

THE THIN WHITE LINE

America's law enforcement officers are often depicted as a thin blue line of defenders standing between the law-abiding populace and the pack of violent criminals who prowl the nation's darkened streets looking for victims.

In the kingdom of Christ a spiritual conflict is raging between those citizens who are determined to walk in the light of God's Word (I John 1:7), and those who wish to walk after the desires of their own heart (Prov. 21:10). The author of the Book of Revelation describes the victorious Christ, accompanied by an army of saints arrayed in white, going forth to do battle with the forces of evil (Rev. 19:11-16). Standing between the determined band of church-wrecking change agents and those saints who desire only to live, worship and serve God in peace is a thin line of Christian soldiers dressed in white garments of rightness (Rev. 19:8).

The line of those soldiers willing to stand up and face the enemies of Christ is thin because few are willing to devote themselves to the task. Perhaps some think they are too busy. Some see no need for concern. Some are conflicted by friends and family members already in the camp of the promoters of change. Others may be fearful of confronting such determined foes. Some are unsure of their faith and loyalty. They have not yet decided just where they will be standing when the conflict comes to them. Some are fearful of their jobs and income, so they stand aside and say and do nothing to jeopardize their interests.

The Lord needs a multitude of loyal and dedicated men to stand in the ranks of his army...to be part of that white line that is determined to protect his church from those who would do her harm. Where the line fails churches will be lost and saints scattered. Can he count on you to stand firm for his people? JHW