



Is Christianity Being Cancelled?

Matthew 5:44-45: (NASB) *⁴⁴But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.*



The world has changed dramatically! We now live in a time where diverse opinions and beliefs are coming under fire if they conflict with what is deemed as acceptable “social narrative.” In more and more circles, traditional Christian values of God first, fidelity in marriage, morality based on absolutes and mutual respect are under attack. We face the potential of being seen as “haters” because we stand for things the world does not like. While being seen as contrary to the world’s perspective is nothing new, the potential for being cancelled is. The momentum and ferocity that our current “cancel culture” has garnered is becoming frightening. Is Christianity destined for cancellation? How should we as Christians be responding? Should we be speaking out? Should we be flying under the radar? Should we be fighting fire with fire?



As we unfold this very sensitive subject of cancel culture, please know that we are not at all interested in the politics of the matter. Our goal is to discuss the issues at hand while adhering to the moral and ethical guidelines for being a disciple of Christ. We in no way wish to marginalize or demean any human being.

First, let’s get our heads around what this cancel culture is and a little bit about how it works:

(Source: <https://www.gotquestions.org/cancel-culture.html>, “How Should Christians Respond to Cancel Culture?”) Cancel culture is the modern social attitude that controversial speech or behavior must be punished through public shaming, silencing, boycotting, firing, bankrupting, de-platforming, etc. The result is that the offender’s influence, presence, and/or reputation is “cancelled out.”

It’s proper for whistle-blowers to reveal corruption and illegality or for abused women to come forward, confront their abuser, and make sure he is held accountable. But cancel culture goes far beyond that, setting out new rules to retaliate against speech, behavior, or even thought that has been pre-judged as “offensive” or even simply controversial. In cancel culture, people can be ostracized, their reputations smeared, and their careers ruined although they have broken no laws or engaged in any malicious behavior....

The article introduces four points on cancel culture. Here is the first:

1) Cancel culture is rash. There is little concern for due process, and in its place are immediate outrage and snap judgments. Fueling the controversy is partial, often biased information.

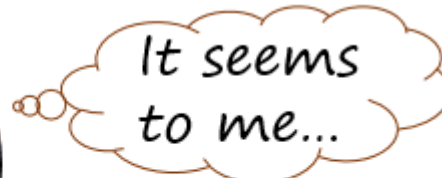
Clearly we have our work cut out for us, so where do we begin?



First, we begin with a call to stand for the highest scriptural principles:

Ephesians 6:10-13: (NASB) ¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Second, we will observe specific areas of life where this culture seems to have taken hold and compare its approach with what the Bible teaches us.



that today we embrace the opinions and emotional reactions spewed on social media over the intrinsic value of **truth verified by facts.**

It's a highly deceptive world, one that constantly asks you to comment but doesn't care what you have to say. — blog from Kolawole Ajayi

(Source: <https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Churchill-At-Skidmore-curiosity-might-get-you-15553968.php#photo-19749884> - a New York newspaper)



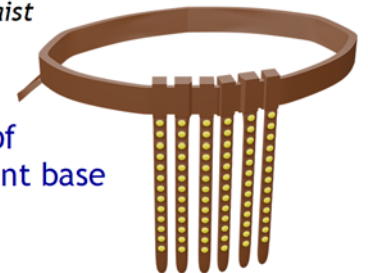
A professor at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York, attended a pro-police rally in July 2020 with his wife. They watched supporters and counter-protestors from the edge of the crowd for about 20 minutes and left. They did not carry a banner, hold a sign or wave a flag. He said they went out of “civic interest and curiosity.” He has been a professor at the college for over 30 years but some students have taken to publicly boycotting his classes and demanding his dismissal, saying, “This is not a safe environment for marginalized students. By continuing to take this course, you are enabling bigoted behavior on this campus.” One of his classes now has no students and two others have just a small number remaining. He is being cancelled.

What am I listening to?

Proverbs 4:20: (NASB) *My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.*

Ephesians 6:14: (NKJV) *Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth...*

The belt of truth neither protects nor attacks – it simply holds everything together. The truth – the word of God – is what gives all of the rest of the armor a consistent base from which to function.





Observations - this truth:

- *Is of God* - therefore of higher origin than any other source.
- *Is consistent* - it gives black and white principles from which we can deal with all shades of gray.
- *Is eternal* - it defines not only the past and the present, but also it defines what will be.
- *Is irrefutable* - it stands the tests of time, philosophy, compromise and doubt.

