

THE R.U.S.H. BIBLE STUDY WOKE, CRT AND GANGL CULTURE

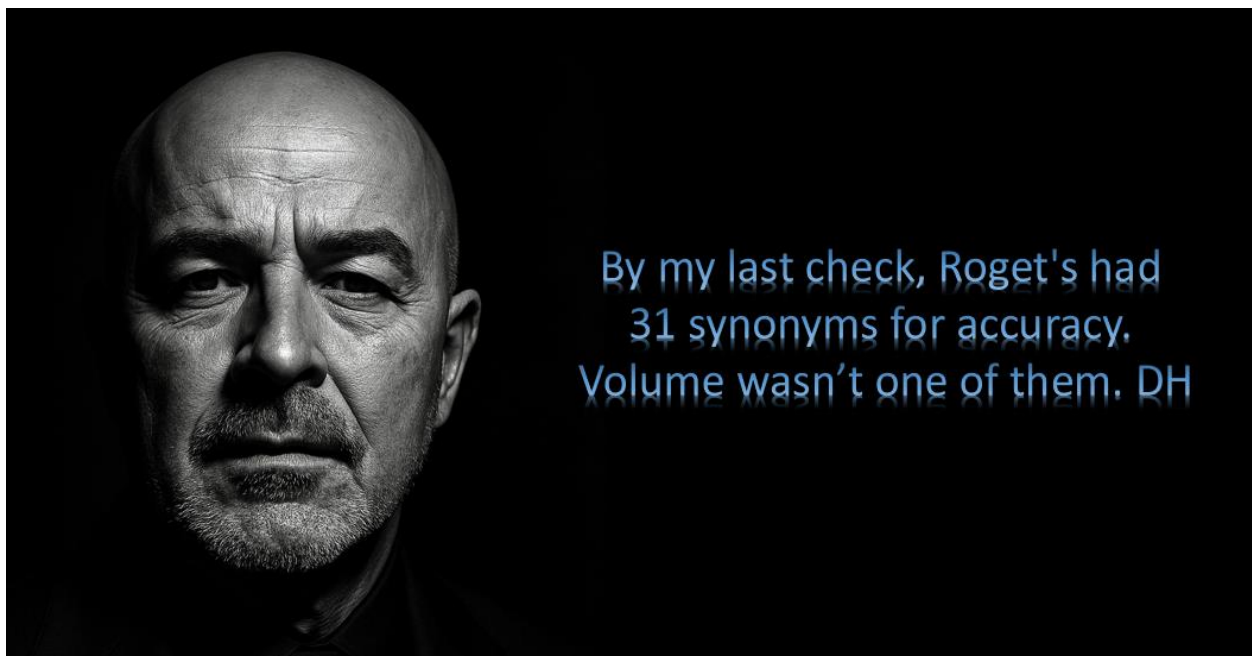


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The R.U.S.H. Bible Study Arguments on Wokeism, CRT, and Cancel Culture.

The Disease: *Cambridge Dictionary* defines “cancel culture” as “a way of behaving in a society or group, especially on social media, in which it is common to completely reject or stop supporting someone because they have said or done something that offends you.”

The Cure: The Bible Says,

“Great peace have they which love thy law: And nothing shall offend them.” Psalm 119:165.

Last year, **Joe Rogan**, the world’s most popular podcaster (with nearly 13 million subscribers), was the target of many in mainstream and social media for some of his comments regarding COVID-19 and vaccinations.

In 2020, many called for the canceling of the world’s most popular author, **J.K. Rowling**. The author of the *Harry Potter* series, who is no defender of biblical sexual values, is a believer in, and occasional defender of, the reality of biological sex (i.e., men are males and women are females). For not falling in line with the more politically correct views of transgender identity, Rowling was blistered on social media and suffered waves of harassment and cancellations.

Perhaps a little closer to home we have seen **Christian and conservative speakers** have their speaking engagements cancelled on college campuses all over the world for holding a Biblical world view.

As America becomes far more liberal and slides away from its Christian heritage every year, this problem will not go away. It will get worse, much worse.

So what is the 21 Century Western Cultured Bible believing Christian to do? Well we sure shouldn’t be surprised, that’s for sure.

Jesus faced the same thing. Cancel culture. In Luke 4:16-30

***“All those in the synagogue...were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city;
and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built,
that they might throw Him down over the cliff”***

In John 8:59 they tried to stone Him for telling the truth! In John 11 they plotted to put Him to death after raising Lazarus from the dead.

