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LIVING WORTHY OF THE LORD

Part 3: With All Humility & Gentleness, with Patience

Wise as Serpents, Harmless as Doves

"YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME. YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF A CARVED IMAGE, OR ANY LIKENESS OF ANYTHING THAT IS IN HEAVEN ABOVE, OR THAT IS IN THE EARTH BENEATH, OR THAT IS IN THE WATER UNDER THE EARTH. YOU SHALL NOT BOW DOWN TO THEM OR SERVE THEM, FOR I THE LORD YOUR GOD AM A JEALOUS GOD."

exodus 20:3-5

BE INTENTIONAL! BE STEADFAST! BE HIS!

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Matthew 10:16

SOME BACKGROUND: EPHESUS & "THE TRIPLETS"

- One of the Triplets: Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon
- Written by Paul while imprisoned in Rome (60-64 AD)
- Each letter tailored to a specific audience
- Ephesus: Known for Festivals! (25,000 seats in ampitheatre)
 - ~250,000 Population; diverse cultures and religions; major trading/banking capital; gateway from Rome to the East
 - Tourism, Trade, Festivals, Sex-Cults, Paganism
 - Center for worship of Diana/Artemis (hunt/fertility goddess) [7th Wonder]
 - Ephesians: Focus on Christ as the Victor over Principalities
 - Paul had spent 3 years there
 - They struggled with division, religious arguments, and cultural contamination
 - Paul is constantly urging them to unify and be intentional

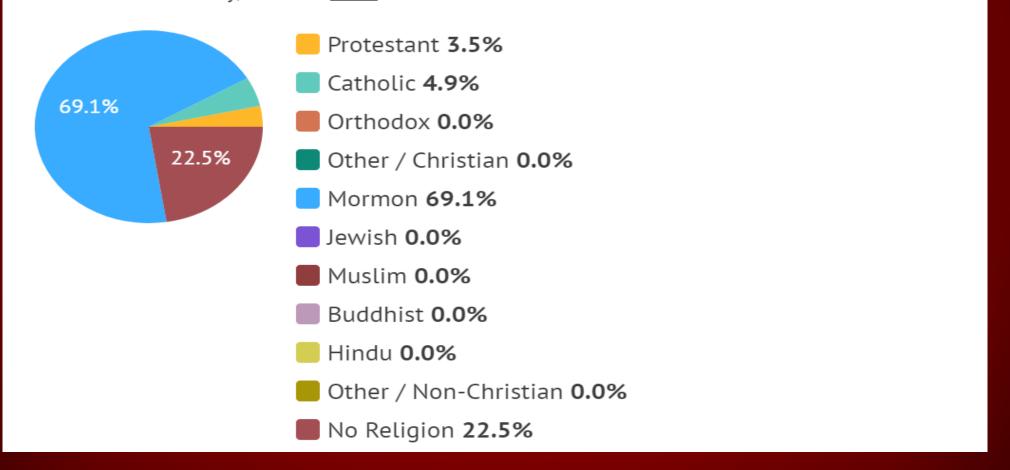
SOME BACKGROUND: CEDAR CITY

- Founded 1851 by Mormon pioneers who came from Parowan to establish Cedar Fort and create an iron works
- ~41,000 population (Projected ~57K by 2029) [5.54% Ann.]
- "Festival City, USA" & Home to the SUU Thunderbirds
- 26.75% Poverty Rate
- History of rough ground and dry land (in both realms)
 - Mountain Meadows Massacre; outward focus & judgement; deception
- Occult presence here
- Predominantly LDS, followed by Non-Religious

WE LIVE IN A VERY UNIQUE PLACE IN 2023

The Religion

The primary religious affiliation in Cedar City, Utah is **Mormon**. The Religion Diversity score in Cedar City, Utah is <u>12.1</u>.



WALK IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE LORD

Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope, at your calling—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

PSALM 68: LET YOUR ENEMIES BE SCATTERED

Now grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. For it says:

When he ascended on high,

he took the captives captive;

he gave gifts to people,

But what does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower parts of the earth?, The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, to fill all things.

Eph 4:7–10 CSB

WALK IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE LORD

And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness.

Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit.

Eph 4:11-14 CSB

THE PROPER WORKING OF EACH PART

But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ. From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by **the proper working of each individual part**.

Therefore, I say this and testify in the Lord: You should no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thoughts. They are darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them and because of the hardness of their hearts.

They became callous and gave themselves over to promiscuity for the practice of every kind of impurity with a desire for more and more.

Eph 4:15-19 CSB

INTENTIONALITY TAKES ACTION

But that is not how you came to know Christ, assuming you heard about him and were taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus, to take off, your former way of life, the old self that is corrupted by deceitful desires, to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on, the new self, the one created according to God's likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth.

Therefore, putting away lying, speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, because we are members of one another. Be angry and do not sin. Don't let the sun go down on your anger, and don't give the devil an opportunity.

Eph 4:20 – 27 CSB

IN OUR OWN BACKYARD...

Lady Wolf is a Triple Ordained Wiccan High Priestess.

She has been active in her practice of Witchcraft since the age of 16.

Born and raised in Southern Utah Lady Wolf has devoted herself to living the most authentic life, anchored in Nature as healer, Goddess and Medicine. She is a constant student and has trained with some of the best in the field of Paganism, Wicca, Heathenism, Herbalism and Goddess Worship.

*April of 2021 she birthed into existence the

Desert Sage Witchcraft Tradition which she is High Priestess and Mother

*September 2021 she Ordained three Priestesses who are her spiritual daughters and representatives of the Desert Sage
Witchcraft Tradition (Zoriah Willowtree, Stephanie)

*September of 2018 she was lifted up by her Priestess Sisters and presented to the Goddess by Zsuzsusanna Budapest where she was officially Ordained a Dianic High Priestess and titled "Lady Wolf"

*Spring of 2017 she was Ordained High Priestess by Candace Kant

*Summer of 2016 she was Ordained a High Priestess by Lady Jesamyn

*May 2015 she was Initiated a Dianic Witch by Lady Jesamyn of Sisterhood of the Moon

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STAY INTENTIONAL! STAY STEADFAST! STAY HIS!

Let no one deceive you with empty arguments, for God's wrath is coming on the disobedient because of these things. Therefore, do not become their partners.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light— for the fruit of the light consists of all goodness, righteousness, and truth—testing what is pleasing to the Lord.

Eph 5: 6-14a CSB

PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION!

Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise—making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So don't be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

And don't get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit: speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music with your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of Christ.

Eph 5:15–21 CSB