

IRS 501-c3 Tax Code Regulations: A Shadow Church Government

***Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.
(Ephesians 1:20-23)***



Under the legal authority of the U.S. Constitution and God's commandments, cooperation with 501-c3 tax code regulations is both illegal and idolatrous!

"No, 501-c3 isn't good stewardship! You don't know how much money and pain you have cost this nation and the world by remaining silent about evils you should have been exposing! You've loved yourself more than God and others."

Introduction

As bizarre as this may sound to some, the professing Christian church of the Lord Jesus Christ in the United States of America is controlled by a shadow government. This shadow government is an arm of the U.S. Federal Government. It influences the administration and teaching of the vast majority of the professing American Christian church.

The Holy Spirit warned us through Jude of the danger of fraudulent Balaam-like leaders. Jude warned us that they would run greedily after financial reward. He foretold that they would enter the body stealthily and lead it astray into idolatry. The deceived would be blind to both their deceivers and the deception. In spite of Jude's warning, most professing Christians remain currently unaware that covetous leaders disguised as

ministers of righteousness are facilitating the subtle influence of an ungodly shadow government over them in exchange for financial reward.

The shadow government I'm referring to is the U.S. Federal Government's 501-c3 IRS Tax Code regulations. Pastors who cooperate with these regulations shirk their responsibility to discern and disseminate truth. This is both illegal and idolatrous under the authority of the U.S. Constitution and God's holy commandments!

Have you ever asked a pastor if the church he pastors is a 501-c3 church and have him act like he doesn't know what you're talking about?

For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. (Isaiah 59:3)

Have you ever wondered why your pastor doesn't passionately call for truth in our institutions and corporations; raise his voice for social justice; plead for Constitutional and moral law in foreign and domestic policy? Have you wondered why he's silent from the pulpit while our Constitutional Republic is falling and illegal tyranny rises?

None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper. (Isaiah 59:4-5)

Have you ever wondered why church leadership isn't more concerned with helping needy individuals in your community? Have you ever wondered why your pastor seems to be so busy yet rarely has anything new to say?

Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. (Isaiah 59:6)

Have you ever wondered why your pastor impatiently changes the subject if you try to discuss the immoral actions and warmongering of the U.S. government or the nation of Israel with him? Have you ever wondered why church leadership wants to close their eyes to the evils of the globalization of the American System; the illegal, irrational and immoral Iraq and Afghanistan wars, the reality of a New World Order and the dangers of our many un-Constitutional government policies and actions?

Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace. (Isaiah 59:7-8)

Have you ever wondered why your pastor hasn't gone on from preaching the milk of God's word; the foundational principles of salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ, to teaching and preaching deeper, meatier, biblical truth? Have you ever wondered why your church acts like the only thing that matters is preaching the gospel of salvation in Christ when God is concerned with both the spiritual and physical needs of people? Have you wondered why "revivals" of recent decades haven't produced more lasting fruit of the Spirit in individuals and transformed American communities?

Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men. We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us. For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. (Isaiah 59:9-14)

Have you noticed that pastors are skilled in silencing, labeling, isolating and driving away those who speak the truth against church support of the evils, deceit and warmongering of the American Establishment?

Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. (Isaiah 59:15)

One major reason for this sad state of affairs is that the shadow government of the church, 501-c3 IRS tax code regulations exercises a limited headship over registered 501-c3 state churches. Yes, I said, state churches! Government compromised churches not only exist in Communist nations, my friends. These compromised organizations fill modern America, too!



It's amazing that few believers are aware that they profess to belong to a body with two heads. It's even more amazing that fewer professing Christians seem to care that tolerance of this shadow government has produced a mutant body of their Lord in America. Christ's image in the church is distorted; tainted by partisan politics and the power of the elite over minds.

It's past time that true believers grew intolerant of this idolatry and in meekness (meekness meaning getting angry at the right time, in the right measure and for the right reason) remove this shadow government consisting of 501-c3 IRS tax code regulations from their midst.

One reason many professing Christians rightly criticize and shun Roman Catholicism is because the Pope functions as a second head of the Catholic Church. Why do the same professing Christians refuse to criticize and shun professing Christian pastors who yield headship to the U.S. Federal Government through cooperation with 501-c3 IRS tax code regulations?

