

## **Pretend Christians**

**John 3:20 "Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed."**

Do you like to be corrected? When we first moved into Oakfield, I stopped at the store for some household items. The salesman asked for my address. "Waupun street," I told him, "w a u p u n". He shook his head and said, "No, I lived my whole life in Fond du Lac. It's p o n."

I could feel my blood boiling. His whole life was half of mine. How dare he correct me! When I told my wife about being corrected, incorrectly, by a teenage checkout, she said, "The Lord is just making up for all the times, I bit my tongue and didn't correct you when you were totally wrong."

The world we know hates the truth. The world doesn't want to come to grips with their sins, death and their Creator's opinion about their life. How about you, Christians? If we don't want to be corrected then we might as well close down church and meet at the bar or baseball diamond. If we want to be saved and make it to heaven, then we must want and look for correction.

What would happen if our government stopped correcting (punishing) criminals? Not a pretty picture is it? What would happen if Pastors, Christian parents and Christian friends stopped preaching, teaching and speaking the truth (correcting)? We are only pretending to be Christians if we refuse to hear correction. If you want to be saved, stay open to correction from God's Word. If you want to save your children, family and neighbors, speak the truth in love. If you say you believe the truth about Jesus Christ, His life's work of salvation, his paradise for all believers then show it by listening to His correction. Stop pretending and be a blessing to others.

Fighting for the Kingdom,  
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