

ENEMIES OF GOD

Political correctness is a set of beliefs that is in total opposition to God and righteousness. It is the system of the most ungodly and immoral people on earth. It is preached by our news and entertainment industry, supported by most radical politicians and is being taught to our children as truth.

The politically correct say we must support abortion on demand, accept homosexuality as an alternate lifestyle, decriminalize drug use, restrict religious freedoms, teach evolution as a fact, punish the hard-working citizen while rewarding the indolent, open our borders to illegal aliens, take weapons of defense from honest citizens, downsize our military to a point of ineffectiveness, allow for exorbitant lawsuits in our legal system, give preferences to minorities, oppose capitalism and support socialism, tax people so as to redistribute whatever assets are available, give government controlled agencies more power and individuals less freedom, entrench the political party that is politically correct and attack the opponents of political correctness at every turn. They also claim that they will save the planet from the people who live on it.

God is not politically correct. He said, *"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ"* (Colossians 2:8). God wants us to obey Him, not the proponents of political correctness that are so numerous in our society today.

It's time to point out the enemies of God living among us. It's the politically correct that are seeking to destroy our souls by their incessant heresies.

- Rick Cunningham, Crosbyton Church of Christ, Crosbyton, TX (via *Bulletin Digest*) -

Minds, like streams, may be so broad that they're shallow.

News & Notes

PHONE NUMBER CHANGE: Pat Allison's correct phone number is: 330-383-3104. Please make the correction in your directory.

GRAVESIDE COMMITTAL SERVICE: Next Saturday, May 29th at Noon, New Cumberland Cemetery for Glenn, Shirley and Sarah Arnott. The Arnotts were part of this congregation several years ago.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Postponed until Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

CHESTER'S LADIES DAY: Saturday, May 6th. Registration & Continental Breakfast: 9:00-9:30 a.m. Program: 9:45-11:45 a.m., Lunch provided. Speakers: Danielle Burch & Tam Raynor of the Hanoverton congregation.

PANTRY: Instant mashed potatoes.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Beaver Medical Center (Rehab): Jim Hadley. **Weirton Medical Center:** Debbie Waite, Nancy Cox. **Fox - Chester:** Mary Johnson (Lois Hissom's sister). **Calcutta Health Care:** Peggy Linger. **At Home:** Becky McKitrick, Karen & David Strum, Blondenia Orr, Mike West, Barbara DeLong, Claudette Miller, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Lori Rowand (John Sprout's niece). **Fox, Pepperberry Suites, Chester:** David McCoy. **In Ohio:** Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon OH 44432. **In Indiana:** Bill Miller. **In Rehab:** Sharon Beck. Home address: 807 Camden Ave., Weston, WV 26452.

Mind Control

By Joe Slater

Unscrupulous characters in many walks of life, including religion, seek to control other people's minds. Their tactics include manipulation, brainwashing, and coercion. We ought to reject any and all efforts by other people to control our minds.

God's word teaches that we control our own minds. The fact that He tells us to renew our minds and set our minds on specific things shows that not even God Himself overrides our free will.

Why would we need to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (as per Romans 12:2 and Ephesians 4:23)? Why would Colossians 3:1-2 exhort us to set our minds on things that are above? God's word provides the answer from several angles.

Before we knew Jesus, we were "alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works" (Colossians 1:21). Hostility toward God begins in the mind! Only by renewal of the mind can we be reconciled to Him.

When people reject knowing God, the Lord "(gives) them over to a debased (unapproved) mind" (Romans 1:28). Because they don't approve Him, He doesn't approve them! The mind must be renewed before God will accept them.

Enemies of God, not wishing to know Him, naturally have "corrupt minds" (1 Timothy 6:5). Titus 1:5 makes the same point speaking of both mind and conscience being "defiled." Such minds focus not on things above, but earthly, carnal matters. Unless the mind is renewed and refocused, eternal destruction surely awaits!

Who controls your mind? Do you need to renew your mind?

- Church of Christ, Justin, TX (*BulletinGold.com*) -