

Dear Precious Friends,

With so many fears in our nation today, from economic hardship—even potential economic collapse... To the fear our next President may secretly be a Muslim (see footnote below)¹... To the escalating moral decline in our country—more than ever we need to be trusting in JESUS! He is our **only** firm foundation. This present world is not our home, guys. With things “heating up”—so to speak—we need to make sure we’re on track with God!

I’m about to take a gamble here. We just left Las Vegas (where we only witnessed TO the gamblers!)... But we’re willing to gamble our lives (and ministry) for **your** sake (and the sake of your friends)!!

PLEASE READ THIS NEWSLETTER!!

This is this most important newsletter we’ve ever written. It is absolutely nothing like any we’ve done before. And it is urgent indeed!

Do we have eyes to see?

Christians in the **majority** of American Churches are being led astray in *mass numbers*...

This is happening in many ways!—but few of us have eyes to see it—not even those of us who take God quite seriously in our lives! It’s being spread by many, many **well-meaning** Pastors throughout this nation. (The *teachers of the teachers* are messed up and it “spreads down the ranks”...)

If you read this newsletter through to the end, almost certainly you are going to be SHOCKED by what you read. Please—I beg you to read it and can’t tell you how important it is!...

Jobs, Family, taxes, Friends—Who has time to study? Most of us barely read our Bibles an hour per week...

You love at least one person whose soul this letter might save

Actually, you probably *know* quite a few. Please bear with me as I start off simple for new Christians, and progress to information that will shock even Pastors.

¹ Please check out Joe Schimmel’s new DVD at www.7obamanations.org

Jesus said in the end times deception would be so intense, that Family would actually *turn in members of their own FAMILIES...* (Matthew 24:9-13)

What would bring many who call themselves *Christian* to such a spiritual state?

Starting off simple...

I'm going to assume you trust the Bible.

(If you're not sure about that—please write to us for a free book!)

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" and "No one comes to the Father except through Me".

His Grace is extended to all-

—but no matter how politically *incorrect* it may be in our society!—

Jesus was either a liar, a lunatic, or indeed He was LORD. There is no other Name given under heaven by which men must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

And this doesn't mean that a gentleman named "Jesus" born yesterday in Mexico City can save your soul! It's got to be the RIGHT Jesus!

We should all also know that a Mormon—who God loves!—nevertheless is not in a ***religion that can save them***—even though they believe in "Jesus"! Why? Because their Jesus (and God the Father) is radically *different* than the Jesus described in the Bible. They teach that Jesus and the God who created our world were birthed by *other* Gods... And they were originally born human like us and *evolved* to Godhood... And **YOU TOO** (if you're male) can evolve to being a God and getting YOUR OWN planet to rule over!!

(Sorry—if you're a woman, you only get to be perpetually pregnant! That is *if* your husband likes you enough to summon you...)

This is just one example of how different Mormonism is from the teaching of the Bible...

However, if you attend a Mormon church—you might not even know they teach that! Not in the ***beginning***...

In fact at first it looks *so similar* to Christianity... And they do so many GOOD things!... And take such good care of the poor!... And their family emphasis is Biblical and refreshing!... But then, *step-by-step*, they will indoctrinate you into many false teachings... And even though you may look like a "good person" on the outside—you'll be dying on the inside because you'll be disconnected from the REAL Jesus—who is the only source of LIFE.

This all may be easy to see—because their Jesus is SO different than the Jesus of the Bible—but what about ways maybe ***our*** church redefines what the Bible teaches?

How Important IS the BIBLE?

What if a sincere Catholic was wondering HOW there could be such trouble with sin within the priesthood in their church? If they read the Bible—they'd find out

it's because their church isn't following what it says! God never commanded them not to marry→ They'd even find out the **Apostles** had wives (including Peter!)

Or think about a group most know is a cult...

Let's say you were a Jehovah's Witness. Do you know that most follow their Bibles zealously? And they have a Bible verse to "back up" each of their teachings? But!—they've trusted their leader's *interpretations* of those verses. Plus years ago, their leaders just couldn't twist hard enough on certain Bible verses to get them to FIT what they taught—so they had to write their own version of the Bible! With sad results indeed...

But how does this apply to US?

OK. To Begin...

We all know the "Lord's Prayer," right? "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come..."—maybe you even memorized it as a kid!

