Thursday, February 11, 2016 - Height of Human Arrogance

Several years ago, I was asked to teach an adult class, at the congregation we were attending, on "Apostasy in the church." This is a topic that has long been neglected and needs immediate attention. During one of the classes I mentioned the origin of apostasy and referenced the Lord's teaching, and Paul's teaching regarding the characteristics associated with the great falling away and the nexus between that movement and the catholic church. As I ventured into the subject of Paul's "man of sin" I made the comment of the unmitigated arrogance of the catholic church and the person who holds the man made position of pope. One of the elders, who had been the previous preacher at this particular congregation, pulled me aside after class and told me that my comment regarding the catholic church was "too harsh" and might negatively influence those in the audience.

Once I processed the pathetically weak nature of his comments, I asked him if he remembered how Jesus described the scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 23: HYPOCRITES! I also asked him if he understood Paul's decree to Timothy in 2 Timothy 4 when he said:

"...preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables. But be thou sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil thy ministry..."

I never intend to offend anyone when I preach or teach and have learned to try and soften my delivery but it will NEVER be at the expense of the truth. The person who holds the role of pope, regardless when in history, is a heinous, disgusting, arrogant servant of Satan! I will bring this fact to anyone's attention, who will listen, because the entity known as the catholic church has costs millions of people their souls and and will continue to cost souls until Christ comes again.

I was again reminded of this fact today when I ran across an article titled, "Pope unleashes 'super confessors' to tackle special sins." I would laugh at the whole idea of 'super confessors' if it weren't for the fact Satan is cheering on this type of ignorance.

http://news.yahoo.com/pope-unleashes-super-confessors-tackl...

The apostate church, an evolution from truth to error, clearly had its genesis in the first century; and this movement continues to this day, and, according to Paul's prophecy, will abide, in one form or another, until the Coming of Christ. To understand how we got here, we need to understand the origins of this soul damning heresy.

I present to you this evening a wonderful article by Wayne Jackson titled, <u>Who Is Paul's</u> <u>"Man of Sin"</u>?

I pray it helps you as we fight the threat of false doctrine regardless it's origin.