

When Biblical Christianity Makes You Seem Radical

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In a time where Christianity is often diluted to fit societal norms, those who hold fast to Biblical truth are increasingly seen as radical. This should come as no surprise. Jesus never called us to a life of comfort, but to a life of unwavering devotion, sacrifice, and obedience.

One of the greatest dangers facing the church today is spiritual lukewarmness. Jesus Himself warned against this when He addressed the church of Laodicea: "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth." (Revelation 3:15-16)

A lukewarm faith is neither passionate nor completely rejecting of God, it exists in a state of complacency, satisfied with mediocrity. Many churches and Christians today have embraced this watered-down version of faith. They avoid hard truths, prefer comfort over commitment, and blend in with the world rather than standing out as salt and light.

But Jesus calls us to something greater.

Christianity was never meant to be a passive belief system. Jesus' words to His disciples were radical: "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." (Luke 9:23)

The cross was not a symbol of comfort, it was a tool of execution. To take up our cross daily means to die to self, forsake the world's approval, and live fully surrendered to Christ.

Paul echoed this radical commitment in his own life: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

This level of dedication is what Biblical Christianity has always been about, yet in modern times, even basic obedience to Scripture is seen as extreme.

Jesus made it clear that those who follow Him wholeheartedly will be rejected by the world: "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you." (John 15:18)

The apostles faced persecution, imprisonment, and death because they refused to compromise the truth. Today, standing for Biblical marriage, the sanctity of life, moral purity, and absolute truth can make you seem intolerant, outdated, or even hateful in the eyes of the world.

Yet, we are not called to conform to the culture, we are called to be transformed: "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." (Romans 12:2)

A true disciple of Christ will always stand out.

A lukewarm faith has no power. It does not produce true disciples, and it cannot stand against the pressures of the world. Jesus warned against half-hearted commitment: "No one can serve two masters; for either he will

hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” (Matthew 6:24)

Lukewarm Christianity seeks to please both God and the world, but in doing so, it pleases neither. The greatest threat to the church today is not persecution, but complacency, believers who attend church, speak Christian phrases, but live no differently than the world.

Now, more than ever, we need Christians who are bold in their faith. Paul urged Timothy: “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” (2 Timothy 1:7)

It takes courage to stand for truth when society calls you radical. It takes faith to walk the narrow road when so many choose the broad path. But the reward of faithfulness is eternal.

Jesus promised: “Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.” (Revelation 2:10)

If your obedience to Scripture makes you seem radical, then so be it. Biblical Christianity has always been radical. Jesus was radical. The apostles were radical. The early church was radical.

The question is: Are you willing to be?