Do you think what I'm saying is bizarre extremism, rebelliousness, bitterness, jealousy or pure ignorance? Please read on and understand the mind of the Lord Jesus Christ towards the 501-c3 churches of these United States.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the head of his church

Following the Revolutionary War in America (1775-1783) and the ratification of the U.S. Constitution making the governed the governors, the professing American Christian church began to increasingly exercise political responsibility. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution established a legal wall of separation between the Federal government and church government. It restrained the ability of the Federal government to interfere in the operation and teaching of the church. It legally gave churches the right to govern themselves independent of government. In response, the government insisted that the church be self-supporting. At that time, some professing Christians believed that the body of Christ shouldn't be involved in politics, however, unlike the

leaders of the last two generations of the 501-c3 church, prior American churches didn't believe that the Federal government should exercise influence over the operation and teaching of the church. (Hudson, 1961) The current 501-c3 problem is a thriving cancer in the modern body of Christ. Although the 501-c3 organization is just 50 years old, since 1960 the number of 501-c organizations has grown exponentially. (data360.org)

It's distressing that any professing Christian would have to be reminded that the Lord Jesus Christ is the one head of his body or church (Ephesians 1:18-20); that His body consists of repentant sinners trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as living God and Savior (Acts 20:21); and that God's sons and daughters are led by his Spirit through the truthful principles and commandments written in scripture. (Romans 8:14; John 6:63; John 15)

The authority of Christ over his body is above all powers in both the physical and spiritual realms. (Ephesians 1:18-20; Colossians 1:15-19; Colossians 2:8-10) When his body is led by any power except God's Spirit, its relationship with God is severed through idolatry.

501-c3 tax code idolatry-the second head of the state church

In modern America, most of the body of Christ has made an idol of the American System. For decades, unknown to many professing members of the body of Christ, IRS 501-c3 regulations have exercised a limited headship role over many local churches. Whether we'll admit it or not, 501-c3 churches are state churches. They are funded and controlled in part by the U.S. Federal Government.

Under 501-c3 IRS tax code regulations, the body of Christ agrees to operate under certain constraints. These constraints force the body of Christ to become more of an organization than the living body it was born of God to be. Pastors within 501-c3 churches are required to support U.S. foreign and domestic policies by remaining silent on issues of public policy in official church communications such as meetings, services, newsletters, magazines, internet, radio and television. (Department Of The Treasury) Their ability to influence legislation and support candidates for public office is limited. In exchange for yielding the headship of the church in certain areas to the American System, pastors and supporting members receive financial rewards in the form of tax deductions from their idol.

The following paragraphs are excerpts from the IRS tax guide for Churches and Religious Organizations. (Department Of The Treasury)

All IRS section 501(c)(3) organizations, including churches and religious organizations, must abide by certain rules (pg. 5 <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1828.pdf>)

- their net earnings may not inure to any private shareholder or individual,
- they must not provide a substantial benefit to private interests,
- they must not devote a substantial part of their activities to attempting to influence legislation,
- they must not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office,
- and the organization's purposes and activities may not be illegal or violate fundamental public policy.

A church or religious organization will be regarded as *attempting to influence legislation* if it contacts, or urges the public to contact, members or employees of a legislative body for the purpose of proposing, supporting, or opposing legislation, or if the organization advocates the adoption or rejection of legislation. (Internal Revenue Service, 2010)

The political campaign activity prohibition is not intended to restrict free expression on political matters by leaders of churches or religious organizations speaking for themselves, as *individuals*. Nor are leaders prohibited from speaking about important issues of public policy. However, for their organizations to remain tax exempt under IRC section 501(c)(3), religious leaders cannot make partisan comments in official organization publications or at official church functions. To avoid potential attribution of their comments outside of church functions and publications, religious leaders who speak or write in their individual capacity are encouraged to clearly indicate that their comments are personal and not intended to represent the views of the organization. The following are examples of situations involving endorsements by religious leaders. (pg. 7 <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1828.pdf>)

501-c3 idolaters seem to come in two flavors. I will label these two "the silent" and "the fraudulent".

- The silent religiously follow IRS 501-c3 tax code regulations they've agreed to.
- The fraudulent follow IRS 501-c3 tax code regulations in financial and business affairs while breaking their 501-c3 IRS agreement in speaking out against public policy and attempting to influence legislation and elections.