This truth is the foundation, perhaps the unnoticed foundation, for victory over Satan. It is, therefore, a tool of major importance against the cancel culture. For Christians, everything comes down to truth. What are we listening to when we are faced with cancel culture? Are we listening to the guidance of truth?

We were amply warned about the times we now live in:

2 Timothy 3:1-5: (NASB) ¹*But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ²For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; avoid such men as these.*

We are amply supplied with universal truths on which to build our lives:

John 8:31-32: (NASB) ³¹*So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed him, If you continue in my word, then you are truly disciples of mine; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.*

Amidst all the noise this world makes that would draw me in,
I will focus my listening on only those things
which are righteous, godly and founded in eternal truth.
This way I will be better positioned to meditate on that which is good!



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We should be standing for truth and not opinion, reaction or emotion. Pay most attention to that which is godly.

People talk about the downside of selective hearing - we need to engage in the *positive* activity of selective listening!



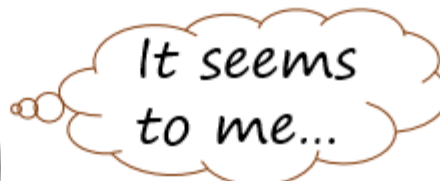
**By not wanting to listen to the world's chatter,
are we ignoring our ability to communicate with them?**

This is an important question and brings us to an important distinction. There is a difference between listening that draws us away from our path and listening to be able to understand another perspective. Our listening should always be driven by eternal truth. This will keep us centered.

Listen carefully and think scripturally. Listen with care and not emotion so that we can respond in a Christian manner.

(Source: <https://www.gotquestions.org/cancel-culture.html>)

2) Cancel culture is spiteful. The vitriolic contempt coming from the cancel crowd is often shockingly ugly. Selecting a person for "cancellation" seems to be tantamount to declaring that person worthy of hate, and with that comes permission to slander him or her...



that today we encourage complete individuality
- no matter the cost or consequence -
rather than encouraging clear standards
that define right and wrong.

We are all about "me" and not about standards.

(Sources include: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/08/business/boeing-resignation-niel-golightly.html> and <https://boeing.mediaroom.com/news-releases-statements?item=130697>)



In July 2020, a senior executive at Boeing Company lost his job because of an article he wrote in 1987 while serving in the military as a fighter pilot about whether women should serve in combat. An employee used the essay as the basis of an internal anonymous ethics complaint against him. He issued a formal apology for making what he called an "embarrassingly wrong and offensive argument" and that it was a "misguided contribution to a debate that was live at the time...The dialogue that followed its publication 33 years ago quickly opened my eyes, indelibly changed my mind, and shaped the principles of fairness, inclusion, respect and diversity that have guided my professional life since." He lost his job anyway.

This highlights one of the reasons cancel culture is so scary - there is no accounting for time and its circumstances. There is no way to make amends acceptable to the collective.

What drives how I feel?

Proverbs 4:23: (NASB) *Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.*

Watch over your heart - not just a glance, but a careful focus.

Ephesians 6:14: (NKJV) *... having put on the breastplate of righteousness,*

Observations about the breastplate:

- This breastplate of righteousness is in fact the righteousness and justification of Jesus. It is not our own righteousness.
- It is a weapon of defense. The ransom of Jesus satisfies the just requirements of God and saves us from death.
- For it to protect all of our vital organs, it must be attached to us – it must move as we move.
- This breastplate is held in place by the belt of the truth of God's plan, because His plan is centered on the price that Jesus paid – the ransom sacrifice for all mankind.



What drives how I feel? The answer should be righteousness. Rising above cancel culture is not possible without the protection of our heart and emotions. We are to protect our heart by acting with godly righteousness.

Godly righteousness from the heart has always been a scriptural benchmark to guide our emotions:

Leviticus 19:15-17: (NASB) ¹⁵You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor nor defer to the great, but you are to judge your neighbor fairly. ¹⁶You shall not go about as a slanderer among your people, and you are not to act against the life of your neighbor; I am the LORD. ¹⁷You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; you may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him.

This gives us direction on how to act and feel. We must find the good and stand for righteousness. To stand against cancel culture, this righteousness must always remain pure.

We cannot violate godly standards:

1 Peter 2:16-17: (NASB) ¹⁶Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. ¹⁷Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

Do not use your freedom as a covering for evil – our flesh will want to do this if we are being slandered or “cancelled.” What drives how I feel – the emotion of reacting or the righteousness of God?

