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God's creations of coffee and flowers help empower, restore and heal women at Deborah's Legacy

By Becky Uehling
The Nebraska Living Times

The combination of coffee, flowers and God's love was on full display in North Platte at the end of June during the Deborah's Legacy Second Annual Landscape and Garden Tour fundraiser.

Deborah's Legacy is a Christ-centered, restoration program for women healing from addiction, homelessness and crisis living.

"Deborah's Legacy helps women heal, grow and blossom into all that God has created them to be, which requires a lot of nurturing," said Sam Elliott, Deborah's Legacy volunteer and visionary of the landscape tour, which she started last year. "It's like gardening in that way—they tend, beautifully, the souls God directs to the program. And then there is growth... and that is beautiful!"

Approximately \$9,000 was raised from the

garden tour event this year, with 365 people, approximately 60 more than last year, enjoying the seven gardens on the tour, Elliott said. "We were thrilled!" she said.

Along with seven yards on display was also the organization's very own new coffee brand called Deborah's Legacy Coffee.

According to Deborah's Legacy Co-Founder Jill Vaughn, the idea for selling coffee came about in late 2022 when God gave the coffee concept to a couple key voices in their circle. The women in the program are employed by Legacy's social enterprise. Vaughn said creating their own coffee brand was a perfect fit because it is marketable and reproducible.

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Jill Vaughn, left, speaks to a Deborah's Legacy visitor who stopped to purchase a ticket to the landscape and garden tour. Vaughn took the opportunity to show her where the organization's new Legacy Coffee is roasted and packaged.

Artwork Source: Deborah's Legacy

Keith County churches create TPUSA Faith Hub, and encourage other churches to do the same

By Becky Uehling
The Nebraska Living Times

Pastor Bill Forbes of the New Life Bible Church in Paxton, Nebraska knows a thing or two about revivals. He was a Jesus Freak during the Jesus Movement that swept through the US during the 60s and 70s. Now Pastor Bill, with his wife, Sue, and two other pastors from Keith County, Nebraska are partnering with Turning Point USA to start a Faith Hub in Keith County and Pastor Bill hopes it will



NEBRASKA LIVING TIMES PHOTO

Pastor Bill and Sue Forbes, foreground, along with Pastor Rodney Mooney, standing, and Pastor Don Larreau, seated in center, meet to discuss the mission and direction of the Keith County TPUSA Faith Hub.

help ignite a similar revival, and turn the country back to God.

"This country is being over-

taken by so many different forms of Neo Marxist strategies

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Nebraskans face historic decision this fall on abortion policy

By Todd Watson
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Nebraska stands at a critical crossroads in its stance on abortion rights as two diametrically opposed Constitutional Amendments have successfully gathered enough signatures to be placed on the upcoming fall ballot.

The first initiative, championed by the Protect Women and Children petition leadership, would limit the procedure to 12-14 weeks gestational age. Additionally, this Amendment empowers lawmakers to enact even stricter laws safeguarding pre-born life, reflecting a commitment to protecting the most vulnerable in our society.

In stark contrast, the Protect Our Rights petition drive aims to enshrine in the Nebraska Constitution unrestricted access to abortion up until birth.

The Nebraska Republican Party (NEGOP) firmly supports the

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How are you working to expand God's Kingdom and save America?

By Becky Uehling
 NLT Publisher

Summer is flying by, as usual. As the corn gets taller, and the county fairs are right around the corner, people are all so busy living their lives and may not be spending time with God or pondering how they can help expand His Kingdom in their daily lives.

America just celebrated its freedom during the 4th of July. A freedom that is unique in the history of the world, and is oh, so very fragile. Our country did not get to be without work and sacrifice by so many nearly 250 years ago. As I watched the fireworks, I kept thinking about how it could all be taken away, which I, and many others, believe is slowly happening. As America's citizens mindlessly stay busy living their lives, a cancer is eating away at our country through neo-marxist ideology that has crept into every aspect of American life. We The People need to stand up and fight for America.

Luckily there are many who are now awakening to the reality



that America is in trouble and are starting to work to stop the cancer.

For example, enough signatures were collected by volunteers to put a pro-life initiative on this November's ballot in Nebraska to fight against another initiative that would destroy all laws currently in Nebraska that protect the unborn. (See article on Page 5) Churches were very instrumental in getting these signatures. Churches are also becoming more instrumental in working to activate more people in counties across the state by showing such documentaries as Eric Metaxas'

Letter to the American Church and collaborating with such organizations as Turning Point USA to start Faith Hubs in all counties. (See article on Front Page).