Now I'm all for translating the Bible into *modern* English. But let's suppose you're reading your new Bible one day... And all of a sudden—you realize it CHANGED the prayer! Not just putting it into cool modern English—but completely changing the **meaning!** Instead of "Hallowed be thy Name"—it says "Reveal Yourself to me"!! Do those 2 statements even begin to mean the same thing?

Not that asking God to reveal Himself is a bad thing—but is one allowed to just CHANGE the Bible into words utterly different than they were? (And different than in **any** ancient Bible manuscripts?)

Well what if your Pastor's favorite new Bible has **HUNDREDS** (if not thousands) of similar changes?—including changes that:

- Minimize or TAKE OUT definitions of sin
- Water down "end-time" warnings
- ADD IN "new age" (occult) stuff
- Take out many of God's warnings, and which
- Takes out ANY reference to Jesus as the *Lord* Jesus!²
- E-mail us for a longer report with many examples—the changes are *shocking!*

We need to be gracious with our Pastors, as so many have SO little time for research... And what would *you* do if such a Bible was radically popular? And its contemporary language was so cool—it got people in your church to read the Bible for the first time ever!! Alas, it's easy to look at the positive and ignore red flags that should be going off in our spirits...

Nevertheless, this is a Bible a Pastor should WARN you about rather than promote. Yeah, sure, it's got great modern language. And much of it may be

²It calls Him "Master" Jesus instead... But for many readers, Master is just a title applied to many spiritual leaders or "gurus". For many, it makes them think of Jesus just as a good Teacher—rather than as Lord (of all creation!)

good. But this Bible has **far more radical changes** than Bibles even the cults use!³ This "Bible" is "The Message" Bible.⁴

Jesus said, "Narrow is the road that leads to life, and few there are that find it. Wide is the road that leads to destruction, and many there are that go that way"...

If we're not even reading a REAL Bible—yet *think* that we are!—Wow! That's REALLY dangerous!

And think about it—would YOU have the courage to change the Bible however you saw fit? So should you TRUST a writer who would do such a thing?! (The Bible says, "Whoever adds or subtracts from this book" is in big trouble with God! (Rev.22:18-19)

As one Christian writer put it:

"It's like Eugene Peterson, the guy who paraphrased The Message, took scissors to the Bible and cut out references to holiness, living righteously, and serving the One True God.

That's sort of scary."⁵

And, this same "Bible writer"—Eugene Peterson—promotes new age type meditation (warned against by Jesus in Matthew 6:7), promotes new age mystics⁶, and calls rock star Bono a modern day prophet!⁷

Do you think you should TRUST this Bible? _____ Yes _____ No

Perhaps you would choose to read it—but only with real CAUTION—and keeping in mind that it's NOT the real Bible.⁸ But I'm only just beginning here...

This is a WAKE-UP CALL...

Please hang in with me to the end of this letter! (I know it's not easy looking at some of this stuff!)

The Bible gives many warnings about false teachers spreading lies through the church world—**And** that it would get worse in the End Times.

And as you read about the "Seven Churches" in Revelation (Chapters 2 & 3), keep in mind these were *real* churches that existed **less than 100 years after Jesus**— But look how messed up 5 out of 7 of them had already become! I believe it's gotten far **worse** today...

In fact, Jesus said that near the end, there would be a GREAT falling away from the true faith. He even said: "When I return, will I find faith on the earth?"

The set up is happening Now.

³ For instance, it has FAR more changes in meaning than the Jehovah Witnesses' "New World Translation".

⁴ Please e-mail or write to us for longer reports on this stuff with LOTS of specifics! michaelsrose1@juno.com

⁵ <http://thegreatapostasy.wordpress.com/2008/06/01/the-message-a-few-comparison-verses-with-the-kjv/>

⁶ See article: <http://www.lighthouse-trailsresearch.com/themessage.htm> & <http://www.lighthouse-trailsresearch.com/blog/index.php?m=20070804>

⁷ <http://www.atu2.com/news/article.src?ID=4232> "He's thankful for U2's remarkable work of spreading a message...Peterson can hear, when Bono sings, the voice of the prophet in pop culture. Peterson wrote: "Is U2 a prophetic voice? I rather think so. And many of my friends think so. If they do not explicitly proclaim the Kingdom, they certainly prepare the way for that proclamation in much the same way that John the Baptist prepared the way for the kerygma of Jesus..."