While appreciating and encouraging individuality and self-expression for all, I will always be diligent to follow the godly guidelines for such encouragement so as to build others up in a positive and healthy way.



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We DO want to encourage individuality and self-expression, but not when it goes over the line of godliness and righteousness.



It seems to me...

that today we seek to rely solely on **what we think we know** while minimizing and even ignoring the role and experiences of the preceding generations.

Where am I going?

Proverbs 4:26-27: (NASB) ²⁶Watch the path of your feet and all your ways will be established. ²⁷Do not turn to the right nor to the left; turn your foot from evil.

We have to watch where we are going while staying on the appropriate path.

If we are not careful, our colleges will produce a group of close-minded, unscientific, illogical propagandists, consumed with immoral acts. Be careful, brethren! Be careful, teachers! – Martin Luther King Jr. at age 18, “The Purpose of Education” from Morehouse College student newspaper, The Maroon Tiger, 1947

(Source: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/education/2021/04/06/san-francisco-school-board-vote-school-renaming-amid-backlash/7108578002/>)



(April 2021) The school board for the San Francisco public schools decided to rename 44 schools that had “ties to racism” and “dishonorable legacies,” including George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson. The school board rescinded its decision three months later after backlash, lawsuits and historical inaccuracies about the cancelations.

Ephesians 6:15: (NKJV) *and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*

The message here is simple. As soldiers of Christ, wherever we go, whatever we do, we are responsible for having the “gospel of peace” reflected in our every step. This means that whatever our direction, we are always ready to deliver the gospel message.

While some are looking to cancel out everything that might have a remote connection to something they think or feel is not appropriate now or in the past, we need to stand with our feet prepared with the gospel of peace.

If we reflect the gospel in our every step, we are far more naturally prepared to stand up to the cancel culture with grace and wisdom.





A pathway that was established in ancient times may not seem exciting, but it does lead to God:

Jeremiah 6:16: (NASB) *Thus says the LORD, Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; and you will find rest for your souls...*

Do not get off the right path. Do not try to cancel out those who might want to cancel us.

Humility - especially now - is a necessary compass that many seek to bury in their ever-growing scrap heap of history:

1 Peter 5:5: (NASB) *You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.*

Humility seems to be old-fashioned these days, like having a milkman or a VCR!

While new ideas and ways of looking at things can bring enlightenment,
I must be sure the source of "light" I am encouraging is wholesome.
I will judge this by confidently standing on scriptural pathways
and following the examples of the faithful.



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Standing against this whole cancel thing is hard. We always need to be checking to see if we are on solid ground!

**How did we end up so polarized that some want to cancel others?
Where is the disconnect?**

This is a hard question we cannot entirely answer. However, a good place to start is with how we are taught to mentally process things. Critical thinking - the process of objective analysis to determine if something has a factual basis - seems to be dramatically lacking in our present cancel culture. This is a problem!

(Source: <https://www.gotquestions.org/cancel-culture.html>)

3) Cancel culture is judgmental. The self-appointed enforcers of "acceptable" speech have gone to great lengths to dig up material over which to cancel others. People have lost their jobs over articles written three decades ago; jokes told in one's youth, classic literature read aloud, and opposite editorials published. There is no room for nonconformity - or free speech. If the language police were judged by their own severe standard, how many of them would remain un-cancelled?

Cancel culture is judgmental, something we should not want to be as a Christian. Do not be drawn in by trying to fight fire with fire.



that we are teaching our children and young people what to conclude, and therefore what to say, while stifling their ability to learn the power of critical thinking.

(Sources: <https://baylorlariat.com/2021/01/25/baylor-recurring-lecturer-tweets-transphobic-message/> and <https://thetexan.news/christian-university-faculty-targeted-for-social-media-posts-questioning-transgender-policies/>)



Dr. Christina Crenshaw, a recurring lecturer at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, (a private Christian university - Baptist) posted a tweet related to President Biden's recent executive order regarding transgender issues:



Christina Crenshaw, PhD
@CrenshawPhD

Replying to @dandaring

What if I don't want biological boys in the bathroom with my biological daughter? Do the 99% of us who do not struggle with gender dysphoria have a voice? No? Cool.

