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## SURROUNDED BY REBELLION AGAINST GOD

What if someone asked you to join an organization that would be in open rebellion against God, standing up openly and visibly against his truths and statements. What if that organization asked you to contribute money or buy its products to help it go further in its objectives?

#### How would you react?

Yet that is the way the NFL is operating, and other professional sports leagues. And major universities. And the US government. And many giant corporations in America like Coca-Cola. And so many more organizations in America.

I hear people all the time asking for God to forgive the USA and bless the country and so on. Where is the repentance of the people? Of those who lead the country? Of those who are in high government and other leadership positions?

Not there. Just not there.

There is no great reason why God should continue to bless America, other than this one: there is still in the country a number, a small percentage to be sure but a real number, of born again, Spirit-filled Christians, persons who fulfill what Jesus declared in John 3:3,5 to be able to be in the Kingdom of God. As long as this relatively small group is on earth, there will likely be some degree of blessing on the US, although quite obviously the nation is plummeting rapidly in morality, in integrity, in general civil peace, and in basic honesty and decency.

Today it seems many in leadership really do call evil good and good evil. And many seem to live and act totally apart from basic Biblical principles, even the very elementary and fundamental principles of the Ten Commandments. It takes a highly confused person, a deceived person, or perhaps maybe just an evil being to think:

- it is fine to kill (abort) babies before they are born right up to the moment of birth;
- the USA can take actions not good for Israel without having any negative consequences to America;
- it is fine not to have any punishment for those who wantonly steal from stores, destroy buildings and small businesses, even assault and kill people;
- greatly reducing the number of police in the big cities is a good idea;

- releasing hardened and truly dangerous criminals like rapists and felons and murderers onto the streets is a good idea;
- everything in the country should be turned upside down not only to right a perceived in many cases confused wrong but obviously to benefit greatly members of relatively small groups, such as one clearly operating in direct contradiction to God and the Bible the LGBTQ movement;
- it is ok and fine to let men who suddenly have decided they are women use female restrooms and locker rooms;
- it is fine to let men who now declare themselves to be women to compete against biological women in athletic endeavors even though they obviously still have the great male muscle advantage;
- it is ok for a woke culture, a cancel culture to just stop debate of ideas, keep people from speaking out who have different opinions, turn universities into places where students truly are brainwashed in socialist/communist ideals. All of this obviously is a great threat to anyone being able freely to express and discuss religious ideas, to represent Jesus to nonbelievers; already in some other modern nations pastors are not free to express and discuss all parts of the Bible.
- and so much more. This list could be much longer.

We are truly in the last days and times are difficult and getting worse. I just saw that over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday more than 150 people were killed in the US. Astounding. What is the cause of this? How can so many think such behavior is acceptable?

All of you with the gifts of the Spirit – and especially the great discernment gift – please use those gifts! Seek the guidance of the Spirit in all occasions and ask for that guidance. Jesus said the Holy Spirit guides us in all truth and shows us things to come! That's what we want and need, isn't it? Yes it is.

Above all represent Jesus in all opportunities that present themselves and as the Holy Spirit guides you. You are the light in the darkness that is today's world. Who knows how many people God has around you because you are the person who will say something or do something that will help the Father draw that person to Jesus.

Remember the Lord's words: Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven (Matthew 10:32-33).

Remember the teenage girl at Columbine in Colorado many years ago who refused to disavow Jesus when threatened with immediate death? Well, she made the right decision. And we know where she is today. What about you in this atrocious world system in which we all live. And it is atrocious.

I write these newsletters and other publications in hopes of sharing more and more about the gospel, who believers are in Jesus, and the imminent return of the Lord. But I also write them even more

lately in hopes of waking up believers to see where we are in time and what is going on around them, and to encourage believers to stand up for the Lord always.

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### AN UPDATE AND A REASON TO THANK GOD! - THIS COVID DISEASE HAS BEEN GREATLY REDUCED IN THE USA!

As I write this newsletter, in the last week the average number of deaths from covid was less than 270 per day. That is one seventh of the average number who die from heart disease every day and one fifth of the average number who die from cancer every day. Chronic respiratory disease, stroke, and Alzheimer's also have higher death rates than covid now.

We all surely need to be thankful for this wonderful great reduction in the presence of this disease in the US. So keep these figures in mind when you hear news discussions of the state of the virus. You may not hear them in the media.

Obviously each person still has to pray and to make their own decisions about how they will live in their community. And maybe somewhere there are individual local pockets where the disease is still more prevalent. But it is good to know that overall, the country has had a great victory against this disease.

Again, thank God.

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**NEVER FORGET THE GREAT TRUTH OF OUR TIME:** Everything is secondary right now to the fact that Jesus is coming soon and that to be in the Kingdom, to go with him, you must be a true believer in him. You must be born anew. Jesus must be your Lord.

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## John

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If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.' – Isaiah 7:9b

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