

An Urgent Letter :
To the Church of Jesus Christ in South Africa

Part 2 : Broad Brush Strokes

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I have tried to make sure every Scripture reference is correctly cited. If I have erred anywhere in this, please accept my profound apologies.

This Letter to the RSA Church is not for idle chat or mild curiosity, but **calls for action in repentant obedience and prayer unto God**. By its very nature it is limited in exploring in greater depth the issues that beset the RSA Church, some of which are referred to as I believe the LORD has led me. **However, all we need is Scripture to know something is seriously wrong, because Scripture is our full and final authority for all of life and conduct. Period.**

Part 1 was the Introduction to the rest of the whole Letter. It is an essential, foundation-laying Introduction and so I encourage you if you have not read the Introduction yet, or the Parts which precede this Part, please do so. Much is at stake.

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Broad brush strokes are not always vague generalisations. They can be, but also can be brief, shorthand disclosures of serious foundational issues that run through the greater body being “brushed”. It does not include everyone, clearly : but in this Letter it definitely includes the greater majority of the RSA Church. See **Galatians 6 : 7, 8**, and the import of that passage of Scripture.

If indeed God’s Word is true and a reflection of His will, ways, plans and purposes, then **Galatians 6 : 7, 8 written to believers**, the Galatian Church and every believer, local Church and national Church down the ages, till today, by

the apostle Paul, **means exactly what it says**. It means that for the individual. It means that for a family. It means that for a cell group/house church/local congregation. It means that for the sum of the whole. Therefore, as one considers the sum of the whole being the national expression of Church in RSA, and taking a careful look at the entire country, how it is governed with brutal ideologies, a mixture between communism and Islamic jihadist ideals/goals; administered from national level to municipal level and at every single tier of government departments with incompetence and corruption that is near extreme; how this government is attacking the Church.... Are these the consequences of the RSA Church sowing to the Spirit ? Certainly not !! **2 Peter 4 : 17**.....and considering that **Gal 6 : 7, 8** is written to those professing faith in Christ and the immediate context preceding and surrounding these verses, it is clear that the majority of believers in the RSA Church are sowing to the flesh, at best.

See **Leviticus 26, in its entirety**. This passage is firstly a direct **warning and encouragement to the people of God**, not an indictment pointed at pagans. The general rule of "reaping what you sow" is a universal truth that applies to everyone, **Paul's specific target here is the behaviour inside the Christian church**.

In the verse right after this (**Galatians 6:9**), Paul says, *"Let us not become weary in doing good..."*. A pagan would not be trying to "do good" in a Christian sense; Paul is explicitly addressing Christian believers and warning of becoming weary of sowing to the Spirit.

Believers Can "Sow to the Flesh": Paul is reminding Christians, especially infantile Christians---who can be infantile in their understanding even after many years of sitting in church merely listening to words spoken, not reading and studying their Bibles and not being disciplined--- that even though they (all Christians) are saved by grace, they are still capable of making sinful, selfish choices (sowing to the flesh). He warns them that if they choose to live sinfully and/or selfishly, they will experience a "harvest" of relational ruin, spiritual dryness, and destructive consequences in this life, being Gods discipline moving to temporal judgment when His discipline is ignored and mocked---for God cannot be mocked with impunity.

While **Gal 6 : 7, 8** is primarily written to guide believers, it also serves as a sharp warning to the godless who are acting out of selfish ambition and pride (sin; the flesh)—and despite their loud religious protestations, they will eventually reap destruction from God.

ANC government and other political parties; businesses that profiteer against their clients and treat them high handedly : BEWARE. Your judgment will not likely only be temporal. More than likely it will be eternal.

But the main focus here is Paul is telling the church: *Don't look at the outside world; look at your own lives. Every choice you make today is a seed you plant for tomorrow.* This is where the self righteous spirit of the RSA Church kicks in with some aggression, but entirely exposing itself, for any Godly person being so addressed will go before God in humble repentance and make sure they are not indeed guilty of this.

The Church in our country has gone AWOL. It is simply not really anywhere to be found. Missing in action. Full of pretence and hypocrisy it is simply not obeying the LORD doing the works it did at first, having lost its first love.

