

**Religious Freedom Has Allowed Some of the Greatest Perversions of Christianity Flourish - posted by sermonindex (),**

Religious freedom has its benefits for unhindered preaching of the Gospel. These freedoms have allowed some vibrant godly forms of Christianity to grow and prosper and yet these freedoms have sadly also allowed many of the vilest perversions of Christianity to prosper. One cannot begin to calculate the effects of cults, heretical groups and false gospels that have been allowed to prosper under the banner of religious freedom and expression.

In the past hundred years more cults than ever in Church history have sprung up and many with end time focus and deception. Such groups start as a guise and deception of the true working of the Holy Spirit in that day. We must "test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

We must not shun away from focusing on God's end time purposes and the second coming of Jesus Christ, though many cult groups are perverting this great hope of the Church.

However, a far worse epidemic of division in the body of Christ has also been fostered in this environment. There are groups of people meeting in homes, churches, and in public meeting areas all divided from each other under the premise that a specific doctrine they hold is right. Therefore the rest of believers are not with them in their truth.

Such thinking has resulted in the splitting and splintering of denominations to the place where there are easily over 40,000 registered denominations worldwide in Christendom.

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