See also: http://www.cephas-library.com/social_gospel_bono_building_bridges_to_unify_all_faiths.html And:

http://www.godtube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=8127d1a556f21f96500d

<http://lightingtheway.blogspot.com/2007/11/bono-is-he-emergent-christian.html>

⁸ As a Pastor, perhaps you could quote from it **where it stays true to the original meaning**—but also with words of caution to the flock.

But **God is good and you can count on Him no matter how crazy it gets!** (And if we've been deceived, we need to be gracious towards ourselves and others! Thank GOD He straightens us out, right?)

Nevertheless...

What if you're a really smart Pastor, well educated; you're influential over *thousands* of other Pastors, and you *know* that the "Message" Bible isn't a real Bible—yet you promote it? Let's call this teacher "Pastor X"...

A short Bible "QUIZ"...

We should all know what's wrong with the following picture:

"Pastor X" got the privilege of writing articles in a popular secular magazine. What an awesome opportunity to share the gospel! But instead, here were his main points:

- God accepts us unconditionally, and in his view we are all precious and priceless. Focus on this and you will not waste any time and effort trying to be someone you're not.
- Love Yourself
- Be True To Yourself
- Discover, accept and enjoy our unique "shape"Be content with them [our weaknesses].
- Believe in Yourself

...It's your choice. You can believe what others say about you, or you can believe in yourself as God does, who says you are truly acceptable, lovable, valuable and capable.

(Note: The above is a common approach Pastor X takes with secular audiences!)⁹

So keeping in mind that he's writing to many *unbelievers*... Is this the message God gives to the world, or is this a message of popular human psychology? Does God tell us to be true to ourselves when we're not even saved yet? (Or for that matter even after we're saved?)

Does He not tell us the opposite? That we're sinners before God and in grave need of forgiveness? That we need to TURN (repent) from our sin and follow **God**—not ourselves? This article may be popular psychology, but it's not Christianity.

I Know that Already...

Praise God! But what if it's also true that you LOVE the Pastor who wrote that article? (in the Ladies Home Journal, March 2005) What if you're about to discover that you have been impressed by and followed this Pastor's teachings? ***This will probably blow your mind...***

I'm starting to get to some real Nitty Gritty teachings...

⁹ One more example on video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvyvEIEDqrQ&feature=related>

Although he's taught some really *good* stuff too—what if Pastor X:

1) Endorsed a letter **to** Muslim leaders essentially saying we serve **the same God as Islam**... Asking forgiveness of the "All merciful One" (Allah) for the Crusades... Wrote as if love of neighbors is as important to Islam as it is to Christians... **Calls Mohammed a prophet**, and even says and I quote, "If we fail to make every effort to make peace and come together in harmony you correctly remind us that **"our eternal souls"** are at stake as well." ¹⁰ (my emphasis). Could it be that a *Christian* Pastor endorsed such a document?

When asked WHY/HOW he could sign such a letter to Islam, he said he didn't agree with all of it, but: As long as I'm talking with my enemy, "he's not sending a bomb my way." Could there be *any* valid reason to endorse such lies? He also...

2) Called Obama an amazing man with good character (and called his Pastor Dr. Jeremiah Wright a "great, Godly Preacher")¹¹

3) Quotes New Agers and Catholic Mystics favorably in his books¹²

4) Welcomes **Mormons** to his Pastoral training programs, explaining to USA Today, "I'm not going to get into a debate over the non-essentials... Why be divisive?"¹³

5) Very often distorts the true meaning of scripture to fit his teachings (and if he can't find a true Bible translation to support his point, uses an obscure or radical paraphrase (such as the Message Bible)

(How I wish there was room to give you several examples!)

But here's the SCARIEST part...

Pastor X is actually the single-most influential Pastor in both America and the world. In my mind, these next pages will tell you the MOST frightening part not only of this man's teachings, but of a trend happening in MUCH of the American Church.

Most churches aren't teaching a lot on "end times" nowadays. Many are even giving the impression that somehow WE (Christians) are going to "win" before Jesus comes back! Or that we'll at least greatly improve the planet before He returns. (Or—God forbid—that **WE** will be "Jesus" manifested in power—that WE'RE the "return" of Jesus!)