My question is, "what can you do to help?" How about encouraging your church to get involved, become a part of your county's movement to get people registered to vote, or start a prayer group specifically for America. I believe we are living in a similar time as our founding fathers and mothers, a time to fight for God's truths, for freedom and for America. It is now our time to get involved!!

The Good News of Jesus

The word gospel means "good news," so the gospel of Christ is the good news of His coming to provide forgiveness of sins for all who will believe (Colossians 1:14; Romans 10:9). Since the first man's sin, mankind has been under the condemnation of God (Romans 5:12). Because everyone breaks God's perfect law by committing sin, everyone is guilty (Romans 3:23). The punishment for the crime of sin is physical death (Romans 6:23) and then an eternity spent in a place of punishment (Revelation 20:15; Matthew 25:46). This eternal separation from God is also called the "second death" (Revelation 20:14-15).

The bad news that all are guilty of sin and condemned by God is countered by the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ. God, because of His love for the world, has made a way for man to be forgiven of their sins (John 3:16). He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to take the sins of mankind on Himself through death on a cross (1 Peter 2:24). In placing our sin on Christ, God ensured that all who will believe in the name of Jesus will be forgiven (Acts 10:43). Jesus' resurrection guarantees the justification of all who believe (Romans 4:25).

The Bible specifies the content of the gospel message. The gospel message contains two historical facts, both supported by Scripture: Christ's death and His resurrection. Both those facts are bolstered by other proofs: Christ's death is proved by His burial, and His resurrection is proved by the eyewitnesses.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the good news that God provided the way for man to be freed from the penalty of sin (John 14:6; Romans 6:23). Everyone dies physically, but those who believe in Jesus Christ are promised a physical resurrection unto eternal life (John 11:23-26). Those who reject Christ will not only die physically but will undergo a "second death," which the Bible describes as an eternal lake of fire (Revelation 20:13-14). Jesus is the only One in whom salvation

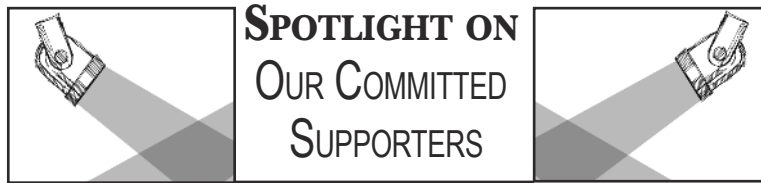
can be found (Acts 4:12).

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the best news anyone will ever hear, and what a person does with this news will determine where he or she spends eternity. God is calling you to choose life. Call on the name of the Lord and be saved (Romans 10:13).

SOURCE: <https://www.gotquestions.org/gospel-of-Jesus-Christ.html>

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LEGACY: Beans, blooms and God's love help heal women

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“Our days start out around our table where we share God’s word, prayer, our hopes, dreams, and struggles and also coffee,” she said. The entire process of roasting, packaging and marketing the Deborah’s Legacy Coffee is done on-site by staff and clients. The coffee is then taken to shows where it, and the story of Deborah’s Legacy, is shared, she said.

“Coffee smells and tastes like hospitality, which was something we were serving at our table every morning. Hospitality is one of our core values,” Vaughn said.

Several of the churches that support the organization now purchase and serve Deborah’s Legacy Coffee during their worship and fellowship times, and some are also selling the product, she said. This has helped to propel the coffee’s success forward to where a few businesses, including the North Platte hospital Gift Box store, a North Platte hair salon called Ellevate, Double Dips in North Platte, and the Butler’s Pantry in Imperial, are serving and/or selling Deborah’s Legacy Coffee. The coffee can also be purchased at Deborah’s Legacy. Vaughn said the coffee has taken off without much marketing, which she praises God for. She welcomes other churches or businesses who are interested in purchasing and/or selling the coffee to contact her at 308-530-3361.

Deborah’s Legacy Information

Started in 2013, the Deborah’s Legacy program can house four women at a time, and many more attend each week through outreach programming. Each can stay from six months to two years with the program being voluntary, Vaughn said. Each woman who comes to the home helps set up an individualized success plan for their stay. Plans include devotional time, house meetings, classes on a variety of topics, Bible study, and learning a craft that now includes coffee roasting and marketing. The average length of time for a woman to stay at the home is six months.

The home has a vast volunteer support system, including its own prayer team and a group which gathers at the complex once a week for Bible study.

Applications to be a client at the home are taken at all times, with an average of eight appli-



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Sam and Jay Elliott, organizers of the Deborah’s Legacy Landscape and Garden Tour, pose during the tour. More than 350 people enjoyed the seven gardens on the tour, which included a market with many items, including Deborah’s Legacy Coffee. Sam Elliott said more than 23 businesses supported the tour with monetary or in-kind donations. “We are so grateful to each business who partnered with us to make this event a grand success,” she said.

tions being submitted per month. Women come to the home from all over the state, and even a few out of state, to stay. Since opening in 2013, the program has housed more than 50 women and served hundreds more through outreach services.

