

WHY WE PROTEST AND SPEAK OUT

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”Edmund Burke (1729-97)

Why should christians protest and speak out? Let's have a look firstly to what God has to say, and a good place to start would be Jesus' sermon on the mount; *“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:13-16* How do we shine our light in the ever increasing darkness? You certainly can't do it from your living room or enclosed in a church building. It requires action, getting out and speaking out.

Isaiah the prophet had something to say about that: *Justice is pushed back, And righteous behaviour stands far away; For truth has fallen in the city square, And integrity cannot enter. Isaiah 59:14 Amplified. 15 He saw that there was no man; He was amazed that there was no one to intercede. So His own arm brought salvation, and His own righteousness sustained Him....Isaiah 59:15 (Berean Standard Bible)* Truth has fallen in the public sector where the government and bureaucrats would rather lie to save face than tell the truth that could've saved thousands of lives. There is no justice for so many who have lost so much and the churches remain silent.

Isaiah, speaking about true fasting, highlighted what the priorities and responsibilities for God's people were; *“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Isaiah 58:6 NIV* Have the churches lost their way because they haven't protected the flock from injustice. When you here that so many were so willing to comply, shut down their meetings and prayer groups, some even shutting their doors to the unvaccinated and religious not-for-profit organisations sacking unvaccinated volunteers. Jesus ministry was to set the oppressed free and to open the eyes of the blind, (Luke 4:18) so would you agree that protesting against oppression (such as what we are experiencing where the unvaccinated are penalised and ostracised and often homeless) becomes our responsibility. Maybe it's time for us to speak out and be a voice. *“Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy”. Proverbs 31:8-9 ESV*

Are we going to stand up for the unborn who face termination. Are we going to protect the lives of innocent and vulnerable children who cannot speak for themselves?

You will bring justice to the orphans and the oppressed, so mere people can no longer terrify them. Psalm 10:18 "When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these". Mark 10:14

So, should Christians get involved with protests? How about we take a quick look at history. Martin Luther protested against the errors and abuses of the Roman Catholic Church, which resulted in the great reformation and the birth of protestant movement. The American Boston Tea Party protests of the 1770's because of unfair taxation by the British empire, was a significant event in the growth of the American revolution. The civil rights movement of the 1960's, led by Martin Luther King Jr was a protest against unjust discriminatory laws which had a dramatic impact in racial discrimination in the public domain.

There have been many successful protests in recent years that have brought about social change but not all resulted in a better outcome for society. Protests that result in rioting on the streets, much like the 'Black Lives Matter' protests in the US only serve to create more division and social unrest. Christians can protest peacefully and there are many reasons why it may be necessary to become actively involved. There are important moral issues confronting Christianity such as the mass killing of the unborn, depraved gender ideology and the creation of the nanny state, where the Church really should be sounding out alarm bells.

Since the Pandemic, everything has changed globally. In Australia, we have been subjected to unprecedented lockdowns, border closures, forced mask mandates and mandatory vaccinations. This resulted in forced job losses, business closures, relationship breakdowns, an increase in mental health issues and suicide. Those of us who protested against this government overreach became victims of blatant censorship by big tech, shut out of debate and misrepresented by mainstream media as conspiracy theorists propagating misinformation. Meanwhile, people are dying from these untested, experimental injections, and the government refuses to acknowledge their incompetence, and tell the truth. If that wasn't bad enough, the Australian government has also sold us out to the WHO and the WEF. These un-elected entities, who only want to destroy our national identity, feel the need to control us from afar, forcing us to obey their draconian enforceable laws with devastating consequences for

non-compliance. Do we stay silent and do nothing? How bad do things need to get before we say enough is enough?

How about considering what the future might look like if the climate change agenda continues to push the world further into poverty. The worldwide enforcement of the UN's zero emissions reduction by 2050 policy will do exactly that. Energy, food and housing costs are already skyrocketing and the globalists say this sacrifice is necessary to achieve this elusive clean energy world. Tell that to the billions of poor people in developing countries who are struggling to survive right now, tell them they need to sacrifice more in order to achieve this utopian global society. We are being hurled into a disastrous man-made apocalyptic event that could be preventable if the people wake up and make a stand against this evil.

To the church, I have this to say. Passivity is a sin, and ignorance is not an excuse. If you shrink back and say nothing, you'll be like lambs led to the slaughter, just like the Jews to the gas chambers. It's going to take courage, strength and compassion to swim against the tide. It's going to mean sacrifice, giving up the dream of safety, security and comfortability. You will face criticism, rejection, and even be ostracised from family or friends. You may risk losing your career, your business or funding. You may not be able to travel, purchase goods or access entertainment. So do we fear these things? What did Jesus say: *"In the world you have tribulation and distress and suffering, but be courageous [be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy]; I have overcome the world."* *[My conquest is accomplished, My victory abiding.] John 16:33 Amplified*

What kind of world do we want to live in now. What kind of world do we want for our children and grand children? We know there is an evil demonic agenda and satanic forces are at play. *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full". (John 10:10)* It's easy to become fearful and overwhelmed by the enormity of the circumstances we find ourselves in. As believers we know we have an eternal hope and Jesus will return to take us out of here. But in the meantime, let's make a difference. The more of us who say NO, and take a stand for what we know is right, the better the outcome will be. Just remember that it was the early Christians who transformed the Roman Empire by the fourth century.