

Rebellious in our heart

I. Introduction-

- Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Eph 6:10

Rebellious= given to or engaged in rebellion

Rebellion= opposition to one in authority or dominance

Open and armed defiance of or resistance to an established government

- He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed. I Pet 2:24
- If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. ⁴ Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. II Cor 4:3

III. The spiritual state of the union in 2018-

Most self-proclaimed Christian are not biblical Christians-

When people **who consider themselves Christians and who attend church** were asked about their personal beliefs:

- Have a biblical worldview 10%
- Claim God is their highest priority in life 14%
- Absolute moral truth exist, is defined in the bible 16%
- Most important decision ever made was asking God for forgiveness, Jesus to be savior 20%
- Am completely dependent on God 22%
- My most important relationship in life is with Jesus 23%

II. Live like Jesus lived-

A. The real Jesus

- Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him! Jn 14:6
- You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Phil 2:5
- He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. II Cor 5:21
- God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. ¹⁴ He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. Col 2:13

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Declaration of Independence, 1776

- For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will reject the truth and chase after myths. II Tim 4:3

A. How Christians are seen today-

- You are so proud of knowing the law, but you dishonor God by breaking it. ²⁴ No wonder the Scriptures say, "The Gentiles blaspheme the name of God because of you. Rom 2:23
- If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. ⁵ But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. ⁶ Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. I Jn 2:4
- 91% Anti-homosexual 72% Out of Touch with Reality 78% Old Fashioned
- 70% Insensitive to Others 68% Bor

- Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil 2:9

B. Love God with all our heart-

- Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. Mat 22:37
- Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. ²⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. ²⁶ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Mat 6:24

C. Jesus divides the world-

- God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. ¹¹ "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. Mat 5:10
- Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. ¹³ But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived. II Tim 3:12

IV. Application-

A. Know the real Jesus-

- The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe! ²⁸ "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. Jn 20:26

B. Be rebellious in our hearts and follow the real Jesus-

- My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
Gal 2:20