The location of the Deborah’s Legacy office is at 705 N. Poplar in North Platte. The organization used to rent the property, but was able to purchase the office space last year. The property includes a house, which was donated, and an outbuilding that is utilized as a meeting location and studio where the women are offered an employment opportunity. Besides their coffee, clients have also created denim rugs, coasters to compliment the coffee called mug rugs, wreaths and paper out of the noxious weed Phragmites, which the women harvested from the Platte River.

For more information on how to specifically help the home, contact Vaughn at 308-530-3361. The next fundraiser for the organization will be at its annual banquet on November 12, 2024.

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” 1 John 1:8

Over 205K Signatures Collected To Protect Women & Children

Also, report shows Nebraska's new 12-week law saved more than 220 babies from abortion

By The Nebraska Family Alliance

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services just published an annual report that reveals abortions in Nebraska significantly decreased immediately following the passage of LB 574's Preborn Child Protection Act last session!

The data also revealed that without LB 574, Nebraska was at risk of becoming a "destination state" for abortion. For thirteen years prior to 2023, the Nebraska Legislature was in a deadlock, and abortions were permitted late into the second trimester. As neighboring states strengthened their pro-life laws, abortions in our state began to increase.

That all changed following a historic, hard-fought vote, which finally established greater pro-life protections. Nebraska's new pro-life statute protects preborn babies at 12 weeks, and because of an emergency clause in the bill, it went into effect immediately. In 2023, abortions in Nebraska dropped from the previous three years, and more than 220 innocent lives were saved!

We celebrate this victory that gave hundreds of precious baby boys and girls life. At this very moment, however, the abortion industry is threatening to reverse our state's new 12-week protection. They're putting everything they have into a ballot initiative called "Protect Our Rights," which would eradicate all of Nebraska's pro-life protections, including our state's

prohibition on dismemberment abortions, webcam abortions, and pain-capable abortions.

That's why pro-life leaders launched a counter pro-life petition called "Protect Women & Children," which just turned in over 205,000 signatures to the Nebraska Secretary of State—far exceeding the 123,000 signatures needed to put a measure on the ballot to establish basic pro-life protections for preborn children in the Nebraska Constitution.

Not only were circulators able to gather much more than the required amount in just three months, pro-life Nebraskans from every county signed the petition, including at least 5% of registered voters in 91 counties—more than two times the required 38 counties!

These numbers are historic and speak to the persistent grassroots effort that occurred across all 93 counties to put this issue on the ballot in less than 100 days. We already knew Nebraska was a pro-life state, and these hundreds of thousands of signatures send a clear message that radical abortion policies have no place in our state.

The pro-abortion ballot initiative, which has been collecting signatures since November to permit abortion until birth and reverse our state's current pro-life protections, also announced they turned in the signatures needed to qualify for the ballot. Because of your efforts and faithfulness, though, Nebraska voters will have a clear choice on their ballot in November.



Source: The Nebraska Family Alliance

As we celebrate, know that this is just the beginning. Now that the signatures have been turned in, they must be certified before the two measures are put on the ballot for the upcoming November election.

We must begin educating voters now about what's at stake. In the coming weeks, NFA will launch a robust education campaign, and we need your support to reach and persuade voters with our message.

Together for life, we will see Nebraska become a state where every life is cherished and protected, and abortion is unthinkable.

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protection of both born and pre-born life, aligning with the objectives of the Protect Women and Children petition. As such, we are dedicated to educating voters about the profound life and death consequences associated with these ballot initiatives.

"This is an unprecedented moment for Nebraska," stated Eric Underwood, Chairman of the NEGOP. "The outcome of this ballot will define our state's approach to abortion policy for years to come. It is imperative that every voter understands the language of the Amendments as well as the implications of their decision and the values at stake."

According to the Secretary of State's Office, the Constitutional Amendment receiving the majority of votes in November will be codified into law.

