

Why are There so Many Churches

Part 4

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Today is a day when we can look back in history and see why our discussion on the Topic, "Why are there so many Churches" is so important and relevant. Many of today's societies are threaten with genocide by leaders who consistently deny the God and the ideologies that the Holy Bible presents to us. It is obvious that many nations that adopt laws based on the Judeo/Christian philosophy seem to be stable and have a measure of respect for the human life and the importance of sustaining existing societies.

The basic freedoms that we enjoy as Christians should not be taken for granted but rather cherished. Instead of really cherishing our freedoms that are based on our traditional Judeo/ Christian's beliefs, we tend to abuse it. Our elected leaders and Law officials constantly demonstrate their lack of appreciation of Word of God that guides us and helps us develop into loving caring societies.

It must be noted that freedom without boundaries or limitations leads to chaos. In this country our freedoms are limited or governed by a constitution. There is also the Supreme Court that further develops Laws and make decisions that affect the national population. These are men, who other men think are wise enough to govern with a sense of responsibility to ensure that in our pursuit of happiness we don't trample the freedom of others. Many laws in the past had left terrible scars in the history of this country, even the civil war that led to the end of slavery here in America.

It was by a very distinguished President of this country that if the church had voiced its condemnation of slavery the lives of Sixty Two Hundred Thousand men would have been saved. This doesn't take into consideration men who died as slaves before and after the war. As the Church of Jesus Christ, it is very important that we develop

and spread the Good News of Jesus everywhere and establish houses of worship in every nation and continue making disciples for Christ.

Men, left to themselves, will continue to create chaos. The Bible records in Genesis 6:5-6 "God Himself look down upon His most loved creation and saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of the heart was only evil. And it repented the Lord He made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart."

We must put aside the distractions that may cause us to lose our focus on the sacred mission that God has entrusted to us (Go into all the world and preach the Gospel or go into every nation and let all people know that they are so precious that the creator of their very being sent His only Son so that we can be reconciled to Him).

There are many nations that are threatened with mass genocide, and it is very important that we don't take our Christ-given responsibility for granted but rise up as a force in the earth working diligently to fulfill the mission that we are entrusted with.

The following is a report that brings this article to reality: "This year marks the grim 20th anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda, the 100-days killing spree in which Hutu militants tried to eradicate the country's Tutsi population. Despite the promise of the international community to never let such horror take place again, several communities around the world are currently facing violence and mass persecution.

In a new report released on Tuesday (Sept. 22, 2015), the British non-profit Minority Rights Group warns that in several states, the risk of extreme ethnic or sectarian violence remains high.

The annual Peoples Under Threat Survey identifies those people or groups around the world that are most under threat of genocide, mass killing or other forms of systematic violent repression. The survey

evaluates six factors that genocide expert Barbara Harff identifies as key indicators of a risk for minorities -- political upheaval, previous genocides, exclusionary ideology of the ruling elite, autocratic nature of the regime, minority character of the ruling elite, and low trade openness.

Since the survey began in 2005, four countries have consistently topped the ranking: Somalia, Sudan, Afghanistan, and Iraq. This year, several countries rose up the list as their risk of atrocities increased, including Egypt, Central African Republic, Guinea Bissau, and Mali.

Ukraine was included in the list for the first time in 2014. The protests that unseated President Viktor Yanukovych in February included some ethnic nationalists, troubling Ukraine's ethnic Russians, Hungarians and Romanians, Minority Rights Group notes. Russia's subsequent annexation of Crimea raised concerns about the Tatar population, who had been forced out of the peninsula under the Soviet regime. Pro-Russian violence in eastern Ukraine is further heightening threat levels, the report concludes." The World Post 9/25/2015.