has become the source of a new problem in school. A Christian teenager will go to the high court this summer to challenge the decision of her school to ban her from wearing a celibacy ring on school grounds.
- Live baby treated as “medical waste.” Crematorium workers found an infant crying in a “medical waste” receptacle in its way to being cremated.
- Planned Parenthood kills 329,445 babies in one year using \$487.4 million in taxpayer funds. In fact, since 1973, we have now murdered 54,559,615 babies in America alone. This is almost 10 times the amount of people killed in Hitler’s Holocaust of the Jews. We’ve also murdered just under 1.3 billion babies worldwide just since 1980.
- According to the new healthcare law, even pro-life Americans will be forced to pay for other people’s abortions, and British teens are having as many as seven abortions.
- A senior girl believes that abortion is a medium for art. A female senior student will be displaying her senior art project, a documentation of a nine-month process during which she artificially inseminated herself “as often as possible” while periodically taking abortion drugs to induce miscarriages. Her exhibition will feature video recordings of these forced miscarriages as well as preserved collections of the blood from the process.
- Undertakers are now washing the dead down the drain by dissolving them in a caustic solution and flushing them into the sewer.
- A publicly funded exhibition encouraged people to deface the Bible in the name of art. Visitors have responded with abuse and obscenity with comments such as “This is all sexist “blank” so disregard it all,” and another wrote on the first page of Genesis, “I am Bi, Female & Proud. I want no god who is disappointed in this.”
- The U.S. is using foreign aid to promote gay rights.
- Pentagon to hold its first gay pride event.

- Politicians sat they're okay with second grade teacher reading gay prince fairy tale called, "King and King."
- Schools are now observing homosexual sponsored "Day of Silence." Several thousand schools across the nation will be observing "Day of Silence" in a nationwide push to promote homosexual lifestyle in public schools. Students are taught that homosexuality is a worthy lifestyle, homosexuality has few or no risks, and individuals are born homosexual and cannot change. Those who oppose such teaching are characterized as ignorant hateful bigots.
- Recent California laws will eventually require all public school instruction and activities to positively portray transsexuals, bisexuals, and homosexuals to children as young as kindergarten. And another California law barring people from "curing" gay children was signed into law on Sunday.
- Proposed law would force Churches to host gay weddings.
- Play depicting Jesus as gay packs Church.
- A lesbian nativity is being promoted by another Church. "And when the Holy Family arrived, it was two women with their baby."
- A new version of "The Last Supper" has come out in San Francisco. Amidst black leather, tattoos, and feather boas, homosexuals pose as the apostles who in the original painting are depicted gathered at a table with Jesus to partake of the last meal together. In the "new version" the table no longer has the traditional bread and wine symbolizing Christ's body and blood being given for us, but rather sex toys symbolizing the god of sex and unlicensed physical pleasure. And Nancy Pelosi stated, "Christianity has not been harmed by this!"
- A publication is now promoting incestuous pedophilia as healthy sex ed. Booklets for Family Affairs encourage parents to sexually massage their children as young as 1 to 3 years of age and psychologists are pushing to decriminalize pedophilia.

As one man stated, “It seems that America has become the land of the special interest and the home of the double standard. If we lie to Congress it’s a felony, but if Congress lies to us it’s just politics. The government spends millions to rehabilitate criminals, but they do almost nothing for the victims. In public schools you can teach that homosexuality is OK, but you better not use the word God in the process.

You can kill an unborn child, but it’s wrong to execute a mass murderer. We don’t burn books in America, we simply rewrite them. We got rid of the communist and socialist threat by renaming them progressives. If you protest the President you’re a terrorist, but if you burned an American flag it’s your 1st Amendment right. You can have pornography on TV or the internet, but you better not put a nativity scene in a public park during Christmas. We can use an aborted murdered baby for medical research, but it’s wrong to use an animal.

We take money from those who work hard for it and give it to those who don’t want to work. We still have freedom of speech, but only if we are being politically correct. Parenting has been replaced with Ritalin and video games and the land of opportunity is now the land of handouts. What has happened to the land of the free and the home of the brave?”

