

ASHAMED?

It has been said that the last bastion of permitted bigotry in our society is against Christians. You can't mock, discriminate or say evil things about any group within our culture. You must be tolerant of all. But the exception is the Christian. Christianity can be mocked and muzzled without anyone protesting. We can hear it, see it in newspapers, and watch it on TV. We can't say anything negative about any race, group, or religion, except for Christians, they are fair game. You can dump a cross in a jar of urine and call it art and have the government fund it, but don't dare carry a cartoon of Mohammed. You can call Christians hate-mongers for standing up for morality, but never call a terrorist "Islamic."

Part of this comes from the twisted governmental idea that it must no longer be "majority rule" in our country, but "minority controlled." Any minority, regardless of ridiculous their claims, can cry out to be heard and we acknowledge it, even allow preference at the expense of the majority opinion or voices. Many liberal secularists have publically stated as much, that we must recognize the rights of minorities, therefore majority doesn't matter. Christians are in the majority in our country by far. Believers in God are 90% or more of our culture.

Does it seem that Christians are ashamed of their message? It is put down as archaic or irrelevant today by the elitists. I will grant you that there are many people who claim to be Christian out there and especially the televangelists crowd that makes easy fodder for jokes. They do not help the cause, for sure. You are ashamed to be associated with them, but certainly not with the Christ of the Bible.

We are almost reaching the point where belief in God, the practice of Christianity is seen as being unenlightened and ignorant by segments of our society, therefore, it deserves to be mocked. The fact is that, by far, the great minds through the centuries have all been God-believers and most -Christians. It is the love and spirit of the Christian that brings the improvements to our world from caring for others to generous gifts to worthy causes to make life better. The Christian's life is built on solid foundation of historical facts and the truth that sets men free.

So why the paradox of the good and the majority being pictured as the mean and ignorant by media and others? Could it be because we have become ashamed of our faith, unwilling to face the masses with the message for fear of the mockery and bigotry? Why don't we stand up and speak out?

Paul declared –I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to the Jew and Gentile. Jesus said – for whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in His glory.

A great gospel song states- ***"For every moment, His hand has had mercy, for all the love He's shown in my life, a simple thanks doesn't say how I am feeling, I get tears in my eyes. So, as for me, I'm gonna keep on believing, in the One who has been faithful to me. Further we sing- I've got too much behind me to let this world blind me;, to some He is a name, but to me, He's my everything.***

I am not ashamed of the Gospel, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.