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There are moments when a single sermon reveals far more than a pastor intends. A recent clip shared by the Christian media outlet Protestia has become one of those moments. In it, an Episcopal pastor argues that Christians should move away from the word "sinner" because it makes people uncomfortable. The statement is framed with humor and cultural sensitivity, but beneath the surface lies a devastating theological collapse--one that strikes at the very heart of the Gospel itself.

Her opening tactic sets the tone. Mimicking what she portrays as harsh preaching, she quips, "You're all going to hell. Aren't you glad we don't go to that church?" The implication is clear: sermons that speak plainly about sin are outdated, unloving, or extreme. She then describes Christianity as existing on a "spectrum" of belief regarding sin and redemption, suggesting that modern believers no longer feel comfortable with identifying themselves as sinners at all.

That discomfort, however, is not evidence of spiritual maturity. It is evidence of spiritual drift.



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The Bible does not treat sin as optional language, nor as a theological preference that varies by tradition. Scripture is unflinchingly clear about the human condition. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). That verse is not a rhetorical device--it is a diagnosis. Humanity's problem is not merely brokenness, trauma, or imperfection. It is sin. And unless sin is named, the Gospel itself becomes unintelligible.

This is where the pastor's message moves from misguided to dangerous. When sin becomes uncomfortable to name, grace becomes unnecessary. If we are not sinners, then what exactly did Christ come to save us from? Jesus did not go to the cross to rescue humanity from low self-esteem or social discomfort. He came because we were lost. He came because we were dead in our trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1). Remove sin, and the cross becomes a symbol rather than a sacrifice.



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Ironically, Jesus Himself had no hesitation using the language this pastor now avoids. He declared, "I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance" (Luke 5:32). Christ did not soften the truth to spare feelings. He spoke plainly because eternity was at stake. His compassion was not found in avoiding offense, but in offering forgiveness through repentance.

The modern impulse to treat Christianity as a "spectrum" mirrors the spirit of the age far more than the authority of Scripture. Truth, according to the Bible, is not fluid. It is revealed. When pastors begin reshaping doctrine to match cultural sensibilities, they cease to be shepherds and become editors--cutting away whatever no longer fits contemporary taste.

This is not a new warning. The Apostle Paul cautioned that a time would come when people would "not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires...heap up for themselves teachers" who say what they want to hear (2 Timothy 4:3). A Gospel without sin is easier to preach, but it is powerless to save.

What makes this moment especially tragic is that calling ourselves sinners is not meant to crush us--it is meant to free us. Christianity begins with honesty. We confess our sin not to wallow in shame, but to magnify grace. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). The good news only becomes good when we first acknowledge the bad.

The Church does not serve the world by echoing its discomfort. It serves the world by offering truth wrapped in love. When pastors abandon biblical language to avoid offense, they do not make the Gospel more accessible--they make it hollow. A Savior who saves us from nothing is no Savior at all.

The sadness many believers feel watching moments like this is justified. But it should also awaken resolve. Now more than ever, the Church must cling to the full counsel of God's Word. Sin must be preached--not with cruelty, but with clarity. Grace must be offered--not cheaply, but powerfully. And Christ must remain at the center--not as a moral example, but as the crucified and risen Savior who came precisely because we are sinners.

To forget that is not progress. It is apostasy dressed up as compassion.

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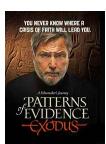
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