Ooh! I’ll tell you! We’ve turned into Sodom and Gomorrah! And we still don’t think judgment is coming? I like what one guy said, “If God doesn’t judge us, He needs to apologize to Sodom & Gomorrah.” But folks, can I tell you something? God’s not in the apology making business. And unless we turn around and repent **now** as a nation, as a Church, He will judge us! Why? Because were just as wicked as Sodom and Gomorrah and our hearts are just as evil **all the time** just like in Noah’s Day. And if that doesn’t wake you up, you need to listen to what Jesus says. He said once this

happens to the planet again, once we become a wicked hedonistic society like in Noah's day, He's getting ready to come back!

Matthew 24:37-39 "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man."

Now folks, we are not only seeing a repeat of that wicked behavior in Noah's day, but we are also seeing a repeat of that lackadaisical nonchalant whip-de-do-dah attitude concerning the Second Coming of Christ today. Correct me if I'm wrong, but what do people say **today** when we tell them about Christ's return and God's impending judgment? "Yeah, right! so what! Who cares. You guys are wacko...Noah." And so what do they do? They go right on eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, partying acting like it's no big deal, just like Jesus said was going to happen, in the Last days, right before He came back. And I don't know about you, but I'd say it's time we better wake up **now** before it's too late, like this man shares.

(But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son on man be.) When God said come into the Ark, you and all you're household. Noah saw God close the Ark. And the people on the outside did not wonder if he slept those 7 days before the rains came.

(For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the Ark)

I know if it was me, I couldn't have slept. I know there are sleepless nights that I have. And I'm pondering the faith of God that He has showed me what is coming to this country

(And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Matthew 24:37-39)

Can you sleep? I don't see how you can sleep at night. The bingo halls are full but the churches are empty. And you may be saying-stay up the night church-it's full. Full of what? Dead men's bones? The casinos are full but no one will give to God? Concerts are packed, but no one will praise the Almighty. We will scream and shout for a rock star but sit quietly bored when hearing about God Almighty. We will sit through a movie for 2 hours but we can't even pray for 2 hours. We will drive out of state for a game or a race and we can't even get up on Sunday morning or Sunday nights or Wednesdays to hear the Word of God and these are so-called Christians that do this.

Not only is the world asleep and the fire getting ready to come upon this earth, but the Christians are asleep. This is Christians that do this. They give God crumbs while they dine on the fruits of the world. They demand unconditional love and they give God lip service. They demand blessings though they curse His name. They demand the flesh but they crucify the Spirit. They say they can't go to church every time the doors are opened but they can take their kids to football, baseball, basketball, wrestling, dance, circus, the fair or just sit in front of a TV all night long. But to go and be in the presence of the Heavenly Father is just too much to ask from them. We will work 8, 10, 12 hours a day to pay the bills and buy the bass boat but we will tell the one who breathed life into us, "One hour should do God."

We sit in church but we are godless. We have a form of godliness but we deny the power thereof. I don't see how the lukewarm Christians can sleep at night. Before the rains came, I believe Noah couldn't sleep. But the world outside was sleeping just fine. They fell asleep. If it were today, they would have fallen asleep watching TV. They would have just gotten home from their favorite game or their movies. They would have been doing everything under the sun. Eating and drinking and being merry not knowing that tomorrow they shall die. You cannot say you were not warned.

In Luke 21:11 it says that great earthquakes shall be in diverse places and famines and pestilences and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. In verse 25 it says in perplexity the sea and the waves roaring. You cannot say you were not warned. You cannot say that you had not a Noah that did not preach to you for a hundred and twenty years because you ignored him and said, “Who is that man? Oh just Noah. He’s going to the church house. That’s just Noah. He’s always talking negative. That’s just Noah, let’s go back to sleep.”

At least when Jesus was praying in the garden, when the disciples slept at least they woke up. When the servant slept and the enemy came and sowed the tares at least the servants woke up. But when Jesus Christ comes back, His kingdom will be likened to the 10 virgins – the 5 wise and the 5 foolish – and they will be sleeping. All of them. Oh that we may open our eyes and see. And see what is coming and yet, we sleep on. God have mercy.”

