

American Catastrophe: Reversing the Spiritual Collapse of America

Growing 15%; Dying, 85% Dying Churches Everywhere

“The number of people who seek spiritual truth outside church is growing. 37% of Americans call themselves ‘spiritual, not religious’...up 24% from 2005...” “But recent poll data show that conceptually, at least, we are slowly becoming more like Hindus and less like traditional Christians in the ways we think about God, ourselves, each other, and eternity.”

“According to a 2008 Pew Forum survey, 65% of us believe that ‘many religions can lead to eternal life’—including 37% of white evangelicals...”

Our Troubled Society 61% of High School Seniors have had sex;50% are sexually active

Evil produced by our institutions: business, government, sports

Increasing grotesque violence, especially towards children

Biblical National Judgments: Flee! Run for your lives; become like a bush in the desert. Since you trust in your deeds and riches, you too will be taken captive... So my heart laments for Moab like a flute; it laments like a flute for the men of Kir Hareseth. The wealth they acquired is gone. The Riches of Moab Jeremiah 48:7, 36

Biblical National Judgments: You have defiled the land with your prostitution [idolatry] and wickedness. Therefore the showers have been withheld, and no spring rains have fallen. The Rains of Israel Jeremiah 3:2b-3

Biblical National Judgments: If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed... And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up or planted... Lord Disciplines the Nations Jeremiah 18:7,9;Daniel 2:20-21 Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them.

Causes of America’s Troubles: There is no fear of God before their eyes. Romans3:18

THE FAILURES OF A REBELLIOUS CHURCH: Four Sins Keeping Us from God’s Full Blessing

Failure 1: Our people do not know Word of God

- A large part of the blame lies with our pastors (Jer. 5:30-31; 2 Tim. 4:3)
- Therefore, their thinking and lives demonstrate spiritual childishness
- This childishness forms the basis for all other failures. Shallowness in Walk and Word Hebrews 5:11-14

Failure 2: Wickedness and immorality

- Our people practice wickedness, but call themselves righteous
- Common failures
 - Sexual immorality: Porn, adultery, divorce
 - Gossip, slander, backbiting
 - Conduct of our pastors and leaders
 - Lack of commitment to and sacrifice for the work of the Kingdom – Worship of idols like money, buildings, comfort, and political correctness Jeremiah 2:33-35

Failure 3: Prostituting God's Word

- Many of our leaders and many of our people have sold the Word of God
- Areas of compromise:
 - Preaching against sin
 - Way of Redemption through Christ alone
 - The Doctrine of Creation/Theistic Evolution
- Bow to idols: Reason, world, science
- Even without their knowledge, great men can have idols (1 Kings 22:43) Jeremiah 8:8-12

Failure 4: Abandoning the Great Commission

- The average Christian, pew-sitter and pastor, has abandoned the GC
 - Pastors directly commanded, 2 Tim. 4:5; every Christian given responsibility
 - Many political problems and church growth problems solved by this Acts 8:2, 4; 2 Tim. 4:5
- “One of the greatest sins of the Church that often goes unnoticed is the lack of evangelism.”
D. James Kennedy

WHAT'S THE LONG TERM SOLUTION? How do we reverse the spiritual collapse of America?

Two-Fold Solution: Repent and change. If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

Two-Fold Solution: Accept a personal responsibility for the GC. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel... Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. Ephesians 6:19-20

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