IS ANY OF THIS WHAT SCRIPTURE TEACHES?

It may be more PLEASANT to believe the Anti-Christ is not on the way—or that Revelation was somehow a MISTAKE in the Bible—but if you don't love the TRUTH, the Bible says you will be **deceived** by the great delusion God is going to allow on this planet. (2 Thess 2:10-12).

Stay devoted to Jesus, and keep reading His Word! *No matter what happens*, God will fill you with His Love! (and He won't put you through any more than you can bear!) Soon He will come to wipe away every tear from our eyes; the Prince of Peace WILL return to restore righteousness! (And we can't begin to *imagine* what He has in store for us!)

¹⁰ <http://www.acommonword.com/lib/downloads/fullpageadbold18.pdf> (A full page ad published in the New York Times showing all the Christian endorsements to this INCREDIBLE "Christian Response"!)

Also the document they were responding TO: <http://www.acommonword.com/index.php?lang=en&page=option1>

And an excellent commentary: http://www.barnabasfund.org/news/archives/article.php?ID_news_items=342

And finally Warren's response to criticism: http://worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=59110

11 . <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0612/15/sitroom.02.html> Aired December 15, 2006 - 17:00 ET

Please read this article: http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=52998

¹² Aldous Huxley, Norman Vincent Peale, Bernie Siegel + Catholic mystics, non-Christians and even a writer of erotic literature!

¹³ http://www.usatoday.com/life/2003-07-21-rick-warren_x.htm

But Before then, what does God say about End Times?

If this hugely influential Pastor (who I've already demonstrated to you is not exactly trustworthy!) has a *worldwide peace plan* (that the United Nations loves!)—shouldn't our antennas be UP—even sounding an alarm? The Bible teaches that the only worldwide peace that will come before Jesus' return is the *false, temporary* peace of the Anti-Christ...

Does the Bible say there will be peace BEFORE Jesus returns?

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child; and they will not escape. (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3)

Jer 8:11 For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when [there is] no peace.

Dan 8:25 And through his (the Antichrist's) policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify [himself] in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many:

Luk 12:51(Jesus) Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, no; but rather division

Who do you think is going to fall away in the great apostasy? It's people who call themselves CHRISTIANS... *Are Christians right now being set-up to walk into the Antichrist's regime?*

The P.E.A.C.E. PLAN

OK. A Baptist Pastor X with a worldwide Peace Plan—that's right, BEFORE Jesus returns.

I find his "P.E.A.C.E." plan to be so disturbing; especially because it keeps *changing*...

But let's start with the "original" plan! Pastor X said he was looking at the five worst problems on our planet: Spiritual Lostness, Lack of Godly Leaders, Poverty, Disease, and Lack of Education. (He also calls them the "five giants")

Indeed, spiritual "lostness" is a decent way to describe man's biggest problem—this starts off sounding pretty good. ESPECIALLY because the SOLUTION sounds like it could be the Great Commission!! Check it out:

P = Planting Churches

E = Equipping the Leaders

A = assisting the poor

C = caring for the sick

E = educating the next generation

So why do I have a problem with this?

Do I dare say he was lying? Or did he just radically change his mind?

When Pastor X first unveiled this "Peace" plan, he had a stadium full of Christians **covenant** dedicate their lives, celebrating together...

Did he forget about them when he went to talk with the journalists and interfaith organizations? Because there he starts **changing the "P."** That's right—P is no longer about **planting** churches—but rather **partnering!** Partnering with what *kind* of churches, you might ask? Well, ALL kinds! That's right... Hindu, Muslim, Mormon...
(Get out of the pot before the frog boils!)¹⁴

To Quote "Pastor X":

"And the PEACE Plan is an acronym. "P" is "Partner with churches"; you find a church in the area to partner with, or you plant a church if there isn't one there. "E" is "Equip leaders." ...

... When Jesus sent the disciples – this will be my last point – when Jesus sent the disciples into a village he said, "Find the man of peace." And he said, "When you find the man of peace you start working with that person, and if they respond to you, you work with them. If they don't, you dust the dust off your shoes; you go to the next village." **Who's the man of peace in any village** – or it might be a woman of peace – who has the most respect, they're open and they're influential? **They don't have to be a Christian. In fact, they could be a Muslim**, but they're open and they're influential and **you work with them to attack the five giants**. And that's going to bring the second Reformation.¹⁵

(EMPHASIS ADDED)

May I ask how in the world a Muslim leader is going to help attack the giant of spiritual lostness?