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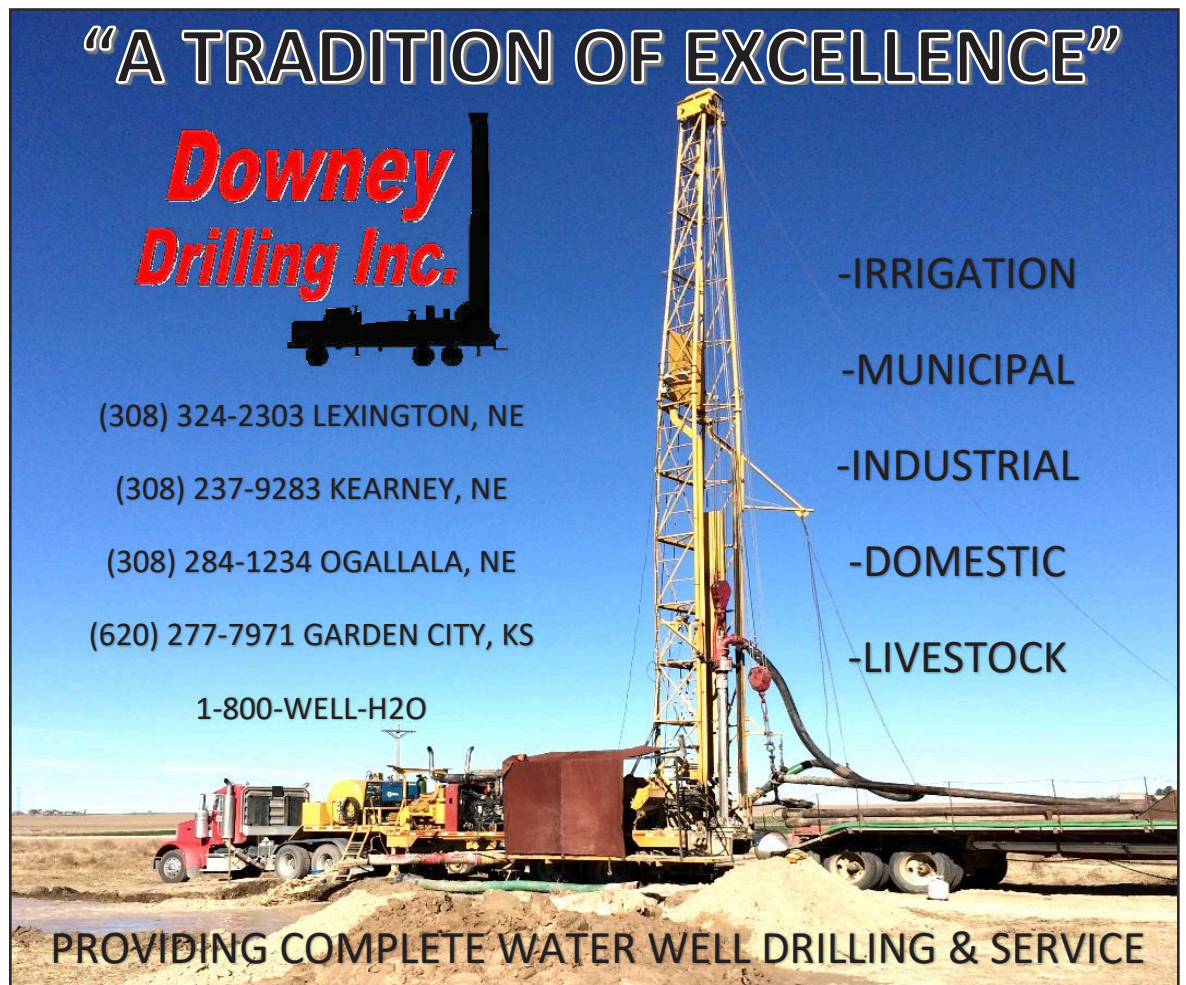
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FAITH HUB: CHURCHES SEEK TO START REVIVAL WITH HUBS

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to destroy what we stand for," Pastor Forbes said. "We need to come back to fundamentals of our land, which were founded on God and the Bible, and we need to be led by the churches."

Pastor Forbes has never been a shy, timid person. As a young man he entered the seminary, but once the Jesus Movement started, he changed his mind and decided to go with a buddy across the United States to see what this movement was all about. Everywhere they went, the two saw young people proclaiming Jesus and they were on fire for Christ. It is this intense fire that he hopes can be reignited again through Faith Hubs. After returning to Nebraska, Pastor Bill did become a pastor, with most of his ministry being at the Veterans Home in Grand Island until his retirement. He then pastored the Martin Bay Community Church for several years, until he was asked to come and be the pastor at New Life in Paxton where he has been for four years.

Faith Hubs— What Are They?

According to TPUSA, Faith Hubs have been created to give individual communities a true grassroots team that can mobilize in individual counties all across the country. These groups will focus on their individual counties/communities to create change.

Pastor Bill came across the Faith Hub concept through divine intervention. As he was attempting to access Eric Metaxas's new documentary called Letter to the American Church, which was being promoted and streamed to churches through Turning Point USA website, he hit a bump in the road.

