

New Persecution of Christians in Russia (engelsk)

Russian President Vladimir Putin and his government have made laws forbidding evangelical activities outside of registered churches. Here are some of the points in this legislature:

- Foreign guests are not permitted to speak in churches unless they have a "work permit" from Russian authorities.
- If a friend or relative from outside Russia wishes to share his/her faith in your home the guest will be fined and expelled from Russia.
- Any discussion of God with non-believers is considered missionary activity and will be punishable.
- Missionary activity will be permitted by special government permission. Example: If one traveling on a train shares his faith without written permission the offender will be taken into police custody for the duration of the journey and will be fined 50,000 rubles (\$1,000).
- Offenders from the age of 14-years-old will be subject to prosecution.
- Religious activity is no longer permitted in private homes. Most churches in Russia meet in homes.
- Every citizen is obligated to report religious activity of neighbours to the authorities. Failure to be an informant is punishable by law.
- One may pray and read the Bible at home but not in the presence of a non-believing person. You will be breaking the law and be punished.
- If the church has purchased property it cannot be converted into a place of worship.
- In church buildings, it is not permitted to invite people to turn to God. Worship services are permitted but making a non-believer a follower of Christ is against the law.

Conclusion: Putin and his cabinet are now adherents of Pope Francis's strategy. The Pope says: *A fundamentalist group, although it may not kill anyone, although it may not strike anyone, is violent. The mental structure of the fundamentalists is violent, in the name of God.* – Huffingtonpost.com, June 14th, 2014.

The papal statement and Putin's religious laws will punish Christians, even if they do not beat or kill anyone.

Moreover, the Pope says: *Interreligious and intercultural dialogue can make an important contribution to attaining this lofty and urgent goal (Peace), so that there will be an end to all forms of fundamentalism and terrorism.* – BBC.com, November 28th, 2014.

The Pope would dearly like to be joined by all other Christians (since he favours seeing himself as a Christian, and not as the Anti-Christ) in persecuting true, Bible-believing Christians deemed fundamentalists. These, he claims, are as dangerous as the terrorists. What a smart strategy! Most people realise, that terrorists pose a threat, hence, many also think that fundamentalists (Bible-believing Christians) are dangerous! The Pope expresses his view thus: *Fanaticism and fundamentalism, as well as irrational fears which foster misunderstanding and discrimination, need to be countered by the solidarity of all believers.* – BBC.com, November 28th, 2014.

So we can see, that they are now making plans to persecute Bible-believing Christians – those, who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus. Revelation 14:12.

The Obama Administration and the UN announced Global Police Force to fight 'Extremists' in U.S. – Breitbart, October 2nd, 2015.

Shortly before starting the celebration of the Reformation and Martin Luther all over the world, the Pope and his friends the Jesuits at the Vatican have, thus, ensured that the persecution of Bible-believing Christians can be resumed.

In Russia, China, India and in many other countries there are plenty of non-registered house churches. It is these, that are going to be hit the hardest. Registered churches are allowed more freedom. In these times we can no longer be certain, that church leaders will be dependable; we can only depend on the Lord!

Religious persecution is now being intensified in more countries, and Bible-believing Christians are going to suffer greatly. However, by being loyal to the Lord, we know that the blood of martyrs will mean an increase in the kingdom of God.

Well, should we stop proclaiming the three messages to be circulated now, in the end time? Should we fear them, who wish to halt the proclamation, or should they fear the message? As a matter of fact, it is the political and religious, global leaders who are fearing their plans will be revealed. Jesus has ordered us: Go out and proclaim the message of the Bible, which in this end time is both a message of grace and a message of warning, according to Revelation 14:6-12. And then Jesus adds: «I am with you always, even unto the end of the world» Matthew 28:18-20!

Jesus is the boss. It is He, Who has all power in heaven and on earth. When we line up on His side, He will protect us in all our ways, for as long as He gives us work to accomplish!

The Bible says, that the 1798 papal deadly wound is going to heal, and this is what we are witnessing now. We can, therefore, expect an increase in religious persecution, not only in Russia, but in the entire world!

May God help us to be loyal to Him! We have a message of grace and warning to proclaim, and until October 31st, 2017 we will be doing this by means of the booklet *2017 – 500 Years After Luther!* We are hoping and praying, that more will sacrifice even more greatly, to get this message out, before persecution knocks on our doors! The night is coming, when nobody can work!

Warm regards,

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