Those that break their 501-c3 IRS agreement in speaking out against public policy and attempting to influence legislation, like 2008 Constitution Party Presidential Candidate

Pastor Chuck Baldwin, are committing fraud. They have agreed to follow 501-c3 IRS tax code regulations. In return they receive many financial benefits, however, they ignore the agreed upon conditions for receipt of those benefits. The attitude of 501-c3 pastors like Chuck Baldwin is like a spouse who justifies enjoying the pleasures of an adulterous relationship with someone else because, aside from that secret affair, they're faithful to love and honor their spouse. Such men and those okay with this fraud dream the impossible and covetous dream of serving both God and money.

Financial benefits of 501-c3 to state churches

Ordained ministers are given many tax benefits through 501-c3 regulations that regular non-ordained church members aren't given the opportunity to receive. The following list details some of the more lucrative benefits the IRS offers pastors in exchange for submission to IRS 501-c3 tax code regulations.

- If a church issues its pastor a W-2 form and the pastor has a properly designated housing allowance, the pastor can opt out of self employment taxes using the IRS form that allows him to keep his social security benefits. It's possible that he can have no withholdings and still get a refund. (Rivera, Founder's blog: A Tale of Two Pastors, 2010)
- In 1960, the IRS issued regulations stating that if a Housing Allowance is properly implemented by the church, any licensed or ordained minister of that church can exclude home expenses from his or her income. These home expenses range from rent, principle and interest, taxes, appliances, repairs, furniture and much more, so long as those are expenses that provide the minister a home. (Founder's blog: A lesson on the housing allowance, 2009)
- In section 3401(a) (9), Pastors are considered to be both an employee and self employed. This allows them to deduct all business expenses from their income; including their tithe or any giving to the church. (Rivera, Founder's Blog-Can Pastor's Deduct Tithes as Business Expense?, 2009)
- Pastors defined in section 3401(a) (9) are also considered self employed and can declare their home office to be their principal office while their church office is considered their secondary office. Thus, all mileage from the home office to the church office is deductible and all mileage from their home to anywhere they minister to someone is deductible. (Rivera, Founder's Blog-Can Pastor's Deduct Tithes as Business Expense?, 2009)
- Church boards can implement a section 62(a) (2) (a) reimbursement policy. This allows pastors to submit a mileage log of business miles for visiting members and travel to church related conferences and seminars. Churches can reimburse business

mileage at 55.8 cents per mile. (Rivera, Founder's Blog-What is Taxable Income For a Minister? Part 2, 2009)

- Through a legally ratified Section 62 reimbursement plan, a church debit card can be used to pay for gas, travel and other expenses deemed necessary. (Rivera, Founder's Blog, 2009)
- Under section 1402(a)(8), ministers that have opted out of social security do not have to pay self employment tax when they conduct a wedding, sell sermons, books, articles, tapes, CD's, religious items, counsel, serve on the board of a church, church controlled school or religious ministry, travel preaching or teaching, or do any other work for the church. (Rivera, Founder's Blog-What is Taxable Income For a Minister? Part 2, 2009)

Costs of cooperation with 501-c3 tax code regulations

While IRS tax code regulations enrich the financial bottom line of 501-c3 pastors, this nouveau American 501-c3 practice of giving to government what belongs to God is destroying life within the body of Christ in America. Because truth is suppressed to some degree in these state churches, the ability of the body to grow to maturity in the character of the Lord Jesus Christ is hindered. Suffering and tribulation is the normal, global, difficult and holy calling of the body of Christ while living in the world system. (Philippians 1:29; 2 Timothy 2:12; 2 Timothy 3:12; Hebrews 11:25; John 16:33) These character building tools are intended to be used by God to conform us to the image of Christ. (Romans 5:3-5) 501-c3 churches provide a means of bypassing state based tribulation because a state church is world system friendly; a friend of the world system. Scripture's alarming message is that when we decide to become a friend of the world system, we've chosen to become God's adversary! (James 4:4)

In about 170 A.D. Greek conservative intellectual Celcus wrote a book called *True Doctrine*. From the writings of Christian philosopher and theologian Origen's quotations of Celcus' work it's found that the apostolic church was a counterculture. Scripture tells us that this Holy Spirit led revolution was overturning the world system of its day. (Acts 17:6) This church had its own beliefs, history, and lifestyle independent of the city and nation in which it lived. These Christians refused to serve in the military or public office because they would have to compromise the word of the Lord Jesus Christ in order to do so. (Wilken, 1984) These early believers refused to take anything from those that didn't trust and obey their Lord in order that they couldn't be accused of being motivated by money and prove that God was their provider. (3 John 7) They weren't yoked together with unbelievers as the 501-c3 church is. (2 Corinthians 6:14) Why do we think we can continue to play 501-c3 church and not be judged for this idolatry?