"The form they wanted you to fill out to stream the movie required a website of the church that would be showing it. We are small church and do not have a website," he said. "I was a little dismayed and so I sent an email to Turning Point expressing my frustrations and not expecting a reply." However, to his surprise, shortly after submitting



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Tony Barton with Turning Point USA speaks to a group of Western Nebraska pastors and leaders during a meeting in Ogallala earlier this year.

his complaint, he got a phone call from Tony Barton, regional manager for TPUSA covering Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Iowa. Barton told him that he normally doesn't see letters such as Forbes' since they are directed to TPUSA's main headquarters and not to regional offices. But, for some reason, the TPUSA headquarters forwarded the letter to Barton who decided he needed to give Pastor Forbes a call.

Barton apologized to Pastor Forbes. During their conversation, Barton found out the passion Pastor Bill had for reigniting a revival in the country, and Barton shared TPUSA Faith Hub concepts with him. Pastor Bill was immediately on board. Tony said he would come to Nebraska and help Pastor Forbes to get one set up in his county, which he did. From those talks, a Faith Hub was formed with in Keith County.

The first leaders of the Faith Hub in Keith County are as follows: Grassroots Coordinator, Pastor Don Larreau from New Hope in Ogallala; Outreach Coordinator, Pastor Rodney Mooney, Non-Denominational Church from Ogallala; Research Coordinator, Pastor Forbes, Paxton New Life Bible Church. Yet to be

filled is the Prayer Coordinator position.


Pastor Forbes said he hopes that Faith Hubs can be established in every county in the state, and that the Keith County group is ready to help others get organized, and on fire for Christ.

"I hope we can give Christians the fortitude to speak out boldly and to follow Jesus." He said. "We need people to get out of the pew and spread the gospel, and to be looking to our founding fathers and documents for our example. America is a Christian nation, and for too long the church has not been involved. That needs to change, and to change quickly," he said.

Pastor Forbes said he believes that a revival can occur in America and that God is waiting for the Church to move.

"God is waiting for us to move and then He will move with the Holy Spirit," Pastor Forbes said. "Miracles were happening during the Jesus Movement and they can happen again. I believe the Church is our only hope for revival."

For more information on Faith Hubs or starting one in your community, contact Pastor Bill Forbes at 308-750-9232 or Tony Barton with TPUSA at 913-680-5995.



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Directions: Arrange the words from Psalm 119:105 (NIV) in order. Then unscramble the circled letters to complete James 1:5 (NIV).

PATH IS LIGHT WORD
YOUR A FEET
MY FOR LAMP A ON MY

Psalm 119:105, NIV

If any of you lacks _____, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5, NIV

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GUEST COLUMN

Freedom in Christ:

The Foundation of All Freedoms

By Dr. Gregory Seltz

Lutheran Center For Religious Liberty

Throughout the past several years, fear has been “ramped up” in our culture -- fear of disease, fear of disasters, fear of our fellow citizens, and even the fear of the unknown. Sadly, amidst all of these fears, the government continues to stifle the church and its ability to minister to its members and to its community. That’s one



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reason why the LCRL contended so vigorously for the constitutional liberty of the freedom of religion and the freedom of religious assembly during the dark days of COVID 19. We felt that, amidst the kind of crisis that our nation was in, one of the most essential voices to be heard was the moral and Gospel voice of the church. As a result, when faced with the life and death issues of a pandemic, we weren’t going to let some government bureaucrats classify the church as a non-essential institution and declare its work to be merely of secondary importance. In fact, we believe, then and now, that the spiritual voice of the church was needed at that time and that it is necessary TODAY more than ever. It declares that God’s people have been set free by Christ to serve freely those entrusted to us by Christ.

That freedom is a precious thing. Our verse in Galatians tells us that ultimate, lasting freedom is to be found in our relationship with our Creator and Redeemer. That’s a freedom that cannot be taken away. Wonderfully, the Founding Fathers of America felt that the first and most enduring temporal freedom was the freedom of religion. They wholeheartedly believed that trusting in God and faithfully following the moral directions of the Bible were

essential foundations to all other freedoms. Setting aside July 4th to honor those temporal freedoms doesn’t get in the way of the abiding truth that the only lasting freedom comes by grace through faith in Jesus. It merely thanks God for the freedom to receive and to share that message without fear of government intervention or coercion to the contrary. That’s pretty good stuff!

