

18. The US govt has been arresting people who oppose it or speak out against it.

Silence in the Face of Evil is Itself Evil!

Not to Speak is to Speak.

Not to Act is to Act.

God Will Not Hold Us Guiltless.

19. Have I told you the truth about important issues in our nation? See these brochures:

- Reality Check (6-22)
- LGBTQ and the USA (6-23)
- What Is Best for the USA (9-24)

Note: [Acts 20:26b-27](#) "...I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God."

Note: Just 37% of Christian Pastors in the United States have a Biblical Worldview (*understanding of the world*). I believe: "The Bible is the starting point in *rightly* understanding ♦the world, ♦right and wrong, ♦the purpose of life, ♦the reason for death, ♦heaven and hell, and ♦much more!" (See the "Who Is God..." brochure)

When a person believes in Christ, he will ♦confess Christ and ♦live for Christ; the result will be persecution:

20. [Matthew 5:10](#) "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

21. [Matthew 10:22](#) "You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved."

22. [Luke 6:22](#) "Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man."

23. [2 Timothy 3:12](#) "...all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."

24. [Revelation 12:11](#) "And they [*believers*] overcame him [*the devil*] because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death."

We are living amid a spiritual battle:

[Ephesians 6:11-12](#) "Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*."

Are you carrying your cross?

25. [Luke 9:23](#) "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

26. [Luke 14:27](#) "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple."

God has a plan for us who have godly sorrow and trust in Jesus for eternal life:

[Ephesians 2:10](#) "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for

good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

What You Do Matters – Act Now

- Support organizations of cast members in the film.
- Know what your child is being taught in school.
- Homeschool your children if possible.
- Run for a local office.
- Support candidates who support your values.
- Pray for your local school board, city council, and mayor to know and support Biblical values.
- Attend and speak at school board and council meetings.
- Talk to others about what is happening.
- Read your Bible, live for Christ, and help others know the truth.

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Letter to the American Church

A book by Eric Metaxas and a film based on the book
Silence in the Face of Evil is Itself Evil

Background Information

Eric Metaxas: He is the #1 New York Times Bestselling author of "Bonhoeffer", and many other books, including "Is Atheism Dead?", "Martin Luther", "Amazing Grace", and "Letter to the American Church". He has also written more than thirty children's books and hosts "Socrates in the City", and the nationally syndicated Eric Metaxas Radio Show — "The Show about Everything!" — which also airs as a weekly television program on TBN.

Note: Eric grew up Greek Orthodox but is currently attending an Episcopal Church. Sometimes he sounds very Biblical, even Lutheran, but at other times he is not in line with the Bible. He is certainly a good writer, but do not believe anything he writes that contradicts the Bible.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945): He was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian, and anti-Nazi dissident:

- Theology:** Bonhoeffer was a leading theologian of the 20th century. He argued for a new vision of Christianity that would involve the church in the world's problems and abolish the division between the sacred and [non-religious]. His 1937 book, "The Cost of Discipleship", is considered a modern classic.
- Resistance to Nazism:** Bonhoeffer was one of the earliest critics of the Nazi regime. He was a key founding member of

the Confessing Church, a movement that fought against the nazification of the German Evangelical Church. He was also vocal in his opposition to Hitler's euthanasia program and the persecution of Jews.

- **Arrest and execution:** Bonhoeffer was arrested in 1943 and executed in the Flossenbürg concentration camp in April 1945 for his involvement in the plot to overthrow the Nazi regime. His execution effectively made him a martyr.

Note: Dietrich was certainly courageous, but he also had some theological problems. Therefore, only believe what agrees with the Bible.

(Movie: Bonhoeffer – Agent of Grace)

The Film

It describes a parallel between the German Churches of Nazi Germany and the American Churches of today!

Germany in the 1930's

1. Hitler became the German Fuhrer.
2. Bonhoeffer spoke out against Hitler.
3. The Reichstag Fire was used as an excuse to do things apart from the German Parliament. What two things in the US were used as an excuse to do things against the US citizens?
 - a. 2001: _____
 - b. 2020: _____

(Movie: The Essential Church)

5. Many in the German Church were unwilling to stand up against the govt.
6. The Confessing Church began.
7. The Barmen Declaration was written, but most pastors in Germany were unwilling to sign it.
8. 3,000 pastors stood against Hitler.
9. 12,000 were silent and compliant.
10. 3,000 stood with Hitler.

America Today

Cultural Marxism (*Woke brochure*):

1. People's Republic of China – separated all people into the black (non-citizen) and red (citizen).
2. BLM
3. DEI – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
4. LGBTQ
5. Transgenderism
6. Males competing in female sports
7. Drag queen story hour
8. Public school indoctrination

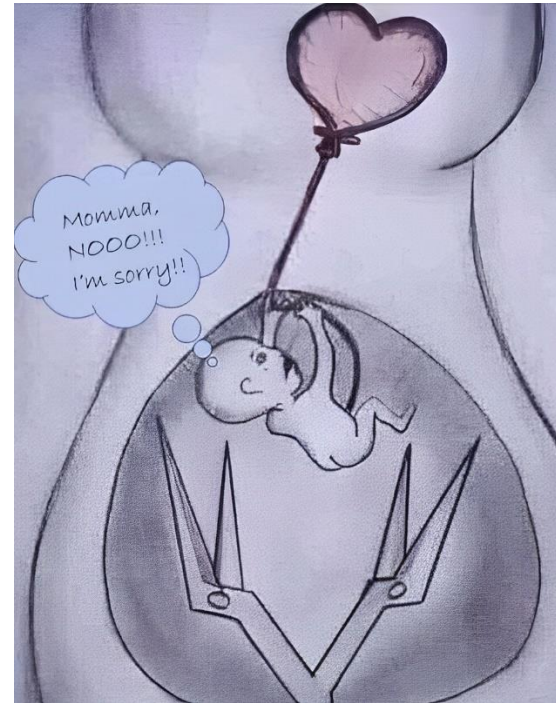
Note: **Isaiah 5:20** “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!”

9. Mao – get rid of religion, family, and property. Mao paid children to turn in their parents for execution.

Note: **Exodus 20:12** “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be

prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.”

10. Corrupt the seminaries, then corrupt the future pastors, and then corrupt the parishioners.
11. Churches – most no longer believe in Biblical creation, teach faith plus works, and promote LGBTQ.
12. Free sex in the 1960's led to legalized abortion in 1973. However, according to the Almighty God, abortion is murder!
(See “What Is Best for the USA?”)



13. COVID 19 – Churches were deemed non-essential, while marijuana dispensaries, strip clubs, and casinos remained open.
14. Forced Vaccines – many were required to take them or lose their

jobs. Many in the govt induced fear to get people to comply.

15. The BLC leadership team decided to remain open, keep our full service and class schedules, and require no shots, no masks, and no taking of temperatures. Result: Some people some left BLC, but others joined.

Note: **Acts 5:29** “...We must obey God rather than men.”

16. Freedom of Speech is nearly gone in America. Most major networks hide or twist the truth and spin evil to give it the appearance of good!

Note: Such people are condemning themselves and ruining our nation:

Matthew 12:37 “...by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Proverbs 19:5 “A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who tells lies will not escape.”

Note: Updated on July 18, 2019. The American Bar Association defines **hate speech** as “speech that offends, threatens, or insults groups, based on race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or other traits.” My preaching of God's word is meant to love people; however, some are certainly offended and may feel threatened or insulted.

17. What should Christians do?
 - a. Be silent and comfortable.
 - b. Speak the truth in love.