

## “THE SPIRIT OF LAWLESSNESS - PART 1”

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**INTRO:** There is a spirit of lawlessness raging in America, much of which is being excused, tolerated or ignored.

### **I. WHAT IS LAWLESSNESS?**

- A. Dictionary - Lawlessness is a state of disorder due to a disregard of the law (breaking the law, illegal behavior).
- B. Greek – violation of the law (illegality), or wickedness.

### **II. WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT LAWLESSNESS?**

- A. Those who practice it don't do God's will, don't know Jesus and won't spend eternity with Jesus (Matt. 7:21-23).
- B. Those who practice it will be removed from God's kingdom and cast into the lake of fire (Matt. 13:40-43).
- C. It's possible to put on a good show outwardly while being full of hypocrisy & lawlessness inside (Matt. 23:27-28).
- D. It's an end-time sign & causes love to grow cold (Mt. 24:3-13).

### **III. WHAT DID PAUL SAY ABOUT LAWLESSNESS?**

- A. Before conversion, slaves of lawlessness; After, set free and slaves of righteousness (Rom. 6:18-19).
- B. Avoid connection with the lawless (2Cor. 6:14).
- C. It flows from an antichrist spirit/Satan (2Thess. 2:7-12).
- D. Laws were made for the lawless, who should be expected and required to obey them (1Tim. 1:8-9).
- E. Jesus came to redeem us from every lawless deed and make us zealous for righteousness (Tit. 2:12-14).

### **IV. WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF LAWLESSNESS (Rom. 1:18-28)?**

The main cause is rejecting God and His ways, and, as a result, people take on a spirit of stupid (Rom. 1:18-28)

### **V. WHAT IS THE CURE FOR LAWLESSNESS?**

- A. Make disciples of all people groups (Matt. 28:18-20).
- B. Speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15).

***Truth without Love leads to Judgmentalism; Love without Truth leads to Liberalism; Truth in Love leads to Maturism!***

- C. Expose the works of darkness (Eph. 5:11).
- D. Live holy and let your light shine (Phil. 2:15; Matt. 5:14-16).

***Remember, when light and darkness collide, light wins!***

- E. Use the weapons of our warfare (2Cor. 10:4-5).