

THE BLAME GAME: We are not able to blame God for the increase in earthly disasters, violence, sin and the general disorientation of societies and cultures due to the increase in chaos bred by this unleashed immorality.

The fault is entirely due to the failure of Christians individually and the Christian church corporately to oppose evil with all the means that Christ has given it (unbridled love, fasting, prayer, discernment, proclamation, miracles, healing, the gift of the Holy Spirit).

No, not only does the Christian church not oppose the evil of this age, all too often it agrees with it (by silence and inaction) refusing to cast the evil man out of its midst.

In effect, much of the Christian church has learned to partner with evil under the guise of a just tolerance.

The Scripture says that 'My people perish from a lack of knowledge.' (Hosea 4: 6 (KJV)), and Jesus indicts religious leadership of his time saying: 'For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.' (Matthew 5:20 (NIV)).

There is a distinct linkage between holiness in the pastorate and the salvation of souls!

Again Jesus says: 'Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit' (Matthew 15:14 (NIV)).

Woe and alas, what a burden it is to be witness to such a vast disintegration, such a lurid emptiness, such an increasing and unopposed apostasy.

Yet, true Christians -though few in number, must press on, unafraid, full of faith, and be an enduring steadfast witness as to the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ -yes, even at the cost of his or her own earthly life.

Jesus saves!

Lord, give us the wisdom and strength we need, we pray.