

Galatians 4:16

Have I therefore become your enemy by telling you the truth?

Martin Luther is quoted as saying during the 1500's, *"If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved and to be steady on all the battlefield besides is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that one point."* Church, it has come today, where speaking the truth in our society has become a dangerous business. Unfortunately, many ministers speak about many topics on Sunday morning, other than the truth of God's Word as it applies to today. Many messages are based around sports, NASCAR, Habitat for Humanity, or any of a number of other topics; but it is becoming more and more infrequent to hear the unashamed truth of the Word of God in our local churches! Churches have become more concerned with Political Correctness, instead of Biblical Correctness. Some men and women of God are afraid to share the truth that is burning in their hearts, because of the fear of man, whether in the church or outside of it. Still others have watered down the truth for so long, that perhaps they have forgotten why they ever entered the ministry. I am more than convinced that full time ministry is not a career that one chooses, but rather it is a calling that the Lord has upon one's life. Jesus Himself, said in **John 8:42**, **"...for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me."**

Throughout history, the masses have hated and even killed the messengers of God. Look at how the people in Jesus' day, hated Him for the truth which He spoke. Many people would rather live in denial, than have to face the truth staring back at them. Our nation is perhaps in graver danger today, than when it initially fought for its independence over two hundred years ago. Back then, the people were well aware of the severity of consequences should they fail in separating from England; but today, our nation doesn't even recognize that we're at war! Our problem is that the besetting sins in our lives and country have drawn us into a state of apathy and lethargy where we no longer recognize the danger that is all around us. The last time our military was as small as it is today, was prior to World War II; yet, the demands upon it are ever growing. Instead of our great land being the 'great melting pot' that it has been for the last two centuries, today we are being overrun by millions of illegal aliens that will eventually bankrupt our social services. The value of the American dollar is dropping continuously, and we all seem to pretend that everything will be as it always has been. This is not all that is taking place today; these are simply a few of the major issues that are screaming at us to stop and repent. Church, why can't we see that our Heavenly Father is doing everything to get our attention, in order to draw us back to Him? Thomas Jefferson said, *"Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, and that His justice cannot sleep forever."* If ever there was a day when the men and women of God needed to take a stand, it is today! Please pray with me that the Lord will raise up Godly leaders who are not afraid to speak the truth of His Word. Every one of us must choose whom we will fear more, God or man. That question alone, will determine which one we will serve. I exhort you today, to take a stand for truth and righteousness, even, if no one is standing around you!