Yes, may God have mercy on us. “Why God, why? How did we fall? How did this happen? How did our Great and Mighty Christian Nation turn into a society of such wickedness and rebellion just like Sodom and Gomorrah?” Because we allowed the infiltration of a **wicked lifestyle** into our schools, into our media, into our hearts, and even into our Churches, that’s the logical response of humanism, atheism, and selfism. It’s called **hedonism!** And if there’s any hope for our Nation then it’s high time that we the Church **wake up** and **repent ourselves** if there’s any hope for our nation! We need to seek to **please God**...not us. Amen?

The **6th reason why** we turned from a Great and Mighty Christian Nation into this **Rise of Wickedness** we see today is by the promotion of a **Wicked Belief**. And again, **that’s the question**, “How did he do it? How in

the world did satan get us, even here in America with our godly heritage, to justify this hedonism even to the point where we act like it's no big deal, pass the chips! Well hey, again, thanks for asking, it works well with my notes. He did it by getting us to buy into a wicked belief called **Relativism**. And for those of you who don't know, relativism is the belief that says there is no right or wrong. You make it up as you go. You do whatever feels right. Or maybe you've heard the saying, "Whatever is true for you, is true for you, and whatever's true for me is true for me." How many of you have you heard that before? Of course, it's all over the place. This is called **relativism** where truth is relegated to the person. It's not absolute. You get to make it up based on how you feel. And believe it or not, the Bible warns about never going down this relativistic route!

Judges 17:6 "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes."

Deuteronomy 12:8 "You shall not at all do as we are doing here today – every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes."

This is **relativism** and God warns about it! Why? Because if you read the context it always leads to trouble! God is the One Who makes the rules and they're all good for us, and when we stray from them we end up in trouble! Therefore, if we want to prosper, let alone our society, what do we do? We follow God's absolute standard! We don't do whatever is right in

your own eyes. Are you kidding me! That leads to trouble! And this is why our Founding Fathers built this Great Nation on the absolute principles of God's Word! That's why **Andrew Jackson** said, "That book, sir, is the rock on which our republic rests." Why? Because they knew that the last thing you ever want to do as a nation is do what Israel did. Get to the point where, "We do as we're doing here today, every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes." It will destroy us and lead to trouble. Why? Because there's no longer any standard and your society will fall apart. Everybody gets to do whatever they want to do...that's chaos! And that's what's happening today!

And besides, relativism is not only **dangerous**, it's also **ludicrous**! Truth by its very nature folks is **absolute**! Otherwise it wouldn't be truth! Think about it! $2+2$ will ALWAYS be 4 whether you like it, lump it, leave it or not! Try saying $2+2=5$ on your math test and you'll get a what? An "F." Well, in my world I thought it was 5? Well, so what? Math principles don't care how you feel. Neither does science or history. You can think all you want that you can jump out of an airplane without a parachute and fly upwards but the absolute truth of gravity will turn you into road pizza! You can feel in your heart, very sincerely, that Abraham Lincoln was not a President of the United States, but a Wild West Cowboy, and you'll flunk

your history exam every single time! Why? Because truth by its very nature is absolute...that's what makes it true!

Besides, stop and think about it... When a person says, "There are no absolutes!" what are they doing? They just made an absolute statement! Hello! You can't escape from it! So the next time they say, "There are no absolutes," ask them, "Are you absolutely sure about that? Hello! Folks, sincerity of opinion is no measuring rod for something to be "right." All it means is that you can be "sincerely" wrong! And even Abraham Lincoln knew about the absurdity of this relativistic mindset!

"Abraham Lincoln was trying to make a point in a debate but his opponent was unconvinced and stubborn. So Lincoln tried another tactic. He said to the man, 'Well, let's see now. How many legs does a cow have?'

And the disgusted reply came back, 'Well, four, of course.'

And Lincoln agreed and said, 'That's right. Now, suppose you call the cow's tail a leg; how many legs would the cow have?'

And the opponent replied confidently, 'Why, five, of course.'