When hearts and minds are free, captive only to the God who loves us with an everlasting love, that freedom in action tends to seek freedom for others on God’s terms as well. As illustrated by the First Amendment to the Constitution, the Founders Fathers of America saw religious liberty and freedom of religious assembly as foundational to other liberties. Why? Because a believing, morally directed, free people are enabled to serve as a bulwark to other people’s freedom as well. Paul tells believers that we are set free to live freely for others (see Galatians 5:13). To be sure, that’s about more than religious liberty and freedom of conscience. But it sure is wonderful to live in a country where you can share your faith over your neighbor’s fence and practice it without fear. It is surely wonderful to still be able to raise up children in the ways of the Lord without coercion to the contrary. It is also nice to know that you can serve the community on Christ’s terms without legal threats.

In the afterglow of July 4th, we need to remember that our Founding Fathers understood the importance of the freedom to practice one’s faith, as well as the other freedoms that are protected by the Bill of Rights. Many of them also understood which freedom was most important of all. For example, it still shocks people today when they learn that the person who said, “Give me liberty or give me death,” didn’t think that our civic freedoms, as important as they are, were the most important things in life.

In his Last Will and Testament, filed in the Brookneal County Courthouse in Virginia, Patrick Henry noted something especially interesting. He wrote,

“I have now given everything I own to my children. There is one more thing I wish I could give them and that is Christ. Because if they have everything, I gave them and don’t have Christ, they have nothing.”

I would say that Patrick Henry understood what Paul was talking about in our verse for today. He knew that there is one thing in life that is the key to all of life -- faith in Jesus Christ alone.

So, as you bask in the glow of the freedoms that we still have in this country, be thankful that we were given the gift of the First Amendment. We were blessed with the idea that religious liberty was essential to our thriving as Americans. But, even more importantly, such protection challenges us to look to the freedom that only God can give. If our religious liberty protections are properly understood, they should challenge us to look to the enduring foundation that makes it possible, and then to share that without measure. Knowing the God who created and redeemed us by grace through faith in Christ gives a freedom that no government can give or take away. Patrick Henry, a great champion of freedom, knew that even something as vital as personal liberty and freedom needed to be resourced and empowered by faith in Jesus Christ for it to have real, lasting value. Give me liberty and give me life!

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, give us clarity of thinking to see the eternal freedom which is ultimately Your gift to a world caught in the bondage of sin. We pray that all of our freedoms serve that Good News because nothing in this world compares to freely knowing and believing in You by grace through faith, now and forever. Amen!

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“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” 3 John 1:4

GUEST COLUMN

Silence in the Face of Evil

Christ and the Church are our only hope; revival our greatest cause.

By Pastor Bill Forbes
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The Marxist worldview and the Christian worldview cannot align themselves with one another. They are the opposite. Julie Behling said, "Communism marries a truth to a lie."

Stealth Marxism is everywhere, yet not obvious. It exists in almost all our institutions and agencies; just watch for it and you'll see it. How can we identify it? First understand a little about Marxism.

Start by understanding the skeletal image of Marxism. It pits people against one another. Originally it divided people into two groups; the bourgeoisie (the oppressors) and the proletariat (the oppressed). Marxism places these two groups at odds with one another in a class struggle. The bourgeoisie are the business owners and merchants that socially, politically, and economically control the proletariat. At some point in the future the proletariat will rise-up in a violent revolution and over-take the bourgeoisie. When it's over, everyone will be equal and wear the same hat, which is the definition of the current.

With Neo-Marxism there will initially be no violent revolu-

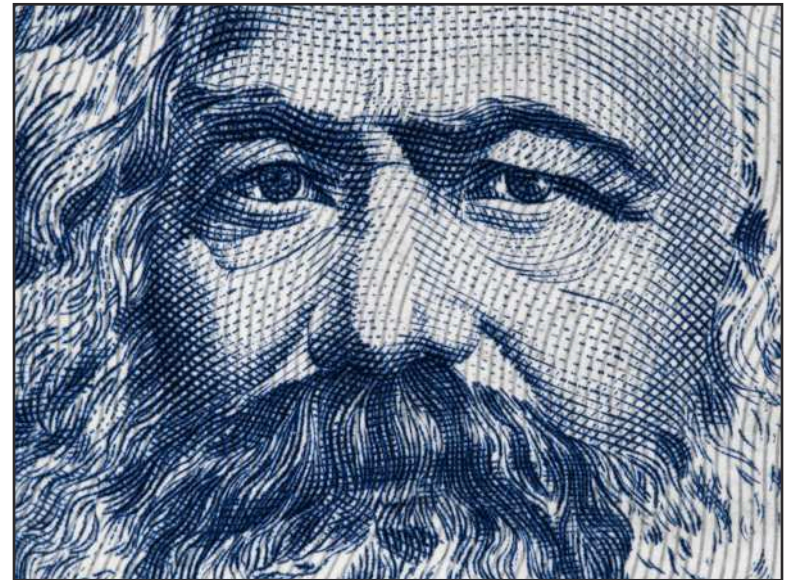
tion. Instead there will be a cultural revolution. These ideas were designed by Herbert Marcuse and Antonio Gramsci. The cultural revolution will dismantle and destroy a culture's hegemony; that is the social norms, traditions, standards, beliefs, thought patterns, cultural ideals, and way of thinking so the nations people no longer have a clear picture and understanding of who they are. This creates soft heads and mushy brains that can easily be manipulated and brain-washed.

