

## Sand Castles

Sunday Morning, January 3, 2015

### Introduction: (John 14:6)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

If we accept God as the truth, then God and truth should be in all areas of our lives!

### I. Building on the Rock or Sand? (Matt 7: 24 – 26)

24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

The Rock - Birth of America

Constitution

Christ in the Culture of our society

The Fifties - The golden age...

Church was common in our culture

The Sand -

The Sixties - Non-conformist

Free love/sex

Breaking from traditional American culture/history

God is Dead

The Seventies to Present - No Absolute Truth

Increased Suicide

No God/No Hope

Moral Values change into Moral Chaos

Spiritualism/Occultic practice increase

Modern/Contemporary Science -

Biogenetics - pick gender or color of baby's eyes

Bionic Technology - Mechanical prosthetics or implants (good in themselves, but changing God's design for improving our strength and skills so we fight war better, etc, or join us with technology to play games with our minds, etc.)

Transhumanism - Taking attributes of animals and biogenetically implanting genes/dna/cells into human dna. Creating a new type of human. So much so they have to re-define the law to allow for "non-human" constitutional rights.

Many of these concepts have been introduced in to society through TV's and Movies for decades to soften us to them. Many things like lost pets, seniors with Alzeihmers, stolen babies, and terrorism are also being used to soften us to use of technology and genetic altering for our protection and health.

### II. Satan is a Liar!

Satan wants to distort and pervert the truth of God and His Word

#### (I Peter 5: 8 – 9)

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

### **(John 8: 42 – 47)**

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.

43 Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him.

When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.

46 Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?

47 He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

Man was given dominion over the earth

### **(Genesis 1: 26 – 27)**

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. New Age/Ancient Occult:

People are equal with Nature and Animals

Transhumanism is biogenetically blending animal genes with humans (kind of like the old classic sci-fi "The Island of Dr. Moreau").

Not only are we created in the Image of God (Physically, Spiritually, and Emotionally), but...

### **III. Christians Are Called to Reflect the Character of God**

#### **(Romans 12: 1 – 2)**

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

#### **(I Corinthians 10:31)**

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Today, God is no longer center of our culture or government.

God is now Compartmentalized

i.e., "God has no business in most areas of our lives, but only in the area of religious practice."

#### **Conclusion:**

#### **(I Corinthians 15:58)**

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.