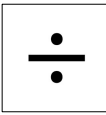




## Families, Friends & Neighbors will...SEPARATE from you IF Jesus is preached!

Imagine looking down from above at the symbol of division. What you see is two people with a wall between them.



The Word of God also becomes a "WALL" when preached, separating those who believe it, from those who believe not!

Jesus said, "Suppose ye that I am come to give PEACE ON EARTH [THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF MINISTERS PREACHING THIS!]? I tell you, NAY; but rather DIVISION [DISUNION OF OPINION AND CONDUCT]:

"For from HENCEFORTH there shall be FIVE in one house DIVIDED, three against two, and two against three.

"The father shall be DIVIDED against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law" (LUKE 12:51-53).

There is nothing more painful to a Christian than having their family REJECT them, just as they did Jesus, "...for neither did HIS BROTHERS believe in him" (JOHN 7:5).

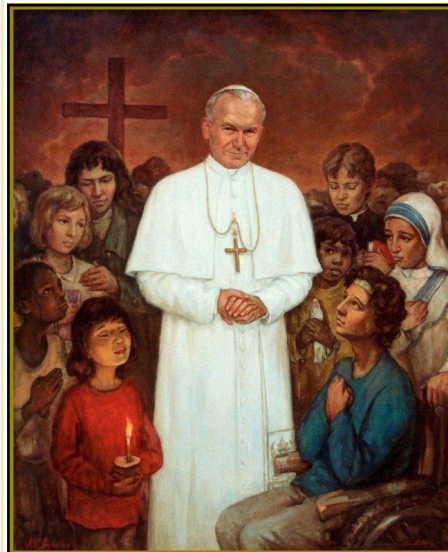
If you are a believer that preaches the Word of God, you will always drive a spiritual wedge in between them that hear it. The Word of God DOES NOT BRING UNITY!

That is why Jesus said, "If the world HATE YOU, ye KNOW that it hated me BEFORE it hated you" (JOHN 15:18).

"The DISCIPLE is not ABOVE his master, nor the SERVANT above his lord...If they have CALLED the master of the house Beelzebub, HOW MUCH MORE shall they call them of HIS HOUSEHOLD" (MATT. 10:24-25)?

Are YOU a member of "HIS HOUSEHOLD" who has been REJECTED and DESPISED, and called "Beelzebub?" Are THESE MEN ABOVE ALSO of his household as well?

Remember, Jesus said, "Ye shall KNOW THEM by their FRUITS...wherefore by their FRUITS ye shall KNOW THEM" (MATT. 7:16, 20).



Was Jesus ever THIS POPULAR, or this ADORED? Was Jesus OR his apostles ever this WEALTHY?

"The POOR is hated even of his OWN neighbor: but the RICH hath MANY FRIENDS" (PROVERBS 14:20). But Jesus

said, "WOE UNTO YOU, when ALL MEN shall speak WELL OF YOU! For so did their fathers to the FALSE PROPHETS" (LUKE 6:26).

They who choose to preach "smooth things" (ISAIAH 30:10) DO NOT SUFFER "...the OFFENCE of the cross..." (GAL 5:11), and of



course the world will "...LOVE HIS OWN" (JOHN 15:19).

And yet, "...ALL that will live godly in Christ Jesus SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION" (2 TIM. 3:12). There are NO EXCEPTIONS!

The Word of God makes this testimony concerning a CHRISTIAN: "...as MANY as are LED [TO LEAD; TO BRING; TO DRIVE; TO GO] by the SPIRIT OF GOD, they are THE SONS OF GOD" (ROMANS 8:14) ...And for THIS REASON we are persecuted:

Jesus said, "BLESSED ARE YE, when MEN [MALE AND FEMALE] shall HATE YOU [MEANING TO DETEST; TO PERSECUTE; TO LOVE LESS], and when they shall SEPARATE YOU FROM THEIR COMPANY, and shall REPROACH YOU [TO DEFAME; TO RAIL AT; TO CHIDE; TO TAUNT], and CAST OUT [TO EJECT] your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake" (LUKE 6:22).

Everywhere Jesus preached, his WORD brought about DIVISION (JOHN 7:43; 9:16; 10:19). Even the preaching of his apostles brought DIVISION: "And SOME believed the things which were spoken, and SOME BELIEVED NOT" (ACTS 28:24).

On the day of Pentecost, and after the GOSPEL was preached, "...THEY that gladly received his WORD were baptized" (ACTS 2:41), while those who DID NOT RECEIVE IT left in unbelief.

On another occasion of hearing the Word, "...the MULTITUDE OF THEM that BELIEVED were of ONE HEART and of ONE SOUL" (ACTS 4:32), while the REST WHO BELIEVED NOT "MINGLED IN" with everyone else!

There will ALWAYS be those whom "...the WORD PREACHED DID NOT PROFIT...not being MIXED WITH FAITH" (HEBREWS 4:2).

When MANY of Jesus' disciples "...WENT BACK, and walked no more with him," Jesus said to the twelve, "Will ye also GO AWAY? Then Simon Peter answered him, LORD, to WHOM SHALL WE GO? Thou hast the WORDS of eternal life. And we BELIEVE and are SURE that thou art THAT CHRIST, the Son of the LIVING God" (JOHN 6:66-69).