

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN LONE OAK

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MAKING HAVOC OF THE CHURCH

Acts 7:57, 58; 8:3; Gal. 1:13

VARIOUS TYPES OF CHURCH WRECKERS

1. Saul Made Havoc of the Church: (1 Cor. 15:9)

1. By a campaign of cruel, ruthless hate and murder. This is the devil's method in many places.

11. This method especially used when Christianity was first introduced into a country.

(a) Italy a present day example. Their treatment of our missionaries.

2. Constantine Made Havoc of the Church:

1. Converted when he thought he saw in the sky a vision of the Cross just outside Rome at Milvian Bridge, October 27, 312 A. D.

11. He made Christianity the state religion. Under him the church came to be more political.

111. He did some good things:

(a) His Edict of Toleration in 313 A. D. gave full religious liberty. This was the first law of its kind.

(b) He made the first day of the week a day of rest. Forbade all ordinary work. Gave soldiers leave for church services.

3. Theodosius Made Havoc of the Church: (378-95 A. D.)

1. He made church membership compulsory. Church filled with unconverted.

11. Under him the church became more of a political organization and took its nose-dive into the millenium of Papal Abominations.

4. How Men Make Havoc of the Church Today:

1. By popularizing the church.

(a) It has become popular but weak.

(b) It has become rich but poor. Rev. 3:17

(c) It has become worldly but spiritless. 1 Tim. 5:6

2. By "Factionizing" the Church. 1 Cor. 1:10-13

James 3:16

(a) Factions, contentions, strife, wreck the membership. 1 Cor. 3:3

(b) Who can measure the woe, or repair the damage done to the church by internal foes?

5. The Greatest Havoc of the Church Today is Made by its Friends. They Wreck the Church by Neglect.

1. They believe in the church but do not help support it. They rob the church and therefore God and Christ of their:

(a) Time

(b) Money

(c) Christian Influence

11. They belong to the church but do not attend the worship.

(a) Steadfastness (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 15:58).

(b) Faithful to Assemble (Hebrews 10:23-25).

(c) The result if STEADFASTNESS and FAITHFULNESS be lacking (Jude 19).

Revelation 2:10

"...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown life."

PLAN YOUR LIFE FOR JESUS AND WORK YOUR PLAN

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VARIOUS TYPES OF CHURCH MEMBERS

1. God made love of the Church: (1 Cor. 13:13)
 1. By a comparison of words, phrases and sentences. This is the devil's method in many places.
 2. This method especially used when Christianity was first introduced into a country.
 - (a) I feel a present day example. Their treatment of our missionaries.
2. Constantine made love of the Church:
 1. Converted when he thought he saw in the sky a vision of the Cross (312 AD) at Milan Bridge, October 27, 312 AD.
 2. He made Christianity the state religion. Under him the church came to be more political.
 3. He did some good things:
 - (a) His Edict of Toleration in 313 AD gave full religious liberty. This was the first law of the kind.
 - (b) He made the first day of the week a day of rest. (forbade all ordinary work. Gave soldiers leave for church services.
3. Theodosius made love of the Church: (380-395 AD)
 1. He made church membership compulsory. Church fines which were unconverted.
 2. Under him the church became more of a political organization and took its nose-dive into the mire of Papal domination.
4. How Men Made Love of the Church Today:
 1. By popularizing the church:
 - (a) It has become popular but weak.
 - (b) It has become rich but poor. (Rev. J. I. Packer)
 - (c) It has become worldly and superficial. (Rev. J. I. Packer)
 2. By "modernizing" the Church: (Rev. J. I. Packer)
 - (a) Theology, contentions, styles, words, the membership. (Rev. J. I. Packer)
 - (b) Who can measure the way, or repeat the words done to the church by internal foes?
5. The Greatest Love of the Church Today is Made by its Friends. They Work the Church's Interest.
 1. They believe in the church but do not help support it. They rob the church and therefore God and Christ of their:
 - (a) Time
 - (b) Money
 - (c) Christian Influence
 2. They belong to the church but do not attend the worship:
 - (a) Sabbath School (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 14:26)
 - (b) Church Assembly (Hebrews 10:25-26)
 - (c) The result is CHERIDMENT and FAITHFULNESS be lacking (John 13).

Revolution 1910
...be thou that thou who shalt, and I will give thee a crown
REMEMBER YOUR LIFE AND YOUR PLACE