The Cross was the Ultimate Display of Cancel Culture.

And it didn’t stop there. The disciples went through the same thing. All but John was martyred. In fact Foxes Book of Martyrs documents that 1,000 Christians were killed for every day on the calendar except January the 1st.

Cancel Culture is rash and leaps to judgement without due process. The victim seldom gets equal time for rebuttal if any, and witnesses are not required. The favorite tool of cancel culture is slander, gossip and innuendo. It is loud, unforgiving and spiteful. Cancel culture is easily offended and seeks to spread the grudge as fast and wide as it can. They want everyone to hate the people they hate.

So now that we have defined and established the problem, what should we do about it?

The Bible teaches the opposite position that cancel culture teaches.

Paul to the Romans:

*"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, **live peaceably with all men**. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore **if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink**: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but **overcome evil with good**."*

Romans 12:18-21.

Here the Biblical admonition is not to cancel your enemies, but to help them. Vengeance belongs to God. Instead of cancelling our enemies we should feed them. Give them water,

"if you must kill someone, kill them with kindness."

We should love one another more than we disagree with one another, not cancel one other.

Jesus to the Jews:

*"Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:
But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek,
turn to him the other also.
And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat,
let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile,
go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee,
and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.
Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.
But I say unto you, **Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you,
and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;**
That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven:
for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good,
and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."*

Matthew 5:28-45

Peter to the rest of us:

"Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."

1 Peter 3:9

From Paul to the church:

"Make allowance for each other's faults, and **forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others"**

Colossians 3:13 NLT

Jesus:

“And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.” **Mark 11:25-26**

Jesus last words to the Cancel Culture crowd.

*“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.
¹² And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” **Revelation 22:11-12***

The R.U.S.H. Bible Study Arguments Against Woke Ideology.

First off let’s begin with Webster’s dictionary definition of “Woke”:

Chiefly US slang

a

: Aware of and actively attentive to important societal facts and issues (especially issues of racial and social justice), often is used in contexts that suggest someone's expressed beliefs about such matters are not backed with genuine concern or action.

b

: reflecting the attitudes of woke people.

Woke values/language

Disapproving: politically liberal or progressive (as in matters of racial and social justice) especially in a way that is considered unreasonable or extreme.

'Woke capitalism' tends to be a term that critics use to refer to portfolios that are built around environmental, social and governance issues like climate change or diversity.

**Very much a part of the “woke” crowd’s lingo is the anagram “DEI”.
This stands for “diversity, equity and inclusion.”
In reality its application leads to racism, communism, and exclusion.**

The real definition should be:

An authoritarian system that is seeking to overthrow the biblio-centric worldview held by Christians and likeminded secular conservatives by silencing, bullying, overwhelming, overpowering, bankrupting and bringing down anyone or any group that doesn’t promote and adhere to its sick ideology, and seeks to replace that worldview with one that places the desire of the minority over the rights of everybody else, (making the majority slaves to the minority), taking the wealth of the earner and re-distributing it to those who will not earn, and excluding those who’s racial make-up or creed places them in the majority.

Woke ideology has been around for centuries. This newest branch of foolishness comes from none other than the unholy trinity of **Karl Marx, Fredrich Nietzsche, and Sigmund Freud**. What do these three men have in common? A severe hatred of God. They all hated the Gospel message, and thought believers were living in fantasy land.

Karl Marx

“Religion is the opium of the people.”

“The social principles of Christianity preach cowardice, self-contempt, abasement, submission, humility, in a word all the qualities of the masses.”

“To destroy Christianity, we must first destroy the British Empire.”

Friedrich Nietzsche

“There is not enough love and goodness in the world to permit giving any of it away to imaginary beings.”

“Is man one of God's blunders? Or is God one of man's blunders?”

“Everything good is the transmutation of something evil: every god has a devil for a father.”

Sigmund Freud

“Religion is an illusion”

“Define religion as a universal obsessive compulsive neurosis.”

“I regard myself as one of the most dangerous enemies of religion.”

“Neither in my private life nor in my writings, have I ever made a secret of being an out-and-out unbeliever.”

“Religion is a system of wishful illusions.”

It should be no surprise the role Communism, Atheism and Psychology has played in the back-sliding state of the world we live in today.

All of them sought to spread the ideology that defines all life's problems in a single worldview.