10:16 AM · Jan 21, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

Several students notified the university and began a petition for her removal. Originally the student newspaper labeled her a "transphobe" but the paper issued an apology and their article was updated to instead describe her statements as "controversial."

Dr. Crenshaw is quoted in an article in the *Texan News* as saying, "This is less about transgender issues and more about the religious liberty and free speech of faculty on a Christian campus...It has been a shocking experience. I wouldn't wish this persecution for expressing an opinion on anyone...I am less concerned about transgendered people as I am about others exploiting the opportunity. As a mother, I want to know if the rest of us have a voice in this. Are we having a nuanced conversation?"

According to the article, "Crenshaw feels like she's been a victim of cancel culture and she'd like a conversation to ensue about what that means for free speech, freedom of religion and for people of faith on a Christian college campus."

What am I saying?

Proverbs 4:24: (NASB) *Put away from you a deceitful mouth and put devious speech far from you.*

Ephesians 6:16: (NASB) *in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.*

Observations about the shield of faith:

- This shield is carried onto the battlefield but can be put down.
- It is a massive portable protection – an offensive weapon for pushing back an enemy.
- It represents a double protection. It is carried to cover the armor that one wears on the body.
- You will not storm a castle with it.
- You will be protected when in a place of vulnerability – a place where there are no walls. You can line up with your fellow soldiers and use the shields collectively as a wall.
- This shield is specific to *extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one*. We are under attack!



Faith will help us filter our words. We want to speak with grace and not anger to those who may be cancelling us. Our words need to come through our faith.

With faith firmly in place, we are well-positioned for addressing the critical thinking issues when dealing with cancel culture.

Faith should remove the fear of listening to those who would cancel, the fear of questioning them and the fear of speaking with grace in response to them:

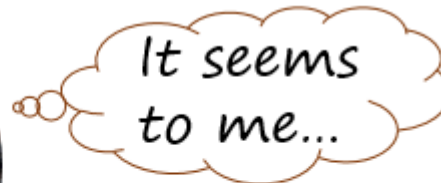
Colossians 4:5-6: (NASB) ⁵*Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.* ⁶*Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.*

We must stand for Christian principles, even if people insult us.

For those who are determined to pass judgment based on groupthink,
I will not return such judgment. Instead, I will stand in the grace
given me from above and respond to them with wisdom from above.



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that today we bask in the comfort of **personal preference** while burying the idea of learned wisdom.

It's very ironic that we live in an era when we talk a great deal about diversity and inclusion, but in a very real sense, the ethos of cancellation culture is actually exclusion, mono-culture and conformity of perspective – driven so much by this forceful ostracization of people who are perceived to have the wrong sorts of ideas. — Kmele Foster, Newsweek, June 17, 2021

Do I see others worthy of being cancelled or do I see the goodness in them that Jesus died for? Do I see them in a better light or am I looking at them the way they look at me?



(Source: Wikipedia)

Doxing involves researching and broadcasting personally identifiable information about an individual, often with the intention of harming that person. This information may include the person's workplace or school, full name, spouse, credit card information and phone number.



We see life differently if we believe in salvation. Salvation is our spiritual “reticular activator.”

The reticular activating system is what allows our brains to filter input, focusing on what our brains deem to be important. For example, when we decide to buy a certain make and model of a car, we suddenly see similar cars on the road. We may have never noticed that before. If we want to paint our house green, suddenly we will see other houses painted green. We begin to notice what we might not have before because our reticular activator is saying, “This is important!” Doing this devalues everything else and increases the value of what it is focusing on.



Am I devaluing what should have great value? Is my reticular activator focused on godly things so that I am seeing things in the most positive light, or am I letting it devalue what should be important to me?

What do I see?

Proverbs 4:25: (NASB) *Let your eyes look directly ahead and let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you.*

Salvation dictates how we see life. We see things differently because we have been redeemed.

Ephesians 6:17: (NKJV) And take the helmet of salvation...



Obviously, this helmet is there to protect the head - the mind - the control center for the entire soldier. How fitting that salvation is what that protection is made of, since we must have an intellectual acceptance and understanding of the ransom of Jesus on our behalf.

Knowing the power of our salvation is learned wisdom applied.

We can stand in confidence against the cancel culture knowing that God alone is our judge, and He judges us through Christ:

Romans 8:31-35: (NASB) ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not spare His own son, but delivered him over for us all, how will He not also with him freely give us all things? ³³Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; ³⁴who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is he who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (Or cancel culture?)