And Lincoln came back, 'Now that's where you're wrong. Calling a cow's tail a leg doesn't make it a leg!'"

Now I don't know about you guys, but if calling a cow's tail a leg could make it a leg, I personally would be excited. I mean, stop think about it. That's just that much more meat to eat off that baby, right? **But the point is this.** Even if I did that, it wouldn't change a thing, would it? Not at all!

But for some goofy reason it doesn't keep us from trying! Jeffrey Baker shares how people today are actually trying to call a cow's tail a leg, if you will, by **redefining** our morality based on relativism. This is why we've gone full-blown hedonistic and our society's falling apart!

“What our Founding Fathers referred to as drunkenness because of their Christian heritage, we now call it *alcoholism* and deem it a social disease, rather than a sin.

What the Law-Word called sodomy, we now call an *alternative life style*. Pornography is a perversion that brings death to a nation, and yet we call it *adult entertainment*.

What our Founding Fathers called immorality, we now call it the *new morality*; what the law called adultery or fornication, we now call *stepping out* or *fooling around*; and what the Law called abhorrent social behavior (like stealing or filthy language), we now call *abnormal social development* or *anti-social behavior*.”

Now folks, I don't know about you, but I don't think God's going to change His mind on sin just because we've changed the name of sin, hello! That's kind of dumb, isn't it? Oh, but that's not all! It's gets even worse! This relativistic mindset has gotten so deep and so popular today, that people are not only **redefining sin with it**, but they are now demanding our **praise and acceptance of sin**. Don't believe me? Josh McDowell reveals how there's a **new definition of tolerance** that they've snuck in on us and are brainwashing our kids with, even in the Church, and boy does this explain a lot. Let's take a look.

“Some of you are saying, ‘Wait a minute, I thought tolerance was good?’ That’s the problem. That’s the problem! Little Johnny comes home from school and that very sincere Christian mother from the most fundamental evangelical church meets little Johnny and says, ‘How was school today?’

‘Oh Mommy.’

‘What you talk about?’

‘We talked about tolerance’

And that Christian mother goes, ‘Oh that’s wonderful. You know Jesus told us to be tolerant.’

ABSOLUTELY NOT!! That mother is undermining everything she believes and it won’t take years. It will only take months to come back and haunt her.

You’re saying hold on a minute, I don’t get this. The reason is this. Right now there is two distinct definitions of tolerance. One, I call a historical traditional tolerance. It’s a one that almost everyone who is here has been conditioned to think by and how you’re listening to me through traditional tolerance. I am speaking from a whole new definition of tolerance.

Traditional tolerance would be defined by Webster: To bear or put up with someone or something that is not specially liked. Or you know in our circles we say’, God has called me as a Christian to love the sinner but to hate the sin.’ That’s one of the most bigoted statements you could make today. You make that statement in the average classroom today and that entire class would turn on you. The bigotry and the intolerance to say, ‘Love the sinner hate the sin.’

The reason is, there is a second definition of tolerance and I would say that 80% of the time, outside the walls of the church, when you hear the word tolerance whether the media, the magazines, the school or what - it’s not the tolerance you were conditioned to think by. It’s a whole new definition of tolerance, 80% of the time-it’s a new definition.

The tolerance you were brought up with is now referred to as negative tolerance. The new tolerance is called positive tolerance. It’s defined this way. Every single individuals values, beliefs, lifestyles and claims to truth

are equal. Let me repeat that - ALL values, ALL beliefs, ALL truth, ALL lifestyles are equal and if you dare to say there is a value, belief, a lifestyle or claim to truth greater than another that is called hierarchy and that's the new definition of bigotry. A bigot today has nothing to do with racism or anything. A bigot today is someone who's committed to moral hierarchy that there's differences in values and beliefs, lifestyles or claims to truth.

Positive tolerance adds the word-praise. What it means is this- we not only want your permission, we demand your praise and if you do not my value, my lifestyle, my claim to truth as equal to your own--now listen to this--as equal to your from the heart you are a bigot and you are intolerant. From the heart. It's called positive tolerance.

