



Collusion or Collision  
Question & Answer Review  
From Sermon 8.22.21

Read *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Review from Sunday's sermon: As we reach the end of our Collision series, it's a great time for review and answering questions. Everyone has a collision coming in their future. It will either be with the world or with Christ. The time to prepare and make your stand is now. The Scripture predicts that many will fall away from the faith when the price gets too high. We want to be on the right side—God's side—when the end comes.

1. What are some common things that carry the potential to divide the/a local church? Various answers. But, include: Money & spending, voting, unaddressed sin, unfiltered membership, lack of accountability. [of course, lack of Scripture and sound doctrine]

2. Early on, we learned about the disappearance of "safe faith". Describe/define the term and discuss how it is no longer an option for churches and believers. See also *2 Timothy 3:12*. The western/American church has been blessed with an unprecedented time of peace, freedom, and safety. For generations, it was more advantageous to be a believer than a non-believer. Now, the script is flipped. Bible-believing churches and individuals are becoming the danger and the enemy of the culture. Faith is no longer a private matter.

3. What are the three largest spheres of authority? Home, Government, & the Church.  
What happens when one sphere invades another? This is where abuse and oppression reign. The government has no authority in the Church. Historically, when any two collude, the greatest persecution follows. See also *Mark 12:14-17*

4. What is Satan's #1 disguise? Discuss its effectiveness. Easily, it is religion. The devil never reveals his true self, motive, or appearance. His greatest accomplishment isn't blatant evil and moral sin. He gives partial truths and convinces the world that God wants pious, devout religion with sincerity. It gives a false assurance of salvation and, therefore, the world stops seeking the real God, the real truth, and the exclusive Savior—Jesus Christ, as revealed in the Bible.

5. Read *Romans 5:3-5*. What is one thing persecution and trial accomplishes? Endurance resulting in hope.  
Can you think of any others? It spreads Gospel. Forces us to rely on God. Establishes our reward.

6. Read the following passages and define each term:

*1 Corinthians 3:3-8*. The Divided = A church divided over worldly, selfish matters vs. sound doctrine  
*Mark 4:18-19 & Luke 9:59-62*. The Marginal = Those with one foot in the church and one foot in the world. Distorted priorities.

*Romans 12:1-2*. The Worldly = Bringing worldly values, goals, philosophies, and definitions into the church. They not only practice sin, but also celebrate those who do so. Chastise the Bible believers.

7. After this series, what are some ways you are now preparing for both small and large collisions with the culture and world? Various personal answers.