The people at the top of this Neo-Marxism are always in the process of creating new categories by watching what the new social trends of the day are. They then use these trends to engineer and create warring tribes that socially spar, argue, attack and then hate each other. The most resent social

manipulation being used is the Palestinian protests against Israel. They use these jelly-brain students looking for a life cause, brainwash them, and they become violent protesters.

Who or what are some of the standard warring tribes being used today? There are so many of them. You'll find them everywhere. All designed to destroy who we, as Americans are. Here's a few. Let me start at the bottom and work to the top of who is driving all this. At the bottom we're going to find groups that create victims. If there are victims there have to be victimizers, a must for Neo-Marxism. The victims play the role of the proletariat. Here are some categories; Critical Education Theory; Post Modernism; Fat Studies; Queer Theory; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Critical Race Theory; Social and Emotional Learning; Black Lives Matter; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and etc. Institutions like these are permitted to commit tempered level violence.

Then there's the government agencies that these institutions have leached into; the CIA, FBI, IRS, NIH, DOD, DOJ, etc., etc, but most importantly the Department of Education. If the precepts, ordinances, and regulations of these organizations are not followed you will either be fired or go to re-education classes. The same holds true for the public/private corporations, meaning government organizations that collude with private corporations against the people. These organizations are permitted to commit a higher level of violence like stalking, terrorizing,



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early morning raids, jailing, or law suiting into poverty. Examples are parents at school board meetings labeled terrorists, placing FBI informants in Catholic Churches, early morning raids into peaceful pro-lifers homes, and repeated misuse of surveillance tools and FISA abuses.

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Neo-Marxism are organizations like the Big Four; Deloitte, Ernest & Young Global Limited, KPMG International Limited, and PricewaterhouseCoopers International Limited, the four largest professional services networks in the world. From these four the World Economic Forum WEF was formed. This organization dawns thousands of the wealthiest, most influential people in the world. One becomes a member by invitation only. These folks are the “elites” of the world who hold and control power. The WEF's strategy is to control from the top down, the bottom up and everything in between. There are

several other world organizations that tentacle with it, like the UN. If you will go to their websites you'll find they do not hide what their plans for us.

A good example would be the well documented test run they used on Netherland farmers.

The Netherlands is the second largest food producer in the world next to the U.S. Yet the government tried to close the farms down because of its pollutants of fertilizers, herbicides, insecticides, and livestock manure. The government tried buy-outs and refused issuing required permits. Similar attempts have taken place in Italy, Spain, Romania, Poland, Greece, Germany, and Portugal.

The EU's disinformation “show” node, that the farmers are unimportant is their statement “they only make up 1.4% of the EU's GDP.” The real information, the government refuses to mention is the lack of food that will not be produced.

This brings us to ESG, Environmental, Social and Governance. This is the foundation of what took place in the Netherlands and EU just mentioned. It will be implemented first by

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CULTURE

Abortion is more than just an election issue

By Rev. Michael Salemink

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/>

So, Chris tells Jamie, “I just couldn’t cast a vote for someone who supports abortion.” And Jamie says, “You know, Chris, abortion’s not the only voting issue. Other things matter to elections and politics too. Seems kind of narrow-minded for you to fixate on just that one.”

Have you ever heard a conversation like this? Have you ever had a conversation like this?

Have you ever met someone like Chris or Jamie? Have you ever felt like Chris? Like Jamie?

Is abortion an election issue? No and Yes.

No, abortion is never just an election issue. But yes, abortion is always at least an election issue. Here are ten reasons why:

Abortion isn’t just a political issue. Abortion has to do with



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facts and truth about the science of human life—embryos and fetuses are living human beings as much as you and me. Abortion deals with the physical and psychological welfare of the most vulnerable among us—it kills children and makes mothers suffer. Abortion executes the injustice of discriminating against one another—unborn babies face deprivation and dying based only on their age, appearance, experiences, environment, or abilities. And abortion involves moral assessments and enforcements—who has the right to life, who has the authority to take life, when

may we limit one’s lifestyle because it infringes upon somebody else’s survival?

