

# **An Open Letter to Epiphany Church.**

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I am concerned by many of the practices and teachings of this “church”. The teachings being spread and promoted are heretical and do not agree with the Bible.

“Then Jesus said to them, **“Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.”**”. ( Matthew 16:6 KJV)

## **1. The Teachings of Eric Mason**

Eric Mason is a racist and a false teacher. He promotes and teaches “Critical Race Theory”, a pagan philosophy, and has departed from the sound teaching of the Bible. His version of “Woke Church” is little more than a playground for Satans’ deceptive and divisive doctrines and does nothing but divide and fracture the church.

Here are a couple samples of his racist and non-biblical statements:

*“It almost feels like in order for the church to be one, blacks have to merge with whites as the standard church, then we spend the rest of our lives trying to ‘integrate’ a system that wants us present, but is not willing to shape the central systems to make room for all people” - Woke Church, Eric Mason*

*“I fear that if we partner with whites that they will find a way to subjugate blacks and make us dependent on them in a way that kills our freedom of a truly black led institution” - Woke Church, Eric Mason*

Here is what the Bible has to say about it:

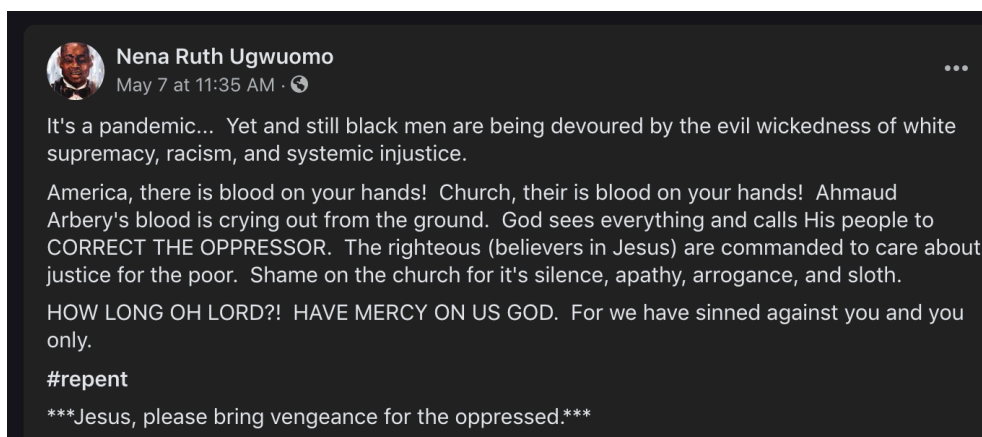
“Because, as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; because you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:27-28 KJV)

## 2. The Promotion of “Social Justice”

I noticed after the recent death of Ahmaud Arbery, much of what I saw on social media from members and “leaders” of this “church” was an outcry against the “systemic racism”, “white supremacy”, and “injustice” that had occurred.

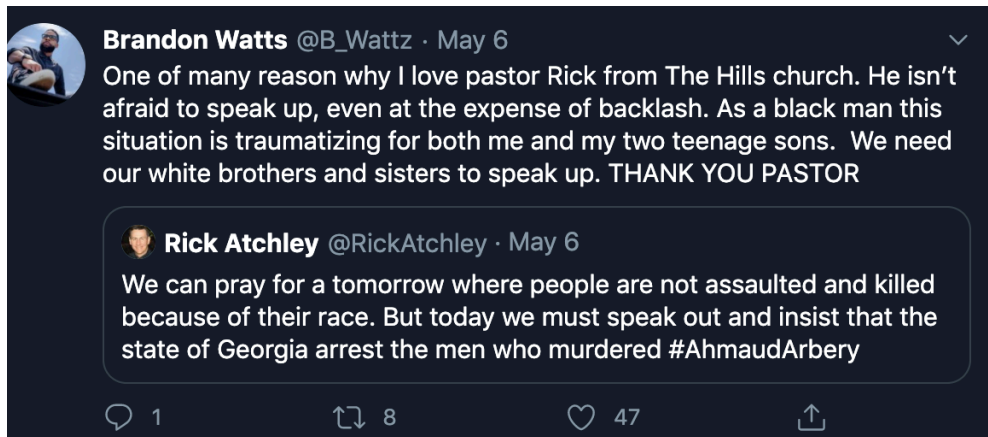
I saw a post from one member titled “dear white people” commanding white people to teach their children not to be racist.

I saw another post claiming Ahmad’s “blood was on our hands as church”, and that we needed to “repent”:



Repent of what? What sin have we committed? Were we as a church involved in this incident?  
No. This is pure foolishness and is found nowhere in the Bible.

Here are one of Brandon Watt's Twitter posts:



What is it that “we” need to speak up about? Every man is accountable for his own sin before God. You cannot assign sin to a group of people, let alone an entire race.

