

## 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 – Covenant & Community, Part 3

### Introduction

1. Gate City Baptist Church Membership Covenant
2. Living in this perverse generation (**Romans 1:22-23**)
  - a. Rapid adoption of godless philosophies and practices
  - b. The intuition of the common man has been subverted through subtle, incremental movements toward antithesis against anything sacred – the world hates the Gospel
3. God is covenantal, His people are covenantal

### Ancient Paganism With Contemporary Progressive Clothes

1. How did we come to this point in our world? (Safe spaces, Critical Race Theory & Intersectionality, and the normalization of sexual perversions?)
2. The enemy has always been crafty and subtle (*Did God Really Say?* – Genesis 3)
  - a. The goal of the enemy: Steal, Kill, Destroy; destroy the image of God
  - b. God's Goal: Eternal life through His beloved Son
3. The world is under God's judgment and wrath
  - a. The fruit of sinful rebellion is evidence God has handed people over to their sin
  - b. How did we get here? It has always been here, since Adam fell into sin

### The Progressive Religion And Its Components

2. Culture is Religion Externalized
3. We worship God or Self, Creator or Culture – Culture gives birth to idols, what is deemed valuable and worthy
4. The pagan root of progressive culture bears false fruit – an erroneous sexual ethic, abortion, & an erroneous premise on race
5. The Components of the Progressive Religion
  - a. Who is god? Humanity, specifically collective humanity
  - b. What is revelation? The voice of the people
  - c. What is the law? The law of man that must be received and accepted from the voice of the people, no matter what, even to the exclusion of God and His Word
  - d. What is belief? Progressive: Everyone must think the same and agree in harmony; it is totalitarian in nature (no differing opinions) – up is down, right is left, good is evil!
    - i. The goal: Destroy hierarchical systems of society, destroy the nuclear family by destroying the patriarch
    - ii. How did we get here? Small steps ingrained over time
      1. Charles Taylor – Culture defines itself by *imagining* what it can become

2. Philip Rieff – Culture is defined by what is forbidden, namely by institutions (the university, the church)
  - a. Political Man, Religious Man, Economic Man, Psychological Man (a direction inward – feelings)
  - b. Today, we live in the world of psychological man (language of phobias, safe spaces, etc.)
3. Jean Jacques Rousseau – Society oppresses individual expressions of self; suppression of the authentic self
  - a. Institutions serve the individual find their sense of wellbeing
4. Psychological Man dominates our world, added with the destruction of traditional institutions (marriage, education);
5. Institutions must change to accommodate personal identity
  - a. What is its sacrifice? Abortion, human sacrifice – in order to have life, to keep living without the consequences of behaviors
  - b. What is its eschatology (last day aims)? Utopia; living as one
  - c. How will Utopia be ushered in? The State will enforce it and provide all you need
  - d. What is its religious growth method? Critical Race Theory, Intersectionality
    - i. The Biblical Narrative: Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration
    - ii. CRT: Oppressor/Oppressed, Activism, Revolt, Liberation
    - iii. Intersectionality: Who is the *most* oppressive? White, Christian, Heterosexual, Patriarchal, Male; who is the *most* oppressed? Black female transgender; constant change

### The Leaven In Our Church That Spoils The Whole Batch

1. 2019 SBC Convention – Resolution 9 is adopted, making CRTI an analytical tool to judge racial prejudice
2. 2021 SBC Convention – Resolution 9 is not rescinded
3. How can the Church be salt & light in the world?
  - a. Realize that SBC churches are autonomous – the convention has zero authority over its churches
  - b. We are to be a witness to the world – one way is through our church covenant as a protective/preserving statement
  - c. Contend for the Gospel (**Jude 1:3**)
  - d. Keep from manmade philosophies, psychology (**Col 2:8**)
  - e. Preserve/Guard the Gospel (**2 Timothy 1:13-14**)
  - f. Repentance and Redemptive Church Discipline (**1 Corinthians 5:6-8**)
  - g. Call out leaders in the SBC to repent and change