

faithfully and letting the Holy Spirit work through it, leaving the results with Him.

The King James Bible is the sure foundation upon which English-speaking churches can base their faith. It is the bulwark through which the Holy Spirit works to build the church today.

2. Rejection of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: The we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. [1 Thessalonians 5:16,17]

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. [1 Thessalonians 5: 9,10]

Rejection of the pre-tribulation rapture is one of the signs that an evangelical or fundamental church is in trouble. The imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ to rapture His church is the next prophecy to be fulfilled in scripture. It is forecast to occur during a great falling away (apostasy) from Biblical truth in the churches and anti-God philosophies and practices in society at large. The devil's attack on the Word of God focuses on denying the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Included in this assault is a denial of the pre-tribulation return of the Lord Jesus Christ for His church. Rejection or questioning of this prophecy is evidence that your church is in trouble.

3. Embracing of contemporary Christian music.

Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; [Ephesians 5:19]

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.. [Colossians 3:16]

The abandonment of sacred hymns and songs for contemporary Christian music including 'Christian' rock is a sure sign that your church is in spiritual decline and departing from the truth. God is holy, and in order to worship Him in music we must do it

spiritually and not carnally. The devil was heaven's master musician before his fall (*the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created*) [Ezekiel 28:13m] and this master deceiver has been able to bring his talents into modern churches in the form of worldly, fleshly contemporary Christian music including 'Christian' rock.

4. Displaying ignorance of the nature God.

"Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD." [Jeremiah 9:23-24]

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. [Luke 24:27]

There is a profound ignorance of God in the churches today, especially His holiness and hatred of sin. The only way to know God is to read His Word often, prayerfully and reverently looking for Him in it, and then obeying from the heart the things He shows you. Modern, weak preaching with corrupted Bible versions and bookstores full of 'Christian' self-help books using man-centered methods for living the Christian life, including 'Christian' psychology, is keeping people from knowing God as they should. They have resulted in lukewarm churches rampant with sinning among professing Christians who do not know God, either in personal salvation or in practice if they are saved. Many of these people have "a form of godliness, but (are) denying the power thereof" according to the scriptures. Are you one of them?

5. Failing to strongly preach repentance and a call to holy living from the pulpit.

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: [John 16:8]

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice as a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. [Isaiah 58:1]

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: [Hebrews 12:14]

There are popular preachers today who are more concerned about making their congregations feel good than leading them to Biblical salvation followed by a holy walk with God. They may even brag about the fact that they do not condemn sin or mention Hell in their preaching. The Holy Spirit is nowhere to be found in such a ministry. He convicts people of their sin through the preaching of God's Word, and then leads them to make a definite decision concerning repentance and salvation, which will result in changed, godly lives under a Holy Spirit-filled preacher. Anything less is an affront to a holy God.

If your church has watered-down preaching against sin and removed the call to individual repentance and a holy walk with God you need to consider why you remain there.

6. Rejection of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God [salvation] is at hand: **repent ye, and believe the gospel.*** [Mark 1:15]

But though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. [Galatians 1:8]

If your church does not preach personal "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" [Acts 20:21] it has a false gospel. "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." [2 Corinthians 7:10] **Repentance is** a turning to God from sin in godly sorrow, and saving **faith is** believing "that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day, according to the scriptures." [1 Corinthians 15:3,4]. Personal faith in the shed Blood of Christ remits or removes away all sin from off of the guilty sinner's soul for ever. This faith extends to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which proved that His sacrifice for our sins was effectual and final. Church membership, baptism, confirmation, sacraments, good works or your own personal beliefs or religion cannot save your never-dying soul. "God...now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:" [Acts 17:30] and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Omission of any of these or inclusion of anything extra is a false gospel.

7. Promoting an unbiblical gospel invitation.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? [Acts 2:37]

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. [Acts 10:44]

Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? [Acts 16:29,30]

Evangelical and fundamental churches have subtly changed the Biblical gospel invitation. They have substituted a generic Roman's Road presentation and **sinner's prayer** made in door-to-door visitation, a crusade or church service for real salvation based upon Holy Ghost conviction. A sinner can only come to true repentance through godly sorrow and have a genuine desire to be saved if the Father is drawing him to the Son. *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him*, [John 8:44] Exacting a profession of faith before this happens is creating two-fold children of Hell in the church today.

Many professing Christians look back to 'a spiritual experience,' but there is no evidence of a supernatural transaction of the Holy Spirit in their lives. There has never been any real change, no genuine interest in reading the Bible, attending church services and seeking godly Christian fellowship. Many Baptists and Evangelicals have devised an easy-believism **sinner's prayer** in a form of decisionism idolatry as the means of saving souls today. Men think they are going to heaven because they have judged the sincerity of their own decision. This false gospel is sending multitudes of people to Hell. The evidence of true conversion is not just your sincerity, but a changed life. *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.* [2 Corinthians 5:8]

8. Demonstrating ignorance regarding the nature of the Church.

Give none offense, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: [1 Corinthians 10:32]

...Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to

himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; that it should be holy and without blemish. [Ephesians 5:25-27]

God has only one religious institution and it is the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. The church consists of local, self-governing congregations of saved, Biblically-baptized believers that are called Christians who are to live in a close, loving relationship with their Savior and each other. The scriptures teach that Jesus will build His church until He removes it from earth in the rapture. The rapture is described as being imminent.

Jesus shed His blood to purchase the church. He has sanctified it positionally as righteous, is temporally perfecting it through His Word and will present it to Himself a beautiful virgin, pristine church which He will wed to Himself in Heaven after the rapture. Therefore, the church must exalt Jesus Christ above all earthly authority by unconditionally obeying His Word, glorifying Him in all things and serving Him without reservation by living holy lives and preaching the gospel to a lost and dying world, even unto persecution and death for His name's sake.

The church is to be separate from the world, worldly churches, false religion and any compromise whatsoever of the gospel message. Discipline, where necessary, is to be done Biblically in love in order to promote willing obedience to a loving Savior. Families will find a refuge in the church that will protect them from the ravages of sin that are destroying marriages and children's lives everywhere in society today. A typical Bible believing church today will be small and shunned by most other churches and professing Christians. *"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,"* [2 Corinthians 6:17]



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Are You in the Wrong Church?



We are living in a day of apostasy and worldly Christianity in the churches. The following eight criteria are listed to show you that you may not be in the church God wants you. It is critical that you make a firm decision to separate from such a church in obedience to the scriptures. Any Christian or church that does not exhibit these characteristics should not be proud, but abased and humbled by God's grace.

1. Rejection of the King James Bible.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." [2 Timothy 3:15-17]

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. [Psalm 12:6,7]

God 'breathed' His exact Words through "holy men of God" and has preserved them until this day. The King James Bible is the preserved Word of God in English without error in every sense of the word, and is sufficient for all Christian faith and practice in the local churches where that language is spoken. Modern Bible translations have captured the heart of most of today's professing Christendom. They bring with them a proliferation of man-based programs and numbers-centered evangelistic efforts, none of which can replace preaching the pure Word of God