Perhaps this sheds light on Pastor X's views. He stated:

"I happen to know people who are followers of Christ in other religions."¹⁶

And

I have known many people who believe in the Messiah of Jesus, regardless of what religion they are, because they believe in him. It's about a relationship, not a religion."¹⁷

He's also stated that *Fundamentalists* will be one of the *big enemies* of the 21st Century!¹⁸

And

(Emphasis added)

"Unity Comes from Purpose, Not from Anything Else"¹⁹

All this is sliding towards a *partnership* with other religions (*Even a merging with?*)

You know it's interesting. I had an encounter with two Muslim evangelists in Santa Monica—I'm trying to convert them, they're trying to convert me—it was actually a little comical! But do you know what their approach was? They said Christianity is really *part* of Islam—and **they believe in Jesus too!** They even believe he was Messiah!

But their Jesus is a COMPLETELY DIFFERENT Jesus. They do not believe He was God nor the Son of God; **nor do they believe He died for our sins.**

Amazing that Pastor X believes Muslims can help us solve the world problem of spiritual lostness. He's finally (at least) become somewhat more *honest* about his PEACE plan: He's **officially** changed the "P"—it now stands for "Promoting Reconciliation"!

¹⁴ If you put a frog into a pot of cold water, and slowly turn up the heat... Because the temperature change is gradual he literally will sit in the pot until he's cooked—he won't even bother jumping out!

¹⁵ The quote from: Event Transcript The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life

"Myths of the Modern Mega-Church" Monday, May 23, 2005 Key West, Florida

For the whole transcript see: <http://pewforum.org/events/index.php?EventID=80>

Another source: He changed the acronym to have "P" stand for "Partnering" in his keynote speech at the Religious Newswriters convention on Sept. 29, 2005, where Warren states that he is getting 400,000 churches to participate in his plan. See <http://www.rna.org/meetingdates.php#miamithursday>

¹⁶ Aspen Ideas Festival, The Aspen Institute, July 6, 2005. "Discussion: Religion and Leadership," with David Gergen and Rick Warren, <http://www.aspeninstitute.org/site/c.huLWJeMRKpH/b.901097/k.COC7/Agenda.htm>. Transcribed from the audio available at Lighthouse Trails Research Project, <http://www.lighthousestrailsresearch.com/newsletter/november05.htm>.

¹⁷ Interview with Rick Warren, CNN Larry King Live, Aired December 2, 2005, <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0512/02/lkl.01.html>.

¹⁸ "Warren predicts that fundamentalism, of all varieties, will be one of the big enemies of the 21st century... "Muslim fundamentalism, **Christian fundamentalism**, Jewish fundamentalism, secular fundamentalism - they're all motivated by fear. Fear of each other."

News story by Journalist, Paul Nussbaum in the January 8th 2006 edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer

¹⁹ Rick Warren, speaker at the Baptist World Centenary Congress -- "Cleansing Water," July 30, 2005, transcribed from Congress Internet Video Streaming, <http://www.bwacongress2005.org.uk/feature.asp?id=832#>.

A worldwide Peace plan—where Christians will join hands with members of all religions **and governments** for the sake of humanitarian goals.²⁰

But the word of God says:

"Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? ...come out from them and be separate..." (2Corinthians 6:14-17)

Those Christians who had **thought** his P.E.A.C.E. plan was about the Great Commission when they covenanted with Pastor X in 2005, well...

The BIG WHOPPER...

Maybe they should they have known something was "amiss"... when as part of the unveiling of the "Peace Plan", Pastor X **sang the song "Purple Haze"!** What?! Yeah... Had the worship team back him up; no kidding.

In case you're not familiar with this song, it was written by Jimi Hendrix, who promoted drug use among America's youth in the 1960's, was deeply involved with the occult, thought he was possessed by evil spirits, and who tragically died intoxicated on barbiturates (choking on his vomit—forgive the graphic details). Not exactly a role model.