Revelation 2 : 4—5. NOTE verse 5 !! “2 To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:.....⁴ Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. ⁵ Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.”

Revelation 2 : 18; 20—23 : “¹⁸ To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze.....²⁰ Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. ²² So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. ²³ I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.”

Revelation 3 : 1—3 : “To the angel^[a] of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits^[b] of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ² Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. ³ Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.”

Revelation 3 : 14—17, 19 : ¹⁴ “To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. ¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. see.....¹⁹ Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent."

These are all uncompromising words from the RISEN LORD JESUS CHRIST. He is deadly serious. Do not play games with Him, full of grace and love as He is---He is still GOD Incarnated, Who says at **Malachi 3 : 6, 7** "I the LORD do not change... Return to Me and I will return to you." See I Corinthians below about God/Jesus not changing. Certainly this pericope'/excerpt from **Malachi** below implies clearly their sin had created a chasm in relationship between themselves and God. The question by the impudent people (RSA Church ??) is highly instructive re their hearts condition. Seriously, read the whole of **Malachi**, carefully. God was speaking through Malachi to Israel and to all His people in the ages to follow. This is important to understand. He addresses the priests (equivalent is pastors and church leaders today and those who claim apostleship and prophet ministry), and the nation of Judah (RSA Church).

See **1 Corinthians 10 : 1—12**. **Jesus was there in the desert with Israel, always as God, the Rock. See His actions against those who disdained Him. Same LORD Jesus. God has not changed.** Believer in Christ, study Gods Word. Not just the candy floss parts, but the real meat too. Be uncompromising in pursuing truth and righteousness for obedience to Christ, and fleeing sin.

James 1 : 22--- Doing what the Word says.... The Word then in James day was the Old Testament. (The New Testament had not yet been collected as it was still being written. The Old Testament is still relevant to today for all of life and conduct save for those aspects fulfilled in Christ, including stoning for adultery: see John 8 : 1—11, and to get it in context re "condemnation" so no errant mistakes are made in understanding, see John 3 : 16, 17, 18.)

In **James 2 : 1--26** : **note vs 26** : "faith" without **works of faith**, i.e. obedience to Christ--- in other words **indifference to and disinterest in God and His will, commands etc with no heartfelt honest obedience** to God in Christ, says such a person/ Church is dead, as in spiritually dead. ICHABOD. It bears no fruit.

The RSA Church has the appearance of being alive and well, but overall is not, and certainly not according to Scripture when it is held to the light of the Word of God. Jesus said, quoting the Father, speaking through the prophet Isaiah from the Old Testament : **"These people worship Me with their lips, but their**

hearts are far from Me...” Matthew 15 : 7—9. Loud deafening music that drowns out the voices of the congregation under the performance by the band in its alarming, false idea that noise like that is somehow “spiritual”; all the electric and digital gimmicks and even smoke machines and waving flags cannot conjure up the Spirit of God if the people’s hearts are far from Him. ICHABOD.

Works of faith in Christ are shallow and thin on the ground overall in the RSA Church, in the light of Christ’s command at **Matthew 28 : 18—20** and see also **Eph 4 : 11—16; (17—24)**. It is no use arguing that because para-church organisations are doing, for example, evangelistic works that you/the Church are doing them. That is disingenuous in the extreme. **Matthew 28 : 18—20** is written to every believer, for their personal action in witnessing and seeking to make disciples, or at the least, interceding with God for their salvation. The Royal Priesthood, the holy nation unto God must fulfil its function in obedience. **1 Peter 2 : 4, 5; 9--12**

1.) What are YOU actually doing to witness by mouth to Jesus, i.e. sharing the Gospel of salvation ? 2.) What are YOU actually doing re praying for the salvation of the lost on a regular/continuous basis ? (These two questions reflect the calling you have on your life to fulfil your Royal Priestly function given by God). Matthew 28 : 18—20; 1 Peter 2 : 4, 5 and 9 (--12). 3.) What are YOU actually doing to FLEE sin and PURSUE righteousness, and BE HOLY in all that you do, for God is holy and calls us to holiness ? 1 Peter 1 : 15, 16 4.) What are YOU actually doing to show love and grace and mercy to others, and other practical helps ?

