

## **“Churches” Condemn the Apostle Paul**

The following is a joint statement made by the **GREAT ECUMENICAL COUNCIL** in the year of 2009 AD; together with Catholics, Orthodox, Presbyterians, Methodists, Lutherans, Charismatics, Baptists, and all Protestants around the world united for the sake of unity of the church. This letter is appointed to be read in all churches both here and abroad concerning this heretic and schismatic, Saul of Tarsus who is called Paul.

### **TO THE APOSTLE PAUL:**

It has come to our attention that you have been doing things that are unbecoming of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. If you do not change, we will no longer be able to support your missionary efforts. If you refuse to repent, you will be excommunicated from the church which Christ founded. We hope and pray that you would get right, and that you would stop what you are doing because you are giving a bad name to Christianity and to the churches of God which be in Christ Jesus. Below are the reasons why, if you do not change, we will no longer support your work, no longer fellowship with you, and excommunicate you from the church.

**1.** We have heard you have been going into Jewish Synagogues and preaching Christ that he is the Son of God.<sup>1</sup> Now Paul, we all believe Jesus is the Son of God, but it's not right to go into these other houses of worship and stir up trouble. I don't understand why you are going into their buildings and preaching about Jesus Christ and arguing with them from the scriptures. Remember what Jesus said, we need to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves and what you are doing is not in obedience to what our Lord said.<sup>2</sup>

**2.** We also have heard that you have not only gone into Jewish synagogues and preached Christ, but that you are even taking the gospel and preaching it publicly in cities all over Asia!<sup>3</sup> Now we believe what you believe Paul, and we desire to spread the good news, but this isn't the way to do it. We find people are more receptive to different methods. For example we used rock shows, food, cookouts, games, movies, and skits, and bingo to get people to come to our buildings and then we give them the gospel. What you're doing isn't effective and is turning many away from the faith. Not to mention, we heard of your trip to our beloved city of Athens, and that you called the people there a bunch of superstitious pagans that are just a bunch of lazy bums who like to run their mouth.<sup>4</sup> And you expect us to believe that what you write are the commandments of the Lord when you talk and act like this?

**3.** We have heard that you have been arguing with the Gentiles about the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>5</sup> We don't understand why you have such a “combative spirit” in you that you have to dispute with these people all the time.

**4.** It has also come to our attention that you and your friend Barnabas did not go to Bible school or Seminary before you decided to go out into the missionary field. We have heard from others you said the Holy Ghost called you to the work, so you went forth to

do it.<sup>6</sup> This is a great error you have committed. You need to go through formal Christian education in order to learn the word of truth and be an affective minister of the gospel. You need to spend time studying the fathers and study the original Hebrew and Greek, and learn our traditions before going out into the world. If you had done this, you would not have gotten into all the trouble you have gotten into. Have any of us been put into prison? Have any of us been beaten? You see Paul, you are going about this the wrong way.

**5.** It has also come to our attention, that you have been calling people names. This is wrong Paul. We heard you said to someone that they were full of subtlety and all mischief and you called that man a child of the devil! You even said he was an enemy of all righteousness and could not cease perverting the right ways of the Lord! You even abused your apostolic power by blinding the man!<sup>7</sup> This is outrageous Paul! How do you expect to be pleasing to the Lord and do such things? You have sinned greatly here. It is no wonder you are in prison as we write this letter, and you are sentenced to die: this is God's judgment for what you have done. Name calling isn't Christ-like and all you are doing is turning away people from the Lord, not drawing them to him. With all this name calling do you honestly think you are manifesting the love of God?

**6.** What is this that we hear? You have told some devout Jews in Antioch that they have judged their own selves unworthy of eternal life and that you are done speaking with them and will go and preach to the Gentiles?<sup>8</sup> This is ridiculous! How can you say that? He is part of Israel, and if you went to one of our schools, you would have been taught covenantal nomism and learned that all Israel is saved. For you to turn around and tell this devout, sincere, religious Jew that he is unworthy of eternal life because he has rejected Jesus Christ is wrong. We know that there are many ways that can lead to God and Jesus is one of many. We have also heard that you said to those that reject Jesus Christ that they have blasphemed and you shook your clothes and said your blood is upon your own heads, I am clean.<sup>9</sup> Paul we will pray for you that you would repent and get right and come home to Mother church and to her teachings.