Now look at the LYRICS of this song:

Jimi Hendrix - Purple Haze Lyrics
Purple haze all in my brain
Lately things just don't seem the same
Actin' funny, but I don't know why
'Scuse me while I kiss the sky
Purple haze all around
Don't know if I'm comin' up or down
Am I happy or in misery?
Whatever it is that girl put a spell on me
Purple haze all in my eyes
Don't know if it's day or night
You got me blowin', blowin' my mind

Is it tomorrow, or just the end of time? (I underlined the last line of the song intentionally).

(c)1967 Jimi Hendrix, Smash Hits album

Why would any Pastor pick THIS song to open his official presentation of his worldwide PEACE plan to 35,000 Christians at Angel Stadium?²¹

And then Pastor X said his Peace Plan messages were the **most important series** of messages **ever taught** at his church...

²⁰ At the 2008 World Economic Forum, he declared,

"The future of the world is not secularism, but religious pluralism..." Referring to the ills besetting the world, he declared, "We cannot solve these problems without involving people of faith and their religious institutions. It isn't going to happen any other way. On this planet there are about 20 million Jews, there are about 600 million Buddhists, there are about 800 million Hindus, there are over 1 billion Muslims, and there are 2.3 billion Christians. If you take people of faith out of the equation, you have ruled out 5/6's of the world..." <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGytW4yh0C8>

Rick Warren has also often talked of the "3-legged stool" needed to conquer the world's giants-The 3 legs being Faith organizations, businesses, and governments (!!)

²¹ (Even if he did make a joke of it)

And, "Our goal will be to enlist 'one billion foot soldiers for the Kingdom of God,' who will **permanently change the face of international missions** to take on these 'global giants'..."
(Emphasis added)

Well, indeed; if Planting Churches has become backseat to "Promoting Reconciliation" with those of other religions... And if this REALLY is a social cause crusade rather than the Great Commission given by our Lord Jesus Christ... Then he is probably RIGHT that it will change the face of international missions. Because most of America is enamored with this "Pastor"; His name is Rick Warren.

Please forgive me if this is a Leader you've looked up to. And please understand, that *many true Christians* gleaned Biblical things **as well** from his book! The most dangerous teachings are when error is MIXED in with good—**otherwise we'd see through it**. There was much good in "The Purpose Driven Life"; had American hearts not FIRST been captured by it, then what Rick's doing *now* would be raising far more alarms.

There is much good Rick Warren has ALSO taught, and there is much humanitarian good he is doing in the world. He is "officially orthodox" in his beliefs, and has often taught more "solid" stuff—including much that *contradicts* what I have shown here in this letter. But when we say one thing one day—and then contradict it with both our *actions and words* on another day...?

Truthfully, if we were being good Bereans, there were plenty of red flags to be seen...

Did Jesus say He would be POPULAR?

How could it be that the whole world seemed to love "The Purpose Driven Life"?

Jesus said His Gospel would be an offense to the world; the Bible says that friendship with the world is hostility towards God; and Jesus said we would be hated—even by all nations—for His Name's sake... (John 15:18-19, James 4:4, John 16:2-3 & 17:14, Matt 24:9 also 2 Cor 11:14-15 & 1 John 4:5,6)

How could it be that people of all religions loved this book?

*Because it didn't really confront sin nor speak of repentance; nor did it **define Jesus or the Gospel CLEARLY enough** to challenge the beliefs of so many... Because it highlighted every GOOD thing about God, while rarely mentioning the *warnings* of God... Because it appealed to our emotional needs (and made the sinner feel good about themselves); but it didn't give enough of the unadulterated *whole* counsel of God...*

*If you were already saved, within the "mix" you could still glean several very good things. But for the unbeliever who was coming to God for a *sense of purpose*—rather than to get right with a *holy God*—*

It was sadly inadequate, even misleading.²² Oh there's SO much more I could share!!!! (There's simply no more room)

Travelling across the country, we see so much; we grieve for the American church. Please, please consider the things of this letter, and tell us if you'd like to hear more! We realize though that many will prefer we'd brought up none of this; some will even ask to be taken off our mailing list. We expect our hearts to be saddened. *But if you'd like more details about this or similar subjects, please let us know!!* We're doing this because we CARE.

We love you all. **Mike & Val**

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²²While some undoubtedly got saved in spite of this, many others were TOLD they were saved when they weren't...PDL P58