Let me show you just how it's hit the church. Just in a little brief one. Can you tell me historically what has been the number one verse quoted from the scriptures by Christians and non-Christians, Christian young people, non-Christian young people, the media, everything. What's the number one verse quoted historically by the scriptures. John 3:16. Do you know what it is now? Have you all been listening? Have you even been listening to your own young people? Can anyone tell me now, by far way out far from everything what's the number one verse quoted even from Christian young people from the bible. Number one now, what is it? Judge not, that you not be judged. Listen! Why? The moment you make a judgment you're saying there's hierarchy and that makes you a bigot and intolerant and it makes you stand against the number one virtue in culture. Tolerance. All is equal.

Christian love and the number one virtue of culture today cannot coexist. In fact, I'll go as far as to say that Christian love is the number one enemy of the number one virtue in the culture: Tolerance. In fact, men and women, I'll say this. I believe now it's a point as a pastor, as an evangelist-someone like that. It is very difficult to be popular and faithful.

Jesus loved that woman at the well. And in love and compassion He said to her, 'Go call you're husband.' she said, 'sir, I don't have a husband.' And in loving compassion Jesus said, 'That's right. You've had five husbands and the one you're living with right now is not you're husband.' Jesus exposed her lifestyle. He was witnessing to her. He exposed her lifestyle. Now speak to me. Did Jesus expose her lifestyle as an alternate lifestyle or a sinful lifestyle?

Audience: “Sinful lifestyle”

Josh: “You’re a BIGOT! What right do you have to say that?! You’re INTOLERANT! Who do you think you are to think you have the corner on truth. What right do you have to make any moral judgment on someone!”

He did it in love. If you don’t believe me that that’s not true- you try it anywhere in culture right today. You just travel with me into the high schools and universities. And Jesus did it in love. Christian love and tolerance cannot coexist. We had better wake up.”

Why? Because everything we believe in is at risk! Think about it! We are going to become **the new enemy of the state!** All that we believe in, all of Christianity and all the Scripture is based on **absolutes** that **does not tolerate this** and cannot tolerate this! Jesus said He is the **ONLY** way to heaven, not one of many. The Bible declares that there is **ONLY** one God; not many or that we ourselves can become gods. The Bible says that man lives **ONCE** then faces the judgment. Not many lives coming back as a worm perhaps. **Stop and think about it.** The very Ten Commandments are all **ABSOLUTE STATEMENTS**. You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, etc. But hey, that’s it! If you are caught stealing at work just tell them that in “your world” you sincerely believe that it’s okay. You and I both know that your next stop will be the unemployment line!

If there is no right or wrong, then why do we have a **JUDICIAL SYSTEM?** Why do we have **COURTS of LAW?** Why would we dare

prosecute someone and send him or her to jail against their own wishes? I'm sure they were just following their CLAIM TO TRUTH. PLUS, how can all values be equal? What if it was someone's "value" to molest his or her children? Is that right? If you bought into the new definition of TOLERANCE you would have to say yes. Yet, every ounce of your being says NO!

Or what if it was another person's "value" to teach their children to steal for a living? Or what if it was a mother's "value" to introduce her daughter to prostitution as a fulfilling lifestyle? Or how about a father who has a "value" is to teach his son to be an abuser of woman? If everyone's values, beliefs, lifestyles, and claims to truth are equal then does that mean that Hitler's slaughter of millions of Jews was okay? Why not? Are you being a BIGOT? I'm sure he was just following his "claim to truth." People, if there are no absolutes then there would be no difference between Adolph Hitler and Franklin Graham!

"Why God, why? How did we fall? How did this happen? How did our once Great and Mighty Christian Nation turn into this society of such hedonistic wickedness and rebellion?" I'll tell you why? Because we allowed the infiltration of a **wicked lifestyle** and **belief** into our schools, into

our media, into our hearts, and even into our Churches, that promotes full-blown hedonism and we're headed for judgement! I didn't say that God did!

Isaiah 5:20 "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!"

