



Guilty by Association

Traditions, tolerance, religious practices, and the disappearance of truth
Obscenities, profanities, modern lifestyles, and the loss of brotherly love

Here are a few scriptures. Are you a modern day Scribe or Pharisee?
An inspired wise person once mentioned, "Actions speak louder than words."

II Corinthians 3:1-6 ~ Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you? Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the **letter killeth**, but the spirit giveth life.

Here is one of the items Jesus mentions concerning the Scribes and Pharisees.

Matthew 23:4 ~ **For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders**

Acts 5:42 ~ And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 16:19 ~ The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. {Note: If you look in the New Testament, you will find preaching and teaching taking place on a hill, in a chariot, and in buildings both with and without kitchens.}

I Corinthians 13:1-13 ~ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Luke 10:27 ~ And he answering said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; **and thy neighbour as thyself.**" If a congregation who meets in a location outside of a house and doesn't have a kitchen or a fellowship hall, you limit the ability for planting seeds into the community...helping evacuees from a natural disaster, having a safe place for teenagers or a singles group to meet on a Friday or Saturday evening, etc. When Jesus saw a need what did he do? Worked. What did some of the Old Testament religious leaders do? Placed restrictions on their ability to work. Are you searching for a church home? Along with the gospel truth, ask yourself, do they place limits on the congregations ability to work?

Faith, assurance, righteous crown, and willing to fight the good fight
Charity, love, having compassion, and (godliness...guilty by association)