Religious Correctness

Political correctness is a pressure put upon our society to avoid specific terms and criticism of certain groups. For instance, it is politically incorrect to condemn homosexuals and their sinful lifestyle (cf. Romans 1:26-28).

Just as there is pressure in society, there is pressure among religious people. We will call it "religious correctness." For example, some who are religiously correct say that sincere Muslims and Jews may very well go to heaven. With them, it is religiously incorrect to say Muslims and Jews are definitely going to hell because they do not believe in Jesus as the Christ (John 8:24; 14:6).

Religious correctness is not exclusively applied to Muslims and Jews. Men also use it among those who believe in Jesus.

It is religiously incorrect to point out that others are not following the New Testament of Jesus Christ. If one declares there is a standard of right and wrong by which individuals and churches must abide, he is religiously incorrect.

It is religiously incorrect to specifically identify a church, like the Baptist, as one which is in error for using the name "Baptist," not the Lord's, and failing to teach that baptism is necessary to salvation (Romans 16:16; 6:3-4; Mark 16:16).

Though many leading religious men may observe religious correctness, our Lord did not. He condemned the "most religious" people of His day-- by name (Matthew 23; Luke 11:37-54). Paul followed in the footsteps of the Lord by strongly and publicly identifying those in sin. He specified groups, the circumcision, and individuals, Hymenaeus and Philetus (Titus 1:10; 2 Timothy 2:17-18).

Those who wish to honor the Lord, will not give in to religious correctness. Rather, they will diligently seek for the truth, then tenaciously hold on to it (Proverbs 23:23). They will expose the error of others, regardless of the complaints received (Ephesians 5:11; Acts 5:28-29).

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