

Tax Deductible

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Recently, I ran across an interesting website, 'Barbwire,' a Christian-based site. I was amazed and very pleased with what I saw there, posted in plain sight for anyone to see, which absolutely underscored what I have been saying about the church needing to get themselves far away from the non-profit status they currently enjoy. Barbwire says the following:

"Question: "Is my donation tax deductible?"

Answer: Heck no! We don't want the government telling us what we can and can't say! Do you?"

This is it exactly! If the church wants to openly preach about sin and that Jesus is the answer to it, they have GOT to get themselves away from, metaphorically, Egypt!

I have used a saying, 'Take my money, take my brand!' for quite some time. The church thinks they can preach what they want to? Have you read of churches which have been told by governmental authorities they will not preach against homosexuality, note the government does not tell them to NOT preach against murder, but they will preach 'transgenderism,' they are to blur the lines between men and women restrooms? will not promote homeschooling and more? Why? Principally, because they have 501(c)(3), non-profit status; that is, tax exempt. Not good. The church has subjected itself to Egyptian rule and their law.

While the church is answerable to God, the thought is they have a 'right' to preach what the Word of God says no matter who says, no, and such is correct for them to do so; but they are against the current, when the government is telling them, not everywhere, as yet; however, what the church will and will not say. Why? Because, again, the tax law under which the church has placed themselves, overrides. Why? Money.

While I was in Oregon, I spoke with a professor from Judson Bible College. While we talking along this line he suddenly said, "If we preached what you are saying here we would have to close our doors!" I said, "Maybe you should, and maybe you should to get yourself a straight job."

I certainly realize what I am saying will run cross-cut to very many people, but, as an aside, want to see the potential happening when people are told their contributions to the church are not tax deductible? How many people, except for those whose hearts are stirred to give not because of the tax deduction they will receive but for their desire to contribute for the sole cause of the ministry, would continue to give? I am not a 'cool' person here, but I did not want anyone in the church to know what I gave, or when.

Faced with mandates from the government to cease preaching about sin in all its facets and the answer to it, Jesus, there are churches which have caved in to the pressure. Two things, therefore, become apparent, one, the church becomes 'state run;' and, two, the Word of God becomes bound, censored; that is, to the suppression of unacceptable parts of the Word of God by the the government. Second Timothy 2:9 states, "[B]ut the word of God is not bound." The church can not allow the Word to be bound by anyone.

Does the church want to speak more freely? Then they must free themselves from the law. The church is to be free but can only be so when it becomes dis-entangled from the law of a country they believed would grant them to receive money without the tax burden. what follows are two scriptures to clarify the point: Isaiah 31:1 "Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help . . ." and Jeremiah 17:5, "Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from the Lord."