Folks, I don't know about you, but I'd say we're living in a time when people are doing just that. I mean, correct me if I'm wrong, but are not people today calling evil good and substituting darkness for light? **And the point is this.** What did God say about that kind of behavior? Did He say you're headed for incredibly wild times? Or did He say you're headed for **woeful times**? Woeful, right? Therefore, if there's any hope for our Nation then it's high time that we the Church **wake up** and **repent ourselves** and lead the way back! Amen?

And this is why God has given us this sign of the **Rise of Wickedness**. He's trying to show us that the Tribulation is near and the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ is rapidly approaching. And that's why Jesus Himself said:

Luke 21:28 "When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

In other words, if you're not a Christian, you better become one **now**! It's getting close! His return is just around the corner and you don't want to miss the rapture! You need to get saved today, because tomorrow may be

too late! But if you're here today and you are a Christian, what more does God got to do? We have got to get motivated? We've got to get busy working together and stop fighting against each other, and start standing on God's truth! Jesus Christ is the **only way** to escape the Wrath of God that is coming upon this planet! Like it, lump it, or leave it, it is an **absolute truth!** No matter how you **feel about it**, it's the only way out! And that's Good News because the last place you ever want to be, is under the wrath of God. He knows who's real, and He knows who's fake. You need to call upon the name of Jesus Christ and make sure you're truly His like this man shares.

“GODS WRATH Is Coming. Are You Ready?

Saving faith is the desperate thrust of a helpless soul upon the arms of an Almighty Savior. Are you doing what Jesus, who speaks the Words of the Father, are you doing what He says?

Seek first the Kingdom of God. Are you taking every step necessary to stop feeding your lust?

In God's name.. WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY? Will you sit through another service and stand by a sign post that points you away from Hell and the wrath of God and points to Heaven and life and forgiveness and hug death to your breast. Oh the madness. You are a vile, filthy, helpless, hell deserving son or daughter of Adam. You know nothing of true repentance and therefore, a true and saving Faith.

Or do you just occasionally have a little whimper in the closet when your conscience gets so active that you can't live with it and you whimper and cry and ask God for a little help and then you go right back with your hand and your eyeball firmly attached. Oh yes, once in a while you will take a dull paring knife and scratch your hand and occasionally you scratch around your eyeballs. But you haven't begun to CUTOFF AND PLUCK OUT.

You better listen to the words of Jesus, “Not everyone who says ‘LORD, LORD’ shall enter but he who does the will of My Father in Heaven. If ye by the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the flesh Ye Shall Live. If ye live after the flesh you’ll DIE.

The Cross does not give us a minor shift or two with regard to a few of our ethical and moral and religious values. The Cross **RADICALLY** disrupts the very center and citadel of your life from self, to Christ. And if the Cross has not done that, **YOU’RE NOT A CHRISTIAN!!**

My friend, face it. Young rogue, you’re not a Christian until the Cross has radically disrupted the very center and citadel of your life and brought you from a life of commitment to serve self. Whether it’s religious self, moral self, proud self, covetous self, lustful self, prideful self, unforgiving self, lazy self. It doesn’t matter!! What are the focal points of the reign of your **SELF**? If you’ve gone to the Cross in union with Christ it’s been **SHATTERED!**

I want you in that Day...when you stand with me before the Judge of the World, to have Him say, Come ye blessed.” I don’t want to look at you standing there saying, ‘LORD, LORD! LORD, LORD! I named you in earth. I named you before the elders. I named you before the Church! I named you in prayer meeting. I named you in witness and now LORD, LORD, LORD LORD! Did I not do this. Did I not do that?’”

I do not want to hear Him say, ‘DEPART FROM ME. I NEVER KNEW YOU. YOU WORKER OF INIQUITY. You never were made a doer of the will of God’

You learned enough, and you learned what to say properly enough to be accepted for what you professed yourself to be on earth, but now the Day of Judgment has come and the Truth is now to be known.”

To find the way to God, to understand the *truth* of God's Word, and to received the gift of eternal *life*, begin by repentance and faith through a prayer like this:

“Dear God, I understand that I have broken Your Law and sinned against You. Please forgive my sins. Thank You that Jesus suffered on the cross in my place. I now place my trust in Him as My Savior and Lord. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.”