**7.** Paul we have heard you teach salvation is by simply believing on Jesus Christ and that by doing so; a man is justified from all things.<sup>10</sup> Paul how can you do this? We all know and believe salvation is by faith and works and that no one can know for sure they are going to heaven when they die. Teaching this doctrine of salvation by faith in Christ alone contradicts what we teach and we are the true church that Christ founded. You are doing so much harm to the church and ruining our reputations and people are starting to think that this is what all Christians believe and this is how all Christians act like and talk like. Paul, Jesus taught salvation by faith and good works towards your fellow man, how can you teach salvation is only by believing in Jesus Christ?<sup>11</sup> Paul, you may have grown up learning the law, but you are still a babe in Christ and haven't been Christian as long as we have. You were in too much of a hurry to go out to the missionary field that you missed the proper training and education. You need to be taught the right doctrine from the teachings of the one true church and by our traditions that go back to Peter.

8. What you did over in Antioch was disgraceful and not Christ-like. Just because the people refused to believe your gospel, it does not give you an excuse to shake off the dust of your feet against them.<sup>12</sup> That is just flat out rude Paul. I thought you would have known better. Would Christ be that disrespectful towards his fellow man?

9. Now you are really crossing the line Paul. Our One True Holy Catholic Apostolic Church sent down some of our ministers to your church in Antioch and they taught the people that they needed to be circumcised and keep the law in order to be saved.<sup>13</sup> We did this because you and Barnabas were not teaching sound doctrine to your congregation. So we sent some of our men to go down there and give them correct church teaching. And what did you do? You had a great argument with these good, godly, sincere, devout, Christ-like men that only came to help instruct you in the ways of the Lord. Paul you should have received these men and took the rebuke, but you would not.

10. We have heard that you can't even get along with other Christians. You even separated yourself from Barnabas, who labored with you a great while, because he wanted to bring John Mark on your next trip.<sup>14</sup> This is getting to be ridiculous Paul. We are really starting to doubt that you have even become a Christian since you don't teach what we teach and don't believe what we believe and don't act the way we act. How can you say your light is so shining before men when you can't even get along with other Christians that want to bring lukewarm Christians along with you on your journeys?

11. Paul, I can't believe this one. You actually went to one of our schools and disputed daily therein and you did so for 2 whole years!<sup>15</sup> When we said we wanted you to go to our schools, we didn't mean come in there and dispute and argue with us! This is absolutely insane! You come to our school and argue with us about Jesus and doctrine! Who do you think you are! Are you wiser than Christ's church which he founded? Are you going to tell me, arguing in school about the Lord Jesus Christ is being Christ-like?

Paul what more can we say? You are a rebellious trouble maker. You go into synagogues and preach Christ, you preach publicly and in the streets that Jesus is the Son of God and that only by believing in him can one be saved. You rejected our ministers that came to your church in Antioch to correct your false doctrine. You have called people names, you blinded a man, you even called the holy father a "whited wall".<sup>16</sup> You disputed in our schools and you cannot even get along with people that are like you. You tell the Jews that their blood is upon their own heads and you are clean because they have rejected Jesus Christ and you supposedly have received him.

**PAUL, WE HEREBY PRONOUNCE AN ANATHEMA UPON YOU AND YOU HAVE BEEN EXCOMMUNICATED FROM THE CHURCH WHICH CHRIST FOUNDED.**

**Signed by,**

A bunch of Bible-rejecting, idolaters, high-churchers that don't know what God said in his book, don't believe what God said in his book, don't care about God's book, that

don't resemble anything close to Biblical Christianity, that think they can change, delete, and add to what God said according to their own free will and think God will be bound to what they say and believe and not what God has said and preserved for thousands of years faithfully in the pages of a Holy Bible.

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<sup>1</sup> Acts 9:20, 13:5, 14-43

<sup>2</sup> Matthew 10:16

<sup>3</sup> Acts 8:27; 14:5-7, 21, 25; 20:20-21

<sup>4</sup> Acts 17:21-22

<sup>5</sup> Acts 9:29

<sup>6</sup> Acts 13:1-4

<sup>7</sup> Acts 13:8-12

<sup>8</sup> Acts 13:44-48

<sup>9</sup> Acts 18:6

<sup>10</sup> Acts 13:38-39, 16:29-34

<sup>11</sup> Matthew 19:16-22, 25:31-46

<sup>12</sup> Acts 13:51

<sup>13</sup> Acts 15:1-5

<sup>14</sup> Acts 15:37-41

<sup>15</sup> Acts 19:8-10

<sup>16</sup> Acts 23:1-5