1 Peter 1 : 2 seems it is not even known to be in the Bible—yet it reveals what is said by God from the times of settling creation, to now. **Genesis 2 : 15—17**, where before sin entered into the world, God gave a command to be obeyed. (It was not and look at the world to see the damage sin causes, and will cause you too if you play with it/or pretend its no big deal). And see Paul at **1 Corinthians 7 : 19(b)** and **2 Corinthians 13 : 5**. And Jesus Himself at **John 14 : 15, 21, 23, (24)**. **Colossians 1 : 13, 14** : the implication is so clear that sin has **NO PLACE** in the believer, at least not regular, ongoing, repeated, unconfessed sin--not that any sin is acceptable—and we must keep “short accounts” with God when we do sin. Confess your sin wholeheartedly to the LORD as soon as you become aware of it. **1 John 1 : 8—2 : 2**. See also **1 John 2 : 15—17**, and take careful note.

For far too long a “cheap grace” (heretical) “gospel” has been preached and people are led in a prayer “by which [prayer] they are saved”. That is wrong right there. Do they believe in their hearts that Jesus Christ is LORD is the resurrected LORD ? Do they confess Jesus before all men ? See **Matthew 10 : 32, 33; 37—39**. There is little to no call to holiness nor obedience and teaching of the principles from the parables of Jesus which warn of the failure to honour God with the obedience He is Divinely worthy of, indicating a serious lack of Biblical understanding of what constitutes the Gospel of salvation and the walk of faith thereafter. Go look up all the parables of Jesus and learn from them the spiritual truths they reveal, especially those re eternal life/salvation.

Romans 10 : 13 is SO uncritically misunderstood, and less explained, properly. It means call on the LORD with the reality and intent and life expression of **verse 10**, not with empty heart, not insincerely, but with urgent recognition of your desperate, desperate spiritual state of being condemned by God for your sin; and your recognition of God being Creator God and Sovereign over all creation, the Father of the LORD Jesus Christ, who is Judge of all mankind, Who though gracious and merciful is not to be trifled with. Who are you, mere man to disregard, dishonour God and play fast and loose with His Word ?

There is the demonic “theology” of “health, wealth and prosperity”, variously disguised by different proponents of this heresy, but all derivatives equally heretical and destructive. There is the practically expressed and so wrongly embraced and lived “theology of comfort” and pre-tribulation “fire-ticket” rapture (which leads sharply to self-centred religion, laziness, escapism and a callous disregard of the plight of the lost, instead of being vibrantly active in DAILY sharing and living out the Gospel with the lost/work colleagues/neighbours/strangers) There is much poor and / or hermeneutically manipulated understandings of Holy Spirit on both sides of the divide : **1)** those who deny Holy Spirit and His work in the believer, despite what Scripture very clearly says, they butcher truth for their heresy; **2)** those who go overboard and twist their heresies into the work, activity and power of Holy Spirit, and being focussed only on the works of power, ignoring love and holiness; **“Kingdom Now theology” which does not accord with the correct understandings of Scripture and the “already but not yet” principle** [see end of this Part]; unforgiveness; consorting like wanton adulterers with the world and other idols (**1 John 2 : 15—17 and James 4 : 4—10**) leads Gods people in a devilish roundabout of confusion and spiritual inactivity leading to plain disinterested disobedience and massive powerlessness, which results in either a very poor witness to Christ, and/or more witness to pagan lifestyle than Biblical. **Galatians 6 : 7, 8**.

But the angry cry goes up : “Not US !! We are full of Holy Spirit !! ” and defiance shouts. “How DARE you accuse US so !!” Well, if you look at Revelation, the churches there are representative of churches down the ages, but even MORE so now. Jesus says so through Holy Spirit. Of the 7 Churches, 5 received strong reprimand AND warning from Jesus. **2 Timothy 3 : 1—5. NOTE verse 5** : “...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God---having a form of Godliness but denying its power”!! Is this you ?

