

SPIRITUAL HARLOTTRY

Why do Christians try so hard to court the world's favor? Churches plan their worship to cater to the unchurched. Christians and many preachers today see themselves as performers. How do I know this to be true? Note carefully the mode of worship services in many churches: Contemporary service 8:30 a.m., and Regular service 11:00 a.m. Also, preachers are so terrified that the offense of the gospel might turn someone against them, that they tone down and often omit parts of the message that might not be acceptable to the world.

The truth is that there is an irreconcilable incompatibility between the church and the world. True Christians thought is out of harmony with all the world's philosophies, and most of their values.

Church history I think shows that there have been people in every era that believe the best way to win the world is by catering to them and their desires. But, the only time that the church has made an impact on the world is when it stood firm upon the Word of God.

To me, the quest of the world's approval for the church is nothing less than spiritual harlotry. James said, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4). The world, in which James has in view, is a world system of belief. Not the people in general.

Scripture: King James Version: Luke 6:26; John 3:19-21; John 15:18-23.

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