

CANCEL CULTURE *Isaiah 1.1-20*

God's people have "canceled" God from their lives.

They have forsaken the Lord; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him. Isaiah 1.4

The resulting situation: Life is a mess vv5-9

The people's lack of awareness vv10-15

- They are spiritually **BLIND** to what God is doing.
- They are theologically **IGNORANT** to what God desires.
- They have deceitful **HEARTS**. V5

HOW TO CANCEL 'CANCEL CULTURE' vv16-20

1. Confess and **REPENT**

Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. v16

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1.9

2. Follow Jesus by ministering to people **ON THE MARGINS**.

Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. v17

Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me." Matthew 11.4-6

See also Luke 14.12-14

3. There is hope! Believe that God can **CHANGE YOU**. v18-19

*But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and **renewal by the Holy Spirit**...*

Titus 3.4-5

4. We have a choice: **SURRENDER** to Jesus.

If you are willing and obedient.... v19

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it."

Matthew 16.24-25

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

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