
Two Dangerous Movements

PROMISE KEEPERS IS DANGEROUS.

I. IT IS DANGEROUS BECAUSE IT IS OF MAN.

Promise Keepers is a fast growing movement which has as its goal the making of better men, especially in relation to the church and home. It did not originate with God! It contains too many things which are contrary to His Word. It is based entirely upon human wisdom, and God says, "**My thoughts are not your thoughts.**" Here are the Seven Promises which are supposed to permanently change a man's life forever.

1. A man and His God: A PK is committed to honoring Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, and obedience to God's Word in the power of the Holy Spirit.
2. A man and his mentor: A PK is committed to pursuing vital relationships with a few other men, understanding that he needs brothers to help him keep his promises.
3. A man and his integrity: A PK is committed to practicing spiritual, moral ethical and sexual purity.
4. A man and his family: A PK is committed to building strong marriages and families through love, protection and Biblical values.
5. A man and his church: A PK is committed to supporting the mission of the church by honoring and praying for his pastor and by actively giving of his time and his resources.
6. A man and his brothers: A PK is committed to reaching beyond any racial and denominational barriers to demonstrate the power of Biblical unity.
7. A man and his world: A PK is committed to influencing his world, being obedient to the Great Commandment (Mark.12:30,31) and the Great Commission (Matt.28:19,20).

II. IT'S DANGEROUS BECAUSE IT IS FALSE.

While some of that *sounds* good, much of it is unbiblical. It reminds me of the 12 laws of Alcoholics Anonymous. But a man who is not born again cannot possibly live up to those promises! Then, if he believed in Biblical unity, he wouldn't join PK. As we'll see it is an unscriptural, even devilish, unity! One of the worst things is it reduces Jesus to a mere man! Every man who attended their 1993 Boulder, CO, convention was given a copy of *The Masculine Journey: An Understanding of the Six Stages of Manhood* by Robert Hicks. A quote says: "I believe Jesus was phallic with all the phallic passions we experience as men. But it

was never recorded that Jesus had sexual relations with a woman. He may have thought about it as the movie *The Last Temptation of Christ* portrays..." That is blasphemy!

III. PROMISE KEEPERS - ECUMENICAL TOOL.

This fast growing men's ministry is supposed to help get men involved in local churches. But it is strictly new evangelical and ecumenical. The principal founders and leaders are from John Wimber's charismatic Vineyard Church which should be enough to keep true believers out of it. Promise Keepers is attracting many Catholics and Mormons. In Los Angeles, priests led 100 men in a Promise Keepers seminar. Chip Rawlings and other Mormon leaders urged members of the Latter-Day-Saints to participate in the movement. He said, PK's Seven Promises are "*like something straight out of the men's priesthood manual for the Church (of Mormon).*" This is obviously not of God and God's people should flee it like the plague! God says, "**What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?**"

IV. GOD SAYS, "BE NOT DECEIVED."

I am constantly amazed that evangelicals and others think the Roman Catholic Church has actually changed. It has not changed one false doctrine! It promotes Mary worship, the mass (a bloodless sacrifice of Christ), etc. It seeks unity with others, but only if others will recognize the primacy of the Pope. It has just put on a kinder face to reach its goal. An immoral man may put on a new suit and go to church (many do it all the time), but that does not make him any different inside. Listen to God: "**Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness (a believer) with unrighteousness (an unbeliever)...Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord...**" God's Word predicts there will be a one-world church and that its seat will be Rome. - Rev. 17. God's counsel - His only advice is to get out of it if you want to avoid His wrath. **Rev. 18:4:"Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins..."** It is interesting to note that in a recent statement on unity, the only people that the Pope had harsh words for were Fundamentalists. Thank God for that! I for one would not like the Pope to say anything nice about me for I would surely feel that I was doing something wrong.

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DANGER #2 – EVANGELICALS & CATHOLICS TOGETHER (ECT)

I. EVANGELICALS & CATHOLICS TOGETHER: ANOTHER STEP IN THE GREAT APOSTASY.

As in the previous movement, this ecumenical program is largely the brain-child of new evangelicals. It is amazing how far down the wrong road these people have gone in forty years. The document entitled: *"Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium"* was framed by Chuck Colson and Richard Neuhaus, a Lutheran who became a Catholic priest. There were 40 evangelical and Catholic original signers including J.I. Packer, Pat Robertson, Bill Bright of Campus Crusade, John White (former president of the NAE) and leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention.

What is the purpose of ECT? According to J.I. Packer it is to provide a common effort *"re-Christianize the North American milieu."* Whatever that means, it is not to be found in the Word of God. Furthermore, the statement says, *"All who accept Christ as Lord and Saviour are brothers and sisters in Christ."* Roman Catholics are now to be considered true Christians even though they believe in salvation by works. It says neither one will proselytize the other's flock. Well, if Catholics are brothers, they don't need to be saved. I believe it is obvious that one of the primary agents in this unholy marriage is the charismatic movement which has as many Catholics (if not more) as it does evangelicals. God says, **"Can two walk together except they be agreed."** Amos 3:3. The fact that evangelicals can join with Catholics and treat them as true, born again Christians shows the new evangelicals are not really saved. If they were, they couldn't join them!

II. ECT ADVANCES THE ECUMENICAL GOALS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

At heart, Rome is ever the same. The goal is a worldwide church, all Christendom under its wings. Only a blind man could fail to see it, but that is apparently the situation with these evangelicals. J. I. Packer said in endorsing the pact: *"In the days when Rome seemed aimed at political control of all Christendom and the death of Protestant churches, such partnership was not possible. But those days are past and after Vatican II it can hardly return..."* He went on to speak of Roman

Catholics being *"spiritually alive."* The truth is Rome has just found a different way to destroy all other churches. It no longer uses the Inquisition; now it's strategy is amalgamation! They hope to assimilate all Christendom. One is reminded of the old story of the hunter and the bear. They came face to face in the woods and the hunter raised his rifle to shoot the bear. The bear said, "Wait a minute! What is it you want?" The hunter said, "A fur coat." The bear said, "Well all I want is a meal. Let's sit down and talk this over." So the hunter put down his gun and they both sat on a log. A short while later the bear got up and walked off alone; he had his meal and the hunter had a fur coat.

II. ECT WILL MOVE MILLIONS INTO THE HARLOT CHURCH.

People are like sheep. Most are going to follow some leader. Millions of evangelical people have no idea what is going on. The problem is most are not saved and others are but babes. They are ignorant and depend upon their leaders to guide them aright. The fact that groups like Campus Crusade have hundreds of paid Catholics on the staff shows how blind they are. History records unsuspecting sheep have often been lead to the slaughter. Evangelicals are being led into the Harlot Church of Rev.17. If you are one of them we urge you to search the Scriptures. First, to see if you are a true child of God and then, to see if you are following the Lord Jesus Christ or a false shepherd.

IV. ECT HAS GRAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR FUNDAMENTALISTS.

You now have a vast number of so called Bible believers who say, in effect, that Roman Catholics are saved. They are now working hand in hand with Catholics to *"save"* others. Where does that leave those who stand apart from this *"mixed multitude"*? Not only do we stand apart from it, but we stand unalterably opposed to it. They will surely bring a lot of pressure to bear, perhaps even through legislation, upon those who attempt to *"proselytize"* evangelicals or Catholics. It was not too long ago that the Pope spoke of being able to work with other *"Christians"* in which he spoke in glowing terms of evangelicals but showed only bitterness towards fundamentalists. In America we have long escaped any real persecution, but that may be changing. Down through the ages, and even in our day, many of God's people in other lands have suffered sore trials and persecution for their faith. We may be next!

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