“But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who “will render to each one according to his deeds””. (Romans 2:5-6 KJV)

### 3. Racial idolatry

“Black wealth matters”, “Black lives matter”, “Support black businesses”. These are a few of the slogans promoted and spread by many members and the leadership of this “church”. These slogans promote racist, critical race theory, marxist, ideologies and philosophies that divide and victimize people based on the color of their skin.

The black lives matter movement actively promotes homosexuality, racism, and feminism. These are all against the teaching of the Bible. We are not here to “boost up” or “save” one race. We are here to preach the Gospel and provide practical mercy for ALL people.

Here is what the Bible says:

“Beware lest anyone rob you through philosophy and vain deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.” (Colossians 2:8 KJV)

The Beloved Blog is littered with racial idolatry and biblically vacant content. Articles titled “Confessions of a Dope Melanin Queen” and “Legacy of Strength - *This strength has been cultivated and refined by a legacy of women throughout my lineage, passed down as a rite of passage from one black woman to the next*”.

Where is the Gospel in these writings? Where is the Bible being taught in this content? Nowhere.

#### **4. Selective Justice**

After the death of Ahmaud Arbery, there were many members and leaders that were outraged about the events and demanded Georgia state to try these men as murderers. If the men that killed him did so out of racial hatred, then God will see to it that justice is done. If not, it is still in the hands of the Almighty.

In this case, if proven guilty, these men will be guilty of murder. In Georgia law the death penalty is still used.

If you are so adamant that these men should be accountable what you believe they have done, then you should be as equally adamant about justice for all the babies murdered by abortion, all the men and women murdered in our borough of Brooklyn, all the martyred Christians around the globe, and other injustices too numerous to count.

We are commanded to love our enemies and pray for them, not seek revenge:

“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. *Be* of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. Repay no one evil for evil. Provide things that are honest in the sight of everyone. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with everyone. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; because it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. Therefore “If your enemy hungers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him a drink; because in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:14-21 KJV)

## **5. Culturally relevant**

Brandon Watts is constantly preaching his “culturally relevant” doctrine. The church does not need to be culturally relevant. The Gospel alone is enough. Nothing more, nothing less. The Gospel should never be mixed and tainted with pagan ideas and philosophies.

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Romans 12:2 NKJV)

## **6. Female leadership**

Women are not supposed to be in positions of leadership. Women are not supposed to be preaching or teaching. Women are not supposed to be deacons. All of the deacons of the church were men. There is a role for men and a role for women.

“And I do not permit the woman to teach or to have authority over the man, but to be in silence. Because Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression”. (1 Timothy 2:12-14 KJV)

“Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double tongued, not slaves to wine bingeing, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being *found* blameless. Likewise, *their wives* must *be* reverent, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. Because, those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

(1 Timothy 3:8-13 KJV)

“But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of the woman *is* man, and the head of Christ *is* God.” (1 Corinthians 11:3 KJV)

## **7. Promotion of False Teachers**

As followers of Christ, we are supposed to “test every spirit” and have discernment when it comes to what we read, watch, listen to, and promote. Much more so for teachers of the Word. This is absent in epiphany. Here are some of the false teachers promoted:

Tony Evans, Francis Chan , Jemar Tisby, and James Cone.

All this men actively promote and spread False teaching of various types. We are told to distance ourselves from men like this, not promote and spread their doctrine.

“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. And through covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words for profit; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their damnation does not slumber.” (2 Peter 1-3 KJV)

## **8. “Race Redeemed” Men’s Fellowship Event**

This mens group event had to be one of the most unbiblical and pointless events I have ever attended. We were asked to divide into groups and “think of some injustices in the church” and “laments” that we had. One member brought up the fact that “LGBTQ+ people don’t feel safe in the church”. What do they have to fear? What I believe was implied was that we are supposed to cater and coddle to those who commit homosexual acts and lust over members of the same sex in their hearts.

Nowhere in the Bible do you see any such events taking place.

## **9. Conclusion**

The Bible is sufficient. The Bible is without error. The Bible is not to be added to or taken away from. Brandon Watts and Eric Mason are guilty of adding in deceptive and demonic philosophies into their teaching of the Bible, and are leading people to further worldliness, destruction, and sin. They need to repent, believe the Gospel, and put aside the doctrines they are spreading.

“Because, I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the Book of

Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.” (Revelation 22:19 KJV)

“You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor shall you diminish from it. You shall keep the commandments of the Lord our God, which I, this day, give you in charge.” (Deuteronomy 4:2 Thomson’s English Septuagint)

“Since all the words of God are tried, and he is a shield to them who revere him; add not to his words lest he reprove thee and thou be found a liar.” (Proverbs 30:6 Thomson’s English Septuagint)