**Christendom Today**

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Christendom today, from a humanistic standpoint, can be seen in all types of stages, covering a wide panorama of differences.

For example, there are churches that are either exclusively homosexual or churches openly accepting homosexuals into their fellowship, both seeing homosexuality as simply an alternate lifestyle [in line with the world’s view]; then there are very liberal churches that bear little resemblance to that which Scripture teaches; there are more orthodox-type churches that are seemingly teaching correct biblical doctrine in a number of areas; there are churches that pride themselves on their fundamentalism, etc.

But there is one thing that, with rare exception, all of them have in common, revealing their true identity — as being *Laodicean [Rev. 3:14-22]*, not *Philadelphian [Rev. 3:7-13]*.None of them, with rare exception, *either know anything about or will have anything to do with the Word of the Kingdom*, *the central message of Scripture that the leaven has been centering its attack on for two millennia.* In fact, many of the churches that pride themselves on their fundamentalism, unlike many of the more liberal churches that are out of the mainstream of things in this respect, will often go out of their way *to fight teachings surrounding the Word of the Kingdom*.

And, because of the working of the leaven over two millennia of time, the preceding is perfectly understandable. The leaven knows no boundaries within Christendom, only one object — *destroy any and all teaching surrounding the Word of the Kingdom*.

True fundamentalism in Christianity would necessitate an adherence to the fundamentals of the Christian faith, which, of necessity, would have to center around the Word of the Kingdom. This is the way it was in Ephesus [the first of the seven churches in Revelation 2, 3], *until they left their first love*. And this is the way it must be in any church today that would look upon itself as *Philadelphian* rather than *Laodicean* — which would be an adherence to or a return to that which is taught and believed in Ephesus, to true fundamentalism, *before the Church left its first love*.

Between these two points, *there is no middle ground*. *A person*, *or a complete church*, *is either for Christ or against Christ* [Matthew 12:30; Luke 11:23]. A Church is either *Philadelphian* [centers its teaching on the Word of the Kingdom] or *Laodicean* [centers its teaching on other than the Word of the Kingdom]. And the latter, regardless of how fundamental they might appear to be, *are still Laodicean*, *not Philadelphian*.

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