The New Testament scripture teaches that Christians can incur God's judgment if they persist in idolatry without repentance.

Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. (1 Corinthians 10:1-14)

Ephesians 4:11-16 says:

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

This passage teaches that God has gifted his body to communicate biblical truth. (Ephesians 4:11)

The speaking gifts listed in Ephesians 4:11 were given in order that individual members of the body of Christ would be united under correctly interpreted biblical truth. It's God's desire that believers apply biblical truth to every area of life, including the socio-

political realm, and grow to produce the mature fruit of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 4:12-13)

Without unsuppressed communication of biblical truth on socio-economic issues, false teachers can easily arise to deceive and divide the body of Christ.

Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:19-23)

1 Thessalonians 5:19 commands the church, "Quench not the Spirit". When pastors allow IRS tax code regulations to govern what they say, God's Spirit is quenched. This hinders His holy influence upon the body of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:20 commands the church; "Despise not prophesying". Prophesying is correctly interpreting, applying and communicating biblical truth. When we dismiss a message because it's foreign, unfamiliar, difficult, or inconvenient to us rather than proving or testing it against a full and impartial investigation of the teaching against biblical truth, and, if necessary, sources like physical laws and historical truth; we're "despising prophesying". 501-c3 pastors faithful to support U.S. foreign and domestic policy can't receive the truth concerning false pretexts used to justifying American led wars or un-Constitutional actions and policies. As a result, they despise the truth. They reject the truthful messenger. Their response to the messenger is one of prideful, self-righteous ignorance as they parrot hateful words like "why don't you leave the country if you don't like it!" or lovelessly break off communication.

When the church doesn't confront socio-political error or supports immoral public policy, the body of Christ won't be able to abstain from all appearance of evil. The body of Christ prays in error when it prays in ignorant immorality on socio-political issues. Discerning members can't pray in unity with those blinded by deceit. This lack of unity grieves God's Spirit. Moreover, it's a confusing testimony to those who don't believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Skeptical unbelievers think if Christians are so ignorant that they believe lies about visible things, how can they be telling the truth about an invisible God. Mark my words, in that day when we appear before the judgment seat of the Lord Jesus Christ, many professing American Christians will be astonished and ashamed at how many people were offended and turned away from the kingdom of God because of government evils that were supported in the name of patriotic love for God and America.

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There's no unity in prayer with true believers and greedy warmongers who support human torture, pre-emptive strikes and the "collateral damage" of dead innocent civilians for the sake of covetous "American interests" in foreign lands and forcefully integrating nations into the American system (globalization).

How can someone who doesn't believe that isolated jet fuel fires 1000-1500 degrees below the melting point of steel melted over 200 tons of steel columns in and around a world class engineered high rise building so that it's 110 stories collapsed at free fall rate pray in unity on state matters with those that support the illegal and un-Constitutional Patriot Act establishing the Federal Police State directed against American citizens and the murderous wars and massive debt spending funding these wars which is justified by belief in this deceitful official government conspiracy theory?

I'm going to detour for a moment here and comment for a moment on the critical importance of the truth on "911". Yes, it's been almost 9 years since "911", however, the truth on this historic event is as important to the physical and financial well being of human life as ever. This well worn card is still played regularly to trump logical reason and the laws of physics in order to justify illegal and un-Constitutional acts, multiple wars and crippling military spending in the name of peace, freedom and prosperity.

