THE COUNTERFEIT CHURCH

Revelation 17:1-6 January 5, 2020

The Counterfeit Church has 6 characteristics:

1. EGOTISM

"Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters..." Rev. 17:1

...The Counterfeit Church <u>PROSTITUES</u> itself by focusing on the <u>SELFISH</u> <u>DESIRES</u> of its people rather than glorifying GOD!

2. <u>SATANISM</u>

"....'Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk." Rev. 17:1b-2

... The Counterfeit Church promotes a man-centered RELIGION without GOD, driven by SATAN working behind the scenes!

3. HUMANISM

"And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns." Rev. 17:4

...The Counterfeit Church unites <u>GOVERNMENT</u> and <u>RELIGION</u> to promote <u>MAN</u> as his own <u>GOD</u>.

4. MATERIALISM

"The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls...." Rev. 17:4a

...The Counterfeit Church fuels the self indulgence of those involved in it by emphasizing the <u>MATERIAL</u>, not the <u>SPIRITUAL</u>.

5.	PAGANISM
	"holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: 'Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." Rev. 17: 4b-5
	The Counterfeit Church will embrace sophisticated versions of
	old, <u>PAGAN</u> <u>IDEAS</u> .
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	"And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus." Rev. 17:6
	The Counterfeit Church will attempt to <u>DESTROY</u>
	whomever it cannot <u>PERVERT</u> .
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