



# THE WORD *Alive*

The Preaching Ministry of  
Ashley River Baptist Church

## GLOBAL WARMING: THE MELTDOW (PT 2) GALATIANS 5:16-21

### *I – the works of the meltdown1.*

- 1. IMMORALITY:** (*porneia*) sexual immorality including all forms of immoral, unlawful, abnormal and unnatural sexual acts; fornication; pre-marital sex and extramarital sex including adultery; unfaithfulness; prostitution; looking at another as to lust after them whether in person (public beaches) or in the imagination (computers and magazines); lusting within the heart is the very same as committing the act;
- 2. IMPURITY:** (*akatharsia*): literally dirty or polluted; worthless material, wastelack of purity; uncleanness; moral impurity and uncleanness; things that soil the life; sexual and moral looseness; indecency; sexual impurity and immorality;
- 3. SENSUALITY:** (*aselgeia*): sexual vice of all kinds; Shameless disregard for decency; to throw off restraint; to flaunt without shame or fear; reckless exhibition with nor regard for self respect or the rights and feelings of others; lack of public decency; lewdness; filthiness; wantonness; lustful indulgence; an unrestrained readiness for any pleasure; indecent and outrageous sexual behavior; outrageousness; shamelessness; filthy course language; indecent body movements; immoral or indecent sexual public displays; carnality; living without any moral restraint; licentiousness,
- 4. IDOLATRY:** (*eidololatreia*): the worship of idols; worship of an image of God whether mental or man made; the giving of one's primary devotion (time and energy) to something other than God; any substitute for the priority of the living and true God in one's life;
- Idolatry is best identified by the analysis of the use of one's time and resources.
- 5. SORCERY:** (*pharmakeia*): use of drugs of any kind for magical effect; witchcraft; sorcery; use of drugs or of evil spirits to gain control over the lives of others or over one's own life; black magic; works of enchantment; seeking the control over ones fate including astrology, palm reading, séances, fortune telling, crystals, and other forms of witchcraft;
- 6. ENMITIES:** (*echthrai*): hatred; personal animosities; hostility; a hatred that is deep within; both feelings and acts of hostile sentiment however demonstrated; inner disposition of animosity; discord between individuals and entities; hostile intentions;
- 7. STRIFE:** (*ereis*): discord; contentions; rivalry; fighting; struggles; quarreling; dissensions; struggle against another to gain possession, position or prominence;
- 8. JEALOUSY:** (*zalos*): wanting and desiring to have what someone else has; envy; resentment that another has enjoyed success or distinction that has been denied to him; unfriendly feeling or anger excited by another's welfare or achievement;
- 9. OUTBURSTS OF ANGER:** (*thumoi*): a violent, explosive temper; indignation; quick-tempered explosive reactions that arise from stirred and boiling emotions; rage;

- hot temper; fits of rage; passionate unrestrained outbursts;
- 10. DISPUTES:** (*eritheiai*): factions; conflicts; dissention; a party or cliquish spirit; rivalry factions arising from self seeking interests and selfish ambitions; selfish devotion to one's own interests or desires; canvassing for one's position;
- 11. DISSENTIONS:** (*dichostasiai*): division; rebellion; standing against others; splitting off from others; standing apart; disunity, dissension; division within a community; those who introduce divisive teaching;
- 12. FACTIONS:** (*aireseis*): choosing or asserting a preference; body of people who hold to a chosen set of opinions; separatist groups characterized by loyalty to a certain school of thought and practice, sect or party; a sect departing from the main body; false teachers who introduce heresies or factions among believers; belief contrary to established doctrine; believing and holding to some teaching other than the truth; separatist groups claiming status within the Christian community; party divisions;
- 13. ENVYING:** (*phthonoi*): feelings of ill-will; malice; a grudging spirit; more than jealousy it is the spirit that wants not only the things that another person has, but begrudges the fact that the person has them, desires those things be taken away and that the person suffer through the loss of them.
- 14. DRUNKENNESS:** (*methai*): intoxication; to have one's fill or excessive indulgence in strong drink; taking drink or drugs to affect one's senses for lust or pleasure; becoming tipsy or intoxicated; partaking of intoxicants to loosen moral restraint for bodily pleasure.
- 15. CAROUSING:** (*komoi*): uncontrolled indulgence and pleasure; feeding the lusts of the flesh; revelries; taking part in wild parties or drinking festivals; orgies;

### *II – the warning of the meltdown*

21 “..of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

**TELL YOU BEFOREHAND:** (“of which I forewarn you” NASB) to tell in advance; announce beforehand, forewarn regarding future events; predict Paul is giving a strong advance warning!

**PRACTICE:** perform; carry out; do; accomplish; commit; preoccupation with something; busy oneself with; exercise; to denote one's condition;

Paul speaks of regular, ongoing, habitual practices of an individual. Despite ones profession or opinion, it is the ongoing presence and practice of these “works” that truly reveal and define the heart and character of a person. You are what you do!

**NOT:** a strong denial; in no way

**INHERIT:** to be an heir; obtain; gain possession of; obtain by right of inheritance; receive the portion assigned to one; figuratively, as receiving God's salvation;

**THE KINGDOM OF GOD:** the domain of the rule and reign of God which exists now and eternally; The KOG is a promised heritage of true believers in Christ to live in the presence of God in heaven eternally as a loved and blessed child of God.

### *the challenge*

God has repeatedly, sufficiently and lovingly given due warning to those He loves as to how they should live. The question is whether you will heed those warnings in honor, obedience and love for God and for your own well being, or if you will honor and obey the selfish passionate cravings of the flesh and sacrifice an ultimate eternal reward for an immediate temporary pleasure. He has given us a standard by which to measure our lives. How do you measure up? Acts 3:19