When attacked with great emotion for standing for Christ,
I will be secure in the fact that God is my judge and whatever other
condemnation comes my way is of little consequence in relation to eternity.



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As representatives of Jesus, the only judgment that should matter to us is that from above.

So, it sounds like standing up to the cancel culture with God's grace and wisdom is the best way to fight it.

**It seems that standards are a missing element in today's cancel culture.
How do we address this?**

The cancel culture's absence of overriding standards is a massive leap from our Christian principles. This difference may prove to be an insurmountable challenge when seeking common ground to communicate. In some cases, we may be left with a respectful agreement to disagree.

There may be times when we will not be able to overcome the gap in between. We must still be respectful in our disagreements, regardless of how the other party acts.

(Source: <https://www.gotquestions.org/cancel-culture.html>)

4) Cancel culture is unforgiving. Past instances of inappropriate or hurtful speech or actions, no matter how long ago, are not to be forgiven in cancel culture. Once a person is cancelled, there is no way to restore that person to the good graces of society - there is no grace. There is no chance for redemption. Rehabilitation and restoration are not the goal, and neither is learning from one's mistakes. The goal is to smear, defame and malign.



What should we do when faced with cancel culture? As Christians, we should be forgiving. We should look for opportunities to put forgiveness into play. We cannot be the ones doing the cancelling. If we are God-fearing, Christ-following individuals, we do not walk such a path. We must be better than this! What do we do if someone challenges our Christian principles? We approach them graciously to see if we can find a solution.

We may not be able to – it might seem like we are wasting our time, but if we are standing for Christ, we become a witness to the gospel just by calmly and respectfully approaching the problem. We are planting a seed that may not germinate right now, but it might germinate in the future. We need to stand with God's grace.



that today we proclaim
"my personal behavior is only subject to my wants,"
 rather than accepting an overriding
 moral standard that guides all.



Oral Roberts University, a private school, is in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In March of 2021, their basketball team made it to the Sweet Sixteen in the March Madness tournament. Here in the United States, that means 16 teams in the regional semifinals of the NCAA Division I tournament. (They were eliminated in a narrow 72-70 defeat.) There were calls for the student athletes to be banned from playing because of the University's stance on marriage between heterosexuals. There were calls to cancel Oral Roberts University because of its biblical beliefs on LGBTQ+ issues.

(Source: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2021/03/25/oral-roberts-university-basketball-deserve-cancel-culture-golden-knights-column/6994502002/>)

"...The dogma teaches that tolerance must mean agreement, then branding all who disagree as intolerant and harmful. Not satisfied that we respect opposing views on human sexuality, all must affirm homosexuality as acceptable within our own theology. There can no longer be any disagreement, only compliance..."

What am I protecting?

Proverbs 4:21-22: (NASB) (speaking about God's word) ²¹Do not let them depart from your sight; keep them in the midst of your heart. ²²For they are life to those who find them and health to all their body.

The Scriptures should always be in front of us, not just something we read on Sundays. Such a focus will make us want to protect that which is sacred – that is not done by evil actions and intentions.



Ephesians 6:17: (NKJV) ...and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God;

All of the other armor is in place to protect, to guard that which is vulnerable.



Observations about the sword of the spirit:

- It is a weapon of offense. It can attack.
- It is given to us to use in our hand.
- We choose how to wield it, but we can also make the choice to put it down because it is not attached.



The word of God is critically important, requiring our attention to hold onto it.

One of the primary differences between all of the armor vs. the shield of faith and the sword of the spirit is, the other pieces are what God gives to us. All of the other armor is fastened. But the shield and sword are held and are actively used, which pictures what we give to God.

In our cancel culture challenges, we need to handle this sword (God's word) with appropriate purpose.



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WHAT IS THE ARMOR OF GOD?
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Remember, the purpose of the armor of God is to fight off evil while taking care to NOT destroy unbelievers. We are to stand against evil without condemning the person. They may want to destroy us, but we have no right to do the same. To do so would be misusing the tools we have been given.

Jesus was falsely accused but he knew his life was to be sacrificed. Our attitude should be similar.

We are to prove ourselves as a light in the world:

Philippians 2:12-15: (NASB) ¹²*So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing; ¹⁵so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,*

Cancel culture is judgmental, spiteful and emotional. We do not want to be dragged into the anger. Jesus got angry when it was necessary to make a point, but it was never in an uncontrollable way. He always stood for righteousness.