In addition, U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East isn't fighting terror, its breeding terror! Note that *Vali Nasr*, an adjunct senior fellow at the *Council On Foreign Relations* and professor of the Middle East and South Asia politics at the Naval Post graduate school emphasizes in his 2006 book, *The Shia Revival: How Conflicts within Islam will Shape The Future*, that American led wars and globalization are creating conflicts between Shia and Sunni Muslims. Nasr explains that the Iraq conflict has brought a revived religious Shia coalition to power that is feeding Sunni jihadi extremism and generating violence between Shias and Sunnis. As these two Muslim groups compete for power in the new Middle East, they're becoming more extreme and increasingly anti-American and anti-Israel. Nasr is aware that a united front could form between these groups and powerful Arab nations against the United States and Israel. Some people, including myself, believe that this situation **could** even soon evolve rapidly into a "World War" scenario

with Russia and China entering the war on the united Shia/Sunni Iranian/Arab side against the United States, Israel and their western NATO allies. (Nasr, 2006) A current war rumor is the report that false flag nuclear attacks inside the U.S. or Israel will kick off an attack upon Iran to initiate this World War. I share this as a call to prayer for those in authority that they choose peace, not war.

If you haven't seen the light on "911" yet, I encourage you, please take about 11 minutes and watch the following powerful audio video.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hT-po-tmJRc>

If you can listen to this 10 minute, 57 second narration by retired U.S. Air Force Major Reginald Shinn of the final moments of the daring rescue efforts of the New York City Fire Department operating in the South Tower of the World Trade Center moments before it suddenly exploded into oblivion without hearing the truth, then try the website <http://www.ae911truth.org/>. I'm one of the now over 1100 architects and engineers who have signed the petition demanding of Congress a truly independent investigation into the cause of 911.

If you still can't see that the official government conspiracy theory is a lie after investigating this issue, it's simply clear that you simply don't want to see this truth. Whether the reason for your blindness; fear, greed, spiritual deception or false patriotism; you must know that your unrepentant deliberate ignorance on this issue buys your share in the murder of over a million people justified in the name of 911! You're also a major contributor to the crippling impact of debt based war on the American economy precipitated, in part, by the massive cost of multiple 911 based wars and the cost of the growing un-Constitutional American Police State. Unless you have the courage to come out of American Babylon; stand up against this lie and repent of your support of it; you, like many, will continue to have blood stained hands for your support of 911 based wars and God knows what else is coming in the future as tyranny continues to rise under the guise of fighting terror.

In spite of what major network media would imply or say, the 911 truth movement is a non-violent information and educational effort to bring truth and justice on the issue and stop the murderous wars and tyrannical, un-Constitutional acts justified in the name of 911.

If you're already an advocate for truth concerning this most historic event, I am very thankful for your stand. It is an encouragement and a light in the darkness. If you're an active or retired architectural and engineering professional, I especially encourage you

to sign the petition. To continue to publicly profess belief in the unscientific hoax that jet fuel fires demolished the three towers is as foolish as believing that the order of creation is the result of an explosion or that the earth is flat. The people of the world and any future generations need us to act now to non-violently resist the global beast being hatched from the 911 egg.

Wars stemming from the 911 lie have not only killed over 1,350, 000 humans since 2003, they're major contributors to the massive U.S. financial debt crisis. According to the National Priorities Project (NPP), \$1.05 trillion has been allocated for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001. This amounts to \$8,665 per household or \$3, 300 per person. This spending includes only *incremental* costs, those additional funds that are expended due to the war. For example, soldiers' regular pay is not included but combat pay is included. Potential future costs, such as future medical care for soldiers and veterans wounded in the war, are not included. These numbers do not account for the wars being deficit-financed or that taxpayers will need to make additional interest payments on the national debt due to these deficits. (National Priorities , 1983)

Returning now to the subject at hand, 501-c3 IRS tax code regulations are illegal because they're un-Constitutional. Amendment I of the Constitution of the United States of America legislates that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, OR PROHIBITING THE FREE EXERCISE THEREOF; OR ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OR OF THE PRESS, OR THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO PEACEABLE ASSEMBLE, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. In other words, the state has no legal business interfering in the operation of the body of Christ in America. To cooperate with 501-c3 tax code regulations and surrender the responsibility we've been given by God under the legal authority of our Constitution to discern and disseminate truth within the body of Christ is illegal idolatry!

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501-c3 tax code regulations demand tabulating financial offerings in detail when the Lord Jesus taught us to give secretly. (Matthew 6:4)

501-c3 tax code regulations complicate the order of church meetings and the leadership structure of the church in ways that conflict with the simple order of scripture. (1 Corinthians 14:26-40; 1 Timothy 3)

For example, in 2006 regulations began to require that the majority of the church board consist of mostly unrelated individuals. Later in that same year, regulation made it a requirement that a pastor on salary at the church not be able to vote on or set the salaries of other staff members. (Rivera, Founder's Blog: Ecclesiastical Authority and Accountability!, 2009)

Conclusion

The brief 2 minute video found at the link below is about the 1950's Asch experiments that illustrate the blinding power of conformity over the human heart and mind. Please take a couple minutes to watch the deceitful human heart in action.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRh5gy09nNw>

Isn't it amazing how quickly we are led astray from what we know is true and how easily our heart will justify it?