Joshua 6, 7 : Achans sin. One man deliberately disobeyed God, and the nation of Israel was defeated by a small town, Ai, that should have been taken with great ease by a small detachment of fighters. Until that sin was obliterated from their midst God said He would not go with them any further. **Joshua 7 : 10—13**. Drastic action was required, and when taken in obedience, God “restored Himself” to Israel. In the light of this, why, RSA Church, why do we play fast and loose with that which Jesus clearly warns us and admonishes about to flee from and avoid : the uncompromising removal of any/all known sin from your/our lives. Where else does the near complete powerlessness of the RSA Church come from ? Would we rather enter heaven limping, where we are made whole and complete in eternal joy and the full consummation of our salvation; or enter hell, whole and complete, defiant against God in His great love and mercy at pointing out our sin---for eternal punishment and eternal destruction in horrible torment ?

Samson, Judges 16, let us be clear, Samson denied, brushed aside, the truth of what he was seeing/experiencing with Delilah because of the lusts of his flesh and rank arrogance. She betrayed him 4 times and he ignored it. (Like the RSA Church ignores her sin, denies her power is gone and defiantly in effect tells God His Word is defective in that it does not apply to us anymore, because WE are saved.) Samson finally gave in to Delilah’s nagging, and gave his secret away about his strength. She betrayed him again, and when he was roused to confront those who had come to capture him, **he did not know his power had gone**; he felt the same as usual. See vss **20, 21**. He was taken. ICHABOD.

Many believers play in the “sin shallows” thinking its all fine to cut things thin—which it is not---until they are unexpectedly swept away by spiritual currents too powerful for them. Scripture has a number of instances when the people acted, but the Presence and power of God was not with them because of their wilful, deliberate and presumptive sin. **1 Samuel 2 : 12—36 ; 3 : 10—18, and chapter 4** tell a story : the people did not know that God had left them because of their priests sin, even though the LORD still spoke. He spoke to Samuel. They thought everything was still just fine, until the defeat and the death of Hophni,

Phinehas and Eli and the ark was captured : the Israelites defeated.
ICHABOD !! Because of their rebellious priests who disdained God. Pastor : where REALLY does your heart lie ? Do bank balances, numbers and perks attract you more than holiness ? More than the lost being saved (no matter which congregation they choose to go to), and discipling your people to be true followers/disciples of Jesus.

Study carefully **Numbers 14 : 26—45**. **Read this passage carefully a good several times !** See what God says to Moses about those who rebelled against Him by grumbling against Him and distrusting Him about taking the land of Canaan. There is much to be learned from this chapter, but take note :

vss 1—12

vss 13---25

vss 26---38

vss 39---43

vss 44---45

Verse 40 the apostate people arrogantly said they would go up to the place the LORD had promised. Yet the LORD had instructed them to turn back and set out toward the desert along the route to the Red Sea. Moses warned them clearly they were disobeying the LORD'S command, and they were not to do that, nor go up because they will be defeated by their enemies. Yet, in their DEFIANT PRESUMPTION they went up, and they were defeated. ICHABOD.

In a way, this is exactly what Jesus warns will happen in most of the Revelation letters to the 7 Churches..."I will remove your lampstand..." i.e. My Presence/My Spirit, if there is not repentance and returning to Me. How many churches in RSA today are operating "as usual" and have not a clue that the Spirit they think and claim is present, has long departed ? For when He leaves, the absence of the Spirit is not even noticed but by very few. You think the liturgy (yes evangelical/independent churches have their liturgies), the preaching, the singing, the serving of coffee after the service, even the gospel activities are going on "as usual", but He has long since been removed by God "For these people worship Me with their lips but their hearts are far from Me."

Matthew 15 : 7--9

Galatians 6 : 7, 8 We “reap as we sow”look at our country with open spiritual eyes and see !!! “ “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man [family/congregation/town/city/province/nation] reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever [person/family/congregation/town/city/province/nation] sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.”