All of our human interactions must be conducted as follows:

1 Timothy 6:11-12: (NASB) *¹¹But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

We want to use this weapon, the Bible, as a tool of blessing and not destruction. We want to cut off evil but not hurt people.

As I face what may be an inevitable crossing of paths with the cancel culture, I will stand firm in Christian principles and in God's grace for me. I will always remember Jesus died for every one of those individuals.

If Jesus loved all of humanity enough to give his life,
I will also love all of humanity.



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Is Christianity being cancelled? Are we approaching a prophetic time Jesus spoke of?

John 9:4: (NASB) *We must carry out the works of Him who sent me as long as it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.*

This could be the beginnings of such a time. Individually, we may be coming across circumstances where we are subject to being cancelled, or to persecution because we stand for something that others do not like. Whether it is a broad type of cancellation or individual, it is still relevant. We need to think about what we will do in such circumstances.

- ✓ What am I listening to?
- ✓ What drives what I feel?
- ✓ Where am I going?
- ✓ What am I saying?
- ✓ What do I see?
- ✓ What am I protecting?
- ✓ How securely am I putting on God's armor?
- ✓ Am I armed appropriately so that I can stand as a witness to God through Christ in the midst of such confusion and injustice?

We are to stand on higher ground to be a good witness, even if they try to cancel us.



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The further a society drifts from truth, the more it will hate those who speak it.
— *George Orwell*

You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it. — *Margaret Thatcher*

Paul quotes the Old Testament as he describes the foolishness of this world:

1 Corinthians 1:18-21: (NASB) ¹⁸For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, ([Isaiah 29:14](#)) *I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will set aside.* ²⁰Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

This is a prophecy against Israel, yet its principles are striking when it comes to the blind of this world:

Isaiah 29:9-16: (NASB) ⁹Be delayed and wait, blind yourselves and be blind; they become drunk, but not with wine, they stagger, but not with strong drink. ¹⁰For the LORD has poured over you a spirit of deep sleep, He has shut your eyes, the prophets; and He has covered your heads, the seers. ¹¹The entire vision will be to you like the words of a sealed book, which when they give it to the one who is literate, saying, Please read this, he will say, I cannot, for it is sealed. ¹²Then the book will be given to the one who is illiterate, saying, Please read this. And he will say, I cannot read. ¹³Then the Lord said, Because this people draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip service, but they remove their hearts far from Me, and their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote, ¹⁴Therefore behold, I will once again deal marvelously with this people, wondrously marvelous; and the wisdom of their wise men will perish, and the discernment of their discerning men will be concealed. ¹⁵Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from the LORD, and whose deeds are done in a dark place, and they say, Who sees us or Who knows us? ¹⁶You turn things around! Shall the potter be considered as equal with the clay, that what is made would say to its maker, he did not make me; or what is formed say to him who formed it, he has no understanding?

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1184: Is Christianity Being Cancelled?

<https://christianquestions.com/society/1184-cancel-culture/>

See:



1. What is cancel culture? As Christians, where should we begin our response to it?
(See Proverbs 4:20, Ephesians 6:10-14)
2. How does the Bible prepare us for the times we now live in?
(See John 8:31-32, 2 Timothy 3:1-5)
3. What should drive our actions and feelings? How can this protect us from culture?
(See Leviticus 19:15-18, Proverbs 4:23, Ephesians 6:14, 1 Peter 2:16-17)
4. What path should we be following? What should we use as our compass?
(See Proverbs 4:26-27, Jeremiah 6:16, Ephesians 6:15, 1 Peter 5:5)
5. Should we use the tactics of cancel culture against by “fighting fire with fire”?
Why or why not?
6. What can we use to protect ourselves from the fear of respectfully challenging the
ideas of cancel culture? (See Proverbs 4:24, Ephesians 6:16, Colossians 4:5-6)
7. How should we view others with opposing ideas? Why can we confidently stand with
Christ against cancel culture? (See Proverbs 4:25, Romans 8:31-35, Ephesians 6:17)
8. What should we be protecting? What is our weapon against evil? How should we use
it? (See Proverbs 4:21-22, Ephesians 6:17, Philippians 2:12-15, 1 Timothy 6:11-12)
9. How do you approach others with differing opinions? What will/do you keep in mind
during such interactions?
10. Do you think Christianity being cancelled? How should we prepare ourselves to stand
for something that others do not? (See John 9:4)