I believe there are other reasons why the church is blind to the error of 501-c3 tax code regulations besides the herd mentality and peer pressure as is illustrated in the Asch experiments. The lust for more money in the form of increased tax deductions, fear of the consequences of not being a mainstream certified 501-c3 church, lack of discernment and biblical perspective on the 501-c3 issue and others are to blame.

In the book of 2 Corinthians Chapter 11, the Apostle Paul voices a godly jealous concern that false apostles had transformed themselves into ministers of righteousness. The Holy Spirit called these leaders deceitful. The word deceitful means fraudulent, trickish, cheating; tending to mislead, deceive or ensnare through deceitful words and deceitful practices. (Webster, 1828)

To a certain extent, the deceitful work of 501-c3 leaders in the modern professing Christian church parallels the work of false teachers Paul indicted in the Corinthian church. Today's 501-c3 church leaders turn the church from single minded devotion to the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ by yielding headship of the church to the U.S. Federal Government. This is done by submitting the church to 501-c3 IRS tax code regulations in exchange for financial benefits.

Some 501-c3 leaders, like Chuck Baldwin, are uniquely deceitful. I don't take issue with his convicting and informative messages regarding the church and her role in the falling of our Constitutional Republic. I'm confronting men like him who receive financial tax favors from the secular state while violating the tax code regulations they've agreed to

follow in order to receive these financial benefits. Men like him are double minded men. They could even be Federal agents. They simultaneously desire to lead in truth and profit financially. In reality, however, the true God and the false god of financial wealth can't be served together. A spiritual church and a secular state don't mix. This is why Jesus told us to keep government in its proper place by only giving Caesar what is his and giving God what is His. Jesus and our Constitution both intended to protect the church from government influence.

The spiritual burden of Paul detailed in 2 Corinthians 11 is concerned with professing Christian leaders who were leading the once virgin body of Christ in Corinth into idolatry. The subtle influence of deceiving spirits working behind the shadows of truth preached by these deceitful leaders was being accepted. As a result, the body of Christ was being soiled through spiritual adultery. Another spirit was distorting the true image of Christ in their body. Consequently, the church was morally corrupted being led astray from single minded devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ as the sole head of His church.

Paul explains how he humbled himself and suffered financially as a self-supporting teacher so that he wouldn't be a financial burden to the Corinthians. He only took donations from other churches for their sake in order that they would gain credit in their heavenly account for their generous love. The false teachers, however, were exalting themselves and bringing the Corinthians into bondage to do so. In response to this harlotry, Paul vindicates himself and exposes these teachers as Satan's ministers. He would do no less today with 501-c3 leaders. I'm sure he would consider it ludicrous idolatry for the church to receive financial rewards from a secular government. 501-c3 church leaders and members take money in the form of tax deductions and tax refunds from the same government they talk about for murdering babies and taking the bible and prayer out of schools. Stop the hypocrisy guys! No, 501-c3 isn't good stewardship! You don't know how much money and pain you have cost the world by remaining silent about evils you should have been exposing!" You've simply loved yourself more than God and others.

"No, 501-c3 isn't good stewardship! You don't know how much money and pain you have cost this nation and the world by remaining silent about evils you should have been exposing! You've loved yourself more than God and others."

I believe most "conservative bible believing" 501-c3 church leaders don't want to serve Satan. Pride has blinded them to the consequences. The church has allowed them to continue doing it or they've bowed to pressure to conform. Like the Corinthians, professing Christians have put up with their leaders bringing them into this bondage. Deceived professing Christians lawyers and legal experts have counseled church leaders

to do it. Whatever the reason you use to justify leading or attending a 501-c3 whose church, I plead with you today to help restore the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ over the American church! Stop putting up with this bondage no matter what it costs you personally! Please act now to help us end 501-c3 church idolatry and free the body of Christ from 501-c3 tax code regulations.

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. (Revelation 18:1-8)

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