

## Tech giants ban online “unapproved” sermons

### Google Bans Church’s Streaming Because the Preaching is ‘Insensitive’ During Pandemic

I warned Christians last week that the endless “helpful suggestions” from government officials to churches was, if anything, a trap. I can’t help but choke on a bit of vomit every time I hear a pro-choice pagan magisterium poobah offer worship advice to churches, but it happens literally every day. Modern-day Caesars are extolling the virtues of “virtual church” (hint: there is no such thing) to Christians who all-too-often nod their head in naive compliance, as though it’s a tyrant’s place to give the church of Jesus worship advice.

Puke.

But beyond the nauseousness of it, it’s downright dangerous to believe that the Internet is a safer place for Christians than our own church sanctuaries.



To be clear, we own our pulpits. We can preach whatever we want there, political correctness be damned. We don’t have to give two shakes what people want to hear because we’re far more convinced we should preach what they need to hear. So long as the people still come, we can still say whatever we want the Lord lays on our heart from the Scripture.

Imagine then, the idiocy required to move our worship to the Internet and think that somehow it doesn’t amount to at least a potential problem for our freedom of speech. We don’t own the Internet. Zuckerberg (or somebody) does. A court decision just this year determined that social media platforms aren’t public utilities and can censor anybody they want for any reason.

Perhaps I saw this coming because Facebook is always throttling PNP News, sending out their bevy of Soros-funded “fact-checkers” to take exception with our tone (I kid you not) and informing us they’re muting us with a political correctness muzzle. I just shook my head in disbelief that churches were trading their real pulpits for vulnerable ones.

Well, sure enough, some Christians are finding out that tech giants are censoring their sermons and church service streaming because they are (ostensibly) “criminal.” Some pastors have reported Facebook claimed they were “soliciting illegal goods or services” by posting sermons during a lockdown.

The website, CaldronPool.com, says the following regarding Doug Wilson and the boys over at Christ Church...

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Christ Church associate pastor, Toby Sumpter, did a segment on a Biblical response to plagues. Other videos were posted calling the nation to repent of various sins. But to Google, that was “capitalizing on...a tragic event.”

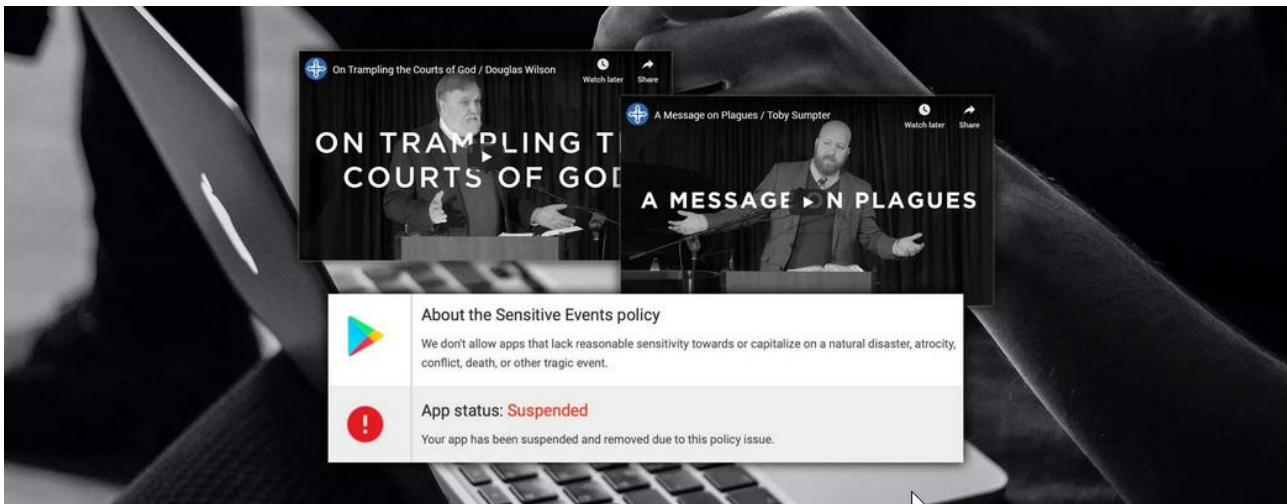
Listen, meatheads...this is what happens when you preach exactly where Caesar tells you to. You're going to end up in a corner somewhere.

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## Tech Giants Begin the Crackdown on Unapproved Sermons as Churches Are Forced Online



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It's believed Google was referring to Pastor Douglas Wilson's short lessons on responding faithfully to the COVID-19 crisis, and Pastor Toby J. Sumpter's sermon calling God's people to humble repentance in the face of the pandemic.

Is this a glimpse at what's now in store for the church online? Should we expect to see more censorship of church services? Will the platforms that we now depend on dictate what our pastors can and cannot preach on? Time will tell, but if the past is any indication of the future, I don't think Christ Church will be the last church gagged.

The banned messages, which are well worth listening to while they're still available on YouTube, can be heard below.

Videos

msg repentance sauterelles censuré par google  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knUp306X8oc>

idem, un autre  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rclv-QcyWYA>

idem, un autre  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emfmKmASELo>

Ben Davis, April 14, 2020

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### **Now that churches are closed with weekly services moved online, Google begins censoring “unapproved sermons” and deleting their accounts**

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It was only a matter of time, and frankly, I am surprised this didn't start happening sooner but here we are. First they force all churches to shut their doors, forcing a mass exodus over to social media so church services can continue. Then when everyone makes the switch and preaching starts resounding around the Internet, now tech dictators like Google are deciding what can and cannot be preached online.

“But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony. Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.” Luke 21:12-15 (KJB)

In the over ten years that Now The End Begins has been online, we also have experienced the anguish and virtual blunt force trauma of being censored and blocked for preaching, teaching and posting bible truth. Facebook has blocked me in excess of 100 times in ten years. I am blocked right now yet again, and have to rely on our wonderful NTEB team members to do the posting for me. Thank God for faithful workers in the harvest field, I could not continue without them! The longer this coronavirus lockdown continues, the more we are going to see censorship of pastors and preacher who teach and preach the gospel of the grace of God. I say...to the fight!

“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.” Acts 20:24,25 (KJB)

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(...) [For more details, read article below.]

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