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2 Corinthians 10:4-5 "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God."

I believe after Sunday's successful service at Destiny Church, it proves that churches have been unfairly treated by the Minister of Health, David Clark and Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.

On Sunday, we had strict health requirements in place, physical distancing was met, and the Police and health professionals were happy with our processes and planning. We maxed out our carpark with 350 cars on-site in our Drive-In church, with many cars containing families of between 4 – 7 people. We had visitors from other churches, plus those who travelled from as far as Hawkes Bay and Tauranga. The overflow of cars then spilled down Druces Road and surrounding streets. We had 100 of our ministry team members and leaders inside our Sanctuary for a ticketed event, practising even stricter health measures, with everyone attending providing proof they have recently been COVID-19 tested. In addition, we had tens of thousands viewing online through Facebook and Livestream. All in all, it was a hugely successful Sunday, and it showed how eager people are to participate in a tangible church service again, albeit in a different way.

While the stand we made was to protest against the unfairness or prejudices against our churches, our stand was, more importantly, one of ideological warfare.

To understand the determination of this government, and their resolute decision to restrict churches to just ten people, even in the light of the Police being confused and some of Jacinda's own Ministers miffed by her stubbornness, means its reflective of something far more sinister underneath the skin. What drives a seemingly intelligent and well-presented prime minister to go beyond reasonability regarding this issue?

It's a known fact Jacinda was elected President of the International Union of Socialist Youth of which Marxist and Communist views are deeply intertwined with this ideology. There is no doubt at all that Jacinda Ardern, professing to be an atheist (one who denies the existence of God), holds strongly to a socialist, ideological viewpoint of life. These views therefore strongly influence her everyday decisions and policy settings. It would be totally fair to say she is most likely building a socialist New Zealand with Marxist ideology.

Most of the public of New Zealand would never discern peoples deeper beliefs and how constructive or destructive they can be. They are naïve to all of this. For Christians, they need to know that Marxist socialists are totally at odds with our Christian beliefs. For instance, examples look like this:

When PM Jacinda Ardern did not close the borders as quickly as she was supposed to, when almost all Covid-19 infections were entering with travellers through our borders, this was because ideologically she is a globalist (a socialist's drive). It would have pained her beyond words to shut down our borders as a globalist believes in open borders! They see a borderless world where we swing open our gates to immigration and refugees, along with all their religions and races, and we mix together in multi-culturalism. We've seen the failed example of this multi-cultural globalism in Great Britain and European countries.

The second example is the current situation, that is keeping Christians and churches in an obvious unfair lockdown despite strip clubs, sex workers, restaurants, pubs, gyms, large shopping malls and rugby matches all opening and operating. This is because she believes in Marxist socialism. Remember, religion is an obstacle to a socialist State's ambitions, and therefore the same knot in her stomach at closing globalism down (ie. closing our borders) is the same drive in not wanting to allow Christianity to have too much influence.

The true reason in the obvious unfairness shown to churches opening is her ideological position. This explains why everyone is so confused and perplexed with the current inconsistencies in her decisions around how restrictions are applied.



Ideological beliefs can drive many into seemingly unintelligent decisions and destructive outcomes may be the result when in places of power. Few voters, in their voting booth, would vote based on someone's ideological beliefs. Yet, when politicians are making policies on our behalf that determine how well we live, they make decisions based on their personal ideologies.

You cannot separate one's private beliefs from one's public actions. As they say "You can bury a tin can...it will rust, you can bury refuse...it will rot, but you can't bury a worm, it will always rise to the top."

I cannot remember in my 40 years of Christian service in New Zealand a government that has been so blatant in telegraphing their ideological position in politics. Never have we seen such in your face challenges to our stable Kiwi way of life, eg. Immigration (also doubling the refugee numbers intake as well as their extended families...what??), exceeding their promised restrictions pressuring housing, public services, jobs and social services etc. All of this though comes out of UN and Globalist agendas that socialism drives.

Then the gun buy-back scheme that punished New Zealanders for what an Australian did to a people, not from New Zealand, which was an indication of a soon to be Police state presented to an unarmed New Zealand public. Then, the Christian community would suffer the biggest humiliation after the Muslim massacre when Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern invited an Islamic Iman to pray a Muslim prayer in our supposedly Christian democracy. Muslims believe Allah is the only God which then removes Jesus Christ as God alone according to our Christian faith!

Then to really let all Christians and the public of New Zealand know she was now well on her way to building a socialist New Zealand, she allowed (or directed) Trevor Mallard speaker of the House to pull the name of Jesus Christ out of Parliamentary Prayer, not to mention their attempt to tamper with our National Anthem.

To help all non-religious people and those who don't give a rats backside about ideologies and beliefs, it may be time that you have too. This Labour-led Coalition is building a Communist/Socialist New Zealand for you/me, our children and grandchildren to live in. Look at Russia, China, Cuba and others to give you an idea of how this plays out. The recent COVID-19 Public Health Response Bill should surely convince all Kiwis and even the heartiest Jacinda/Labour supporter that it's clear that Prime Minister Ardern is building a New Zealand that's way different to the one we used to call New Zealand. It's almost as if Labour were uncertain about re-election by the way they have rushed at lightning speed heinous bills like the recent Abortion Legislation Bill with deadly amendments added by the cold comrades (this is what Jacinda and Young Socialists called each other) making it the worst abortion bill in the world.

Then they secretly slipped through the prisoner's vote bill, and they are on the verge of The Hate Speech Bill, all under the cover of the COVID-19 virus when people have their thoughts and attention elsewhere. Then, of course, the rush of the recent COVID-19 Public Health Response Bill that bypassed the Select Committee process with public consultation, that in one day gets passed through three sittings.

So overnight we see the beginnings of what is morphing into a Socialist state, totally debasing democracy while adding a Police enforcement squad that enables them to invade our privacy without a warrant.

Don't be fooled by the latest polls. Jacinda's soaring popularity is a fever based on a front. What's really inside will come outside after this next election if the public don't wake up.

Like never before, in this coming election, we need to reconsider how we vote. We need to consider what the ideologies are behind the politicians we are voting for.

Could this coming election be the battle of Communism versus Christianity? The public of New Zealand will decide what type of New Zealand we create for future generations. Let's get it right New Zealand!

Additional information:

It's important to understand what drives the Prime Minister: <u>https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/opinion/300012145/its-important-to-understand-what-drives-the-prime-minister?fbclid=lwAR3C58pk6SspYK-qx2VYrt3KlhCm7Z3cL2h56jKruZY3SlUhKf7J7bijjVw</u>