The Oppressor vs the Oppressed

Once this seed is planted in the national dialogue, you only have to assign the title of the oppressor to your enemies, and the oppressed to your allies. If you do this loud enough and long enough, you will own pop culture. The “woke” crowd's version of God is in the **rights of their defined “oppressed” at the expense of their defined “oppressors.”**

The biblical version of God is found in Colossians 2:8-9:

“See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the God-Head lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.” Colossians 2:8-9.

To see the dangers of woke ideology simply follow how it assigns the oppressed and oppressor “tags”.

Oppressor	Oppressed
Traditional Marriage	Gay Marriage
Straight Community	LGBTQ+++
Christianity	Atheist or Spiritist
The Majority Race	Minorities
The Rich	The Poor
Legal Citizens	Illegal Aliens
Pro- Life	Pro Abortion
Democracy	Socialism
Police/Law	The Anarchist/Law Breakers
Freedom of Speech	Cancel Culture
Meritocracy	Critical Race Theory
What does the Bible say?	How does that make you feel?
G.R.A.C.E.	W.O.K.E.
Gods Riches At Christ's Expense	Willfully Overlooking Known Evil

The 5 Major Screams and Rants of “Wokeism”

1. Critical Race Theory. Or CRT. Charges of “white supremacy” and “systemic racism” may be useful tools to grab headlines and get attention, but they are at odds with biblical understandings of guilt and innocence. **To be woke means (partly) you have come to accept that America is defined by the sin of slavery** above all else, and it is through the prism of slavery that all of American history is to be understood. **The adherents of CRT falsely claim that all American white people have benefited from slavery, and that is the reason for such disparate inequalities and inequities in our society.**

Certainly, there have been the historic wrongs specifically tied to race in America through slavery and later Jim Crow laws. No thinking person would deny that. However **no one alive in America today has been a slave, and no one alive in America today has owned a slave.** The only exceptions to that truth are people in the **sex trafficking** world. But the assertion that all white people benefitted from slavery is a lie and it is racist. It’s a lie because although a small percentage of white people did own slaves, so did some black people and native Indians also owned slaves. And also what of the white people like my family who came to America from Europe during WW2? To say all white people benefitted from slavery is racist and foolish. The disparity in wealth and prosperity in America doesn’t exist along racial lines. **It exists along cultural lines. The breakdown of the traditional family unit.**

Look at these statistics from Candace Owens, a conservative black champion for conservative Christian issues and an advocate fighting for the future of black children in America.

90% of black people in America were raised in single parent homes.

72% of black children are born out of wedlock.

64% of violent crimes are committed by blacks with only 12% of the population.

51% of murders in America are committed by blacks with only 12% of the population.

40% of the abortions in America are black with only 12% of the population.

7,500 murders of black people killed by black people occur in America every year.

The number 1 cause of death in the black community is homicide.

More black children are aborted in N.Y.C. than are born every year for the last 15 straight years straight.

None of this was the case until the 1960’s. **The poverty rate of married people in the black community today is in single digits. Not so for the majority where the father is absent. This is true among all races.** It wasn’t until the civil rights laws of the 1960’s that incentivized single parent homes, that the poverty rate sky-rocketed to where it is today. Systematic racism cannot account for how black people treat each other, and white supremacy is limited to 1 trailer in Arkansas. **There exists no law that targets anyone in America by race. Zero. Not one.**

The Bible says that racism is a sin.

In the New Testament:

“Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.” John 7:24.

In the Old Testament:

“But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn’t make decisions the way you do! People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at a person’s thoughts and intentions.” Samuel 16:7

Accusing someone of something they haven’t done is a sin.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.” Exodus 20:16.

Critical Race Theory is a modern approach to social change, developed from the broader critical theory, which developed out of Marxism. **Critical race theory (CRT) approaches issues such as justice, racism, and inequality, with a specific intent of reforming or reshaping society. In practice, this is applied almost exclusively to the United States.**

Critical race theory is grounded in several key assumptions. Among these are the following:

1. The American government, law, culture, and society **are inherently and inescapably racist.**
2. Everyone, even those without racist views, **perpetuates racism by supporting those structures.**
3. The personal perception of the **oppressed outweighs the actions or intents of others.**
4. Oppressed groups will never overcome disadvantages until the **racist structures are replaced.**
5. The Oppressor **race or class groups never change** out of altruism; they only change for self-benefit.
6. Application of laws and **fundamental rights should be different based on the race or class group of the individual(s) involved.**

In the end, CRT is just another attempt to get something for nothing from someone who doesn't want to give it to you because you don't deserve it. These are differences that have their origin in a worldview that hates God.

