

Grace Unraveled  
Commitment vs Surrender  
2 Corinthians 11:16-33

Much has been revealed about evangelicalism in recent years. We are beginning to see just how susceptible the church is to being tied to the world and its politics. The Reformation began 500 years ago partly because the church maintained an unhealthy relationship with the world. With the rise of cultural Christianity today, we are seeing the need for a new Reformation.

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Jesus did not create the church to become an isolationist sub-culture. He didn't create the church to become a country club designed to cater to the whims and preferences of its members. The church was created to be a training ground for developing disciples who would take the gospel to the nations. Jesus gave His life for His church; He was fully surrendered to His mission. Through the gospel He makes it possible for us to be surrendered as well.

Reflection

Spend some time in prayer and ask God to help you honestly evaluate your level of commitment to His church and surrender to the advancement of His kingdom. How many times have you shared the gospel this week or even invited someone to come and hear it preached by someone else? How much time do you spend individually with God preparing to meet corporately with Him? Do you think the church is here to cater to you and your preferences? Do you have a membership mentality or a stewardship mentality? Do you want people to see how great your church is or do you want them to see how great Jesus is? How will they see how great Jesus is unless you show them and tell them?