

Revelation: The Promise of Glory
An Unholy Triumvirate
Revelation 13:1-18

It is no secret that our society is becoming increasingly more secular. The church finds itself the target of a government that is becoming more and more hostile toward those who subscribe to biblical Christianity. At the same time, there are people under the umbrella of Christendom pushing the church to embrace the new and ever-changing cultural norms of our time.

1. People are deceived by Satan's _____.
 - A. Empires function as _____ authority.
 - B. Empires do not tolerate _____ to Christ.

2. People are deceived by Satan's _____.
 - A. He massacres all who _____ him.
 - B. He marks all who _____ him.

True Christians must maintain loyalties to Jesus and His kingdom no matter what it costs. We cannot excessively intertwine our civic responsibilities with the mission of the gospel, and at the same time, we must reject the influence of a cultural peer pressure that seeks to move us to what they believe to be the "right side of history." Our message must be clear and concise and centered succinctly on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. This gospel alone is the source and strength of our hope.