The Bible doesn't teach equity. Heaven is a meritocracy.

mer·i·toc·ra·cy

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noun

A government, or the holding of power, by people selected on the basis of their ability.

A society governed by meritocracy. plural noun: **meritocracies**

A ruling or influential class of educated or skilled people.

A meritocracy is a system where every individual receives what they have earned. No one receives what others have earned, without the permission of those "others". This is how the Kingdom of Heaven runs. Spilling from the lips of Christ:

¹⁴ *"The kingdom of heaven will be like the time a man went to a country far away. He called his servants and put them in charge of his money.*

¹⁵ *He gave five bags of money to one servant. He gave two bags of money to another servant. He gave one bag of money to another servant. He gave to each one what he was able to be in charge of. Then he went away.*

¹⁶ *Right away the servant who had five bags of money began to buy and sell things with it. He made five bags of money more than he had at first.*

¹⁷ *The servant who had two bags of money did the same thing as the one who had five bags. He also made two bags of money more than he had at first.*

¹⁸ *But the man who had only one bag of money dug a hole in the ground. And he hid his master's money in the ground.*

¹⁹ *After a long time, the master of those servants came home. He asked what they had done with his money.*

²⁰ *The servant who had been given five bags of money brought five bags more to his master. He said, "Sir, you gave me five bags of money. See, I have made five bags more money."*

²¹ His master said, "You have done well. You are a good servant. I can trust you. You have taken good care of a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Come, have a good time with your master."

²² The servant who had been given two bags of money came and said to his master, "Sir, you gave me two bags of money. I have made two bags more money."

²³ His master said, "You have done well. You are a good servant. I can trust you. You have taken good care of a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Come, have a good time with your master."

²⁴ The servant who had been given one bag of money came and said, "Sir, I knew that you were a hard man. You cut grain where you did not plant. You pick fruit where you put nothing in.

²⁵ I was afraid. So I went and hid your money in the ground. Here is your money."

²⁶ His master answered him, "You are a bad and lazy servant. You knew that I cut grain where I did not plant. You knew that I pick fruit where I put nothing in.

²⁷ You should have put my money in the bank. Then when I came home, I would have had my money with interest on it.

²⁸ So take the money away from him. Give it to the one who has ten bags.

²⁹ **Anyone who has some will get more, and he will have plenty. But he who does not get anything, even the little that he has will be taken away from him.**

³⁰ Take this good-for-nothing servant! Put him out in the dark place outside. People there will cry and make a noise with their teeth." ' ³¹ The Son of Man will be great and will come with all his holy angels. Then he will sit on his throne like a king. ³² All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will put them in two groups like a man who takes care of sheep. He puts the sheep on one side of him and he puts the goats on the other side of him. ³³ The Son of Man will put people who are like the sheep at his right side. He will put people who are like the goats at his left side." **Matthew 25:14-33.**

To apply this parable to race, the bottom line is that we are to judge racism the same across all racial lines. **Anyone who hates any race is wrong.** We should assess someone's value according to what they have accomplished with what they have started out with.

It is wrong to judge on the outward appearance. Everyone deserves the benefit of the doubt, but respect needs to be earned. **God is not a respecter of people, neither am I.** Anything less is anti-Christian and paints with too broad of a brush to avoid bearing false witness. **"For there is no respect of persons with God."** *Romans 2:11.*

Any sentence that starts, "all white people" "all black people" "all whatever people" is a lie. If this is in your vocabulary you are a liar.

2. Transgenderism: This makes a mockery of biology, logic, and faith. It is amazing that the moment someone claims to be the other gender, we all are now expected to obey their demands. **Nope.** This lie we are all supposed to accept was once a mental disease call **gender dysphoria**. **When you affirm transgenderism, you are now part of the problem.** Gender is a part of who we are in our totality and in the details. It is in our genes, our DNA, our bone structure, muscle mass, and of course, our respective roles in procreation. We do not possess the right to determine our gender any more than we can determine our ethnicity. To be honest with you, I personally don't care what someone wants to call themselves. **The big problem for me personally is that now I am expected to play along and lie with you.** I am supposed to call a man "she". As **"dead-naming"** (calling someone who has transitioned, by their old gender) legislation becomes a thing and as parents are losing the right not to transition their children, you will have to choose between **the woke transgender revolution** or the clear biblical teaching on gender. **What arrogance it must take for someone to tell someone else "you have to say what I order you to say, and you can't disagree with me about it, you must keep quiet."** The reasoning behind this? **"your speech makes me feel unsafe."**

The Bible says we should:

a. Glorify God in our bodies.

"Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Corinthians 6:18-20.

b. Our bodies are a gift from God that He made personally.

*Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Psalms 100:3.*

c. God created us, and our respective genders, and He chose this, not us.

*"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."
Genesis 1:27.*

d. Respect the differences in our genders.

*Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonors his head. ⁵ But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved.
1 Corinthians 11:4-5*

"Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him? ¹⁵ But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her; for her hair is given to her for a covering."

1 Corinthians 11:14.

*"Women are not to wear men's clothing, and men are not to wear women's clothing;
the LORD your God hates people who do such things. Deuteronomy 22:5.*

3. Defund the police: De-stabilizing civic protection is not loving your neighbor. The "defund the police" movement seems to have already run its course given its massive unpopularity. And yet it is a window into the woke soul. At the heart of the woke movement is a profoundly un-Christian anthropology. Christians believe we are sinful by nature and need a savior. That not only constrains our behavior, but it makes all the sense in the world to endorse systems that constrain sin (police, a justice system, laws, etc.) But non-Christians often assume we are good by nature and can build a perfect world if left to our own devices. That will lead to more common calls for the destabilization of institutions like the police, and that will only lead to more victimization of the oppressed who rely on police protection.

The Bible says we should support and respect the authoritative positions of governing authorities.

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed"

Romans 13:1-7.

The Caveat for the Believer: Acts 5:28-29.

"²⁸ Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. ²⁹ Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:28-29.

4. Reparations: Two wrongs do not make a right. The subject of reparations for past injustices is obviously controversial, but it is not defensible in a practical or moral sense. **Biblically, we are responsible for our own sins, not the sins of others in our ethnic category or the past.** And if you want to see how remaking a country using the lens of equity works out, look at what is happening to South Africa. Rather than moving forward, that country is degenerating into anarchy. **Slavery and segregation were wrong. So is punishing and rewarding those who had nothing to do with those institutions.** Adherents of this philosophy want to blame people who weren't even born yet.

The Bible says:

"The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself."

Ezekiel 18:19-23.

You must not punish someone for sins they have not committed. That is a sin on your part. Now you are guilty. Nobody benefitted from slavery. Slave holders conceded the favor of God. In order for you to believe that anybody benefitted from slavery, (or any sin for that matter), you must deny life after death. That is where a just God squares the accounts, and rewards and punishes the perpetrators and victims. For everything.

Nobody is getting away with anything. If you don't believe that, than you don't believe in God. DH

5. Hate Speech (and hate speech is violence). "You can't say anything that offends me." And as if that isn't bad enough, **"you must also use speech that affirms my feelings and my worldview"**. The hubris of those statements is mind-boggling. The arrogance it takes to believe that you have the right to go through life and never be offended is unquantifiable. **Even God Almighty doesn't demand that.** Jesus himself said in **Matthew 12:32** that

"Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven Him..."

But this pack of woke lunatics actually think they have the right to not only tell you to stop speech that you feel is important, but now you also have to affirm and agree with their speech, no matter what your position might be.

Willful promotion of "hatred" is a criminal offence in Canada. Willful promotion of hatred means to make "statements" in public that willfully or intentionally promote hate against an "identifiable group." Unlike public incitement of hatred, willful promotion of hatred does not have to involve a breach of the peace. **BC's office of Human Rights Commissioner. Now it is held that if I disagree with you, I hate you!**

Mark my words, the next phase of this law's progression will be the Gospel message will be outlawed in Canada. Ministers in Canada are already banned from preaching against homosexuality, and more is coming down the pike shortly. **The next stop on that little train ride will be America.** (For research on Canada's hate speech laws see Canadian criminal law Bill C-63, section 318, 319(1), 319(2), and the On-line harms act.)

The three most common complaints against the Gospel message are:

1. The Gospel is selfish.
2. The Gospel is naïve.
3. The Gospel is impotent.

So what is the answer? What can we do as a church? The Bible offers 1 solution.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall 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.

Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place."

2 Chronicles 7:14-15