Pastors, all leaders of ministries and groups in congregations, and para-church ministries, every person who claims to be saved by Jesus, see what God has to say to you at **1 Samuel 2 : 12—36**. The warning is plain : the call is to repent of your sin and shortcomings and false motives, and NOT PRESUME upon the LORD that He winks at your sins and bad motives, nor those in your congregations, for then you, and they, go in arrogance and presumption, ignorantly not realising ICHABOD !! And hence, ineffective, nearly fruitless ministries and lives.

So many, pulpit to pew, have at best a shoddy understanding of basic Scriptures. So much—not all--of what is preached is the “candy-floss” of the Bible...you know : all the feel good stuff, the self help stuff that leaves people anaemic and sickly for they are not being fed real meat for real spiritual growth in holiness and spiritual resilience.

Couple the infantile diet so often dished up, with no accountability from pulpit to pew to actually DO the commands of God, to an apathetic disinterest in the will, ways, and purposes of God, and an arrogance that presumes against God, and the apostle James has more than a point for the modern Church in RSA.

Does God speak and not mean what He says ? Is He a liar ? If He does not mean what He says how can you EVER be sure about salvation ?

Numbers 23 : 19 : “God is not a man, that He should lie, or a son of man, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?”

1 Corinthians 15 : 34 : “Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God---I say this to your shame.”

Galatians 6 : 7, 8 : “⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.”

Does He command and not expect us to obey Him out of gratitude and willing true worship, for all He has done for us ? Or does He command (NOTE : COMMAND) and turn a blind eye to your/our plain disinterest in actually obeying Him in Spirit and in truth ?

So, if God has an expectation that we will willingly, worshipfully obey Him in all things (this is a constant theme all through Scripture), do you think He will just wink at His children when they ignorantly, deliberately, wilfully and defiantly, disinterestedly disobey Him, He Who is Almighty God, Who disciplined, then judged His people Israel and Judah how many times, until finally exile came their way, and He will just shrug His shoulders and let us do as we selfishly, self centredly wish ? THAT is not Christianity. THAT is a construct of the sinful, carnal, heart and mind of undisciplined people, and weeds in the midst of the Church.

2 Chronicles 7 : 14 :

"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles sets out the serious principles that God expects from those repenting from their disobedience to Him, disinterest in Him, and thereby, their apostacy. Dear Reader, THIS is where you start, and keep going.....

Share the link with family, friends, all across the country. Discuss this Letter in its different parts in your cell group / Bible study / whatever church groups you are in. Let GOD by His Spirit speak to you from His Word. Pray honestly, fervently for transformational revival in your congregation, suburb, town/city/province/nation.

This Letter is an urgent call to the RSA Church to return to her LORD in humility, confession and repentance unto obedience in measure not yet expressed in and through our lives, to glorify His Holy Name, and for all our good, even the entire country.

Part 3 of this Letter to the RSA Church (The call to turn back to God) follows next week, God willing.

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** Here is how the two views differ:

Kingdom Now Theology

[This entire theology is a rehash of the decidedly unbiblical post millennial doctrine. It simply does not accord with the Biblical witness and has caught many in its various forms.]

- **Human Responsibility:** Believers must completely establish and rule God's kingdom on earth before Jesus can return. [Utter nonsense]
- **Earthly Power:** Christians are expected to take full control of social, cultural, and political institutions. [Utter nonsense]
- **Spiritual Victory:** Satan and evil are progressively defeated on earth through the church's growing authority. [Jesus has ALREADY defeated satan. We must enforce His victory through our lives living out the holiness we have in Christ and witness and ministry.]

"Already / Not Yet" Theology

[This doctrine reflects strongly the Biblical witness.]

- **Divine Execution:** Jesus initiated the kingdom during his earthly ministry, but only he will fully complete it at his second coming. [True.]
- **Present Reality:** The kingdom is **already** present through the Holy Spirit, changed hearts, and the church's ministry. Jesus IS reigning with and through His people, the Church, to the extent we honour and obey Him. [True]
- **Future Fulfillment:** The kingdom is **not yet** fully realized, meaning sin, suffering, and brokenness will persist until Christ returns. The Kingdom IS already here, but not yet in all its consummated fullness.].

