

## PASTOR'S PATCH

### HOLDING TO ANTIQUATED BELIEFS



Some of you may know that I take a hobby level interest in the history of the Royal Navy. In particular when I come across completely bizarre decisions made by their Lordships at the Admiralty. One such peculiarity occurred in 1914, in a statement by the then Third Sea Lord and Controller of the Navy. He said,

*“Underwater weapons? I call them under-hand, unfair and un-English. They’ll never be any use in war ...”*

You see, there was still this antiquated view at the Admiralty that war was a kind of international sport in which the world, and particularly the Germans, should still

play “by the rules” – British “gentlemanly” rules that is!

We may laugh at this but I dare to propose that the same danger is true for many, particularly Western, Christians today. There can be an antiquated rule book that says what Christian discipleship is like. How we dress. How we speak. How we meet together. How we study Scripture. What hymns we sing. What instruments we use in worship. What can and cannot be done on the Sabbath, which is by the way definitely, and beyond any doubt, a Sunday (*err, um ...*).

In the coming weeks we are going to be looking again at the beatitudes found in Matthew chapter 5, verses 3-10. My prayer is that together (either coming new to faith, or perhaps more profoundly as a Christian already) we will all be challenged to commit to the core “*best expectations*” for our lives as Jesus taught them, and learn to drop our antiquated, individualistic, kingdom damaging prejudices and demands.

***“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness ...”***

(Matthew 6:33)

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