Abortion isn’t just a single issue. Abortion is a conclusion that comes from a whole set of principles. It relates to economics, medicine and health care, justice and civil rights. It shows how one understands the roles of government and law—shouldn’t we protect the weakest? It affects one’s sense of the community’s commitments to our underprivileged and endangered—wouldn’t we want to make up for what they lack rather than take even the little they have? It informs how one feels about our relation-

ships to each other as citizens in a society—can’t we care instead of discarding? And abortion has long-term consequences and global implications for both individual bodies and entire populations.

Abortion isn’t simply a popular-opinion issue. Surveys cannot establish rights and wrongs. Polls cannot determine parental duties. Ballots cannot define a human life’s worth and purpose. And even majorities cannot undo death. Of course, people have different perspectives and emotional disputes about abortion access.

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regulatory scrutiny using soft words, but the hard words will eventually come as banks are forced to use an ESG score card on businesses before they will lend money. What they are doing to the farmers in Europe is coming here and worldwide. The result is planned famine.

To believe this Neo-Marxism can be stopped is Pollyanna. It would be a denial of Dialectical Materialism on which the totality of Marxist theology is formed. The Neo-Marxist Dialectical Method is like a very slow-moving steam roller that over time, rolls over and transforms every culture it encounters into itself. We see it year-after-year in our land as the Marxist ideologues continue to ask for the moon and, really in a very calculated planned slow take-over, get a piece of cheese. That continued incessant request each year gives them a piece of cheese until they have the whole moon. It’s like the Borg in Star Trek that says, “We are the Borg. Lower your shields and surrender your ships. We will add your biological and

technological distinctiveness to our own. Your culture will adapt to serving us. Resistance is futile.”

We are not thinking clearly if we believe our Democrat or Republican leaders are moral, ethical, compassionate, caring, empathetic, merciful, benevolent, kind people. These are people that are leading us toward Marxism. A theological world view that terrorized, tortured, imprisoned, starved to death, froze to death, worked to death, and directly murdered hundreds of millions of people in the 20th Century. The majority of people leading us today are void of conscience for individual rights because of their obsession over one world government Marxism. Their “climate communism” uses “mother earth theology” to create fear, that creates control, that then morphs into side-by-side alliance with the soft headed, easily manipulated grass roots “champions” that evangelize the rest.

We are an insane people if we refuse to act. Insane meaning out of touch with reality. It is now coming faster than we ever realized. Evaluate the last

five years.

Ninety years ago, our world faced a similar crisis. In the 1930s Hitler was building his base. To those who were paying attention it became obvious what he was up to. A young theologian by the name of Dietrich Bonhoeffer established The Confessing Church and together they wrote the Barmen Declaration. There were about 18,000 pastors in Germany at that time; most refused to sign it. By 1935, 3000 pastors stood with The Confessing Church while about 3000 stood with Hitler. Twelve thousand pastors were unwilling to take a stand. They lacked the courage. Had all the pastors stood strong and courageous, they could have changed the trajectory of where Hitler took Germany and millions of lives could have been saved.

Why are churches mostly empty today except for the “make me feel good” and “entertain me with music” mega-churches? That’s Marxism’s plan. They know it takes decades to complete the revolution to cultural Marxism. Look at China. Marxism has

always understood that for it to succeed it must first destroy one of the main foundations of western culture: Judaism and Christianity. Why? Because that’s the bedrock of western morals and ethics. For Marxism “the issue is never the issue, the issue is always the revolution.” All of these things mentioned above, including government education, are not the real issue. They are only being used to promote the cultural revolution into Marxism which is the real issue.

Our only hope is that the church not make the same mistake it did in the 1930s of

Germany.

Please encourage your pastors to speak out. Let us not look at our lives in a 70-year span of existence, but over the next 500 years and what kind of world we will leave our posterity.

Pastors, think of your children, your grand-children, your great grand-children, your great-great grand-children, etc., etc. Think of the suffering that awaits them if we refuse to act and change the trajectory of our world. The church our only hope; revival our greatest cause.

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“Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place.” Ephesians 6:14

ABORTION: ABORTION IS MORE THAN JUST AN ELECTION ISSUE....

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But none of these alters the logical, biological, social, and ethical realities of the matter. Abortion shapes the very nature of our nation and the makeup of our culture, not to mention the very lives of its victims.

Abortion isn't simply a personal issue. Abortion connects directly to the common good, especially to that of the least of these. It occurs at the juncture between the desires of the one and the requirements of another and the rest. It puts a thumb on the scales that balance corporate priorities with private ones; individual actions with civic impacts; and our limited, shared resources with our legitimate specific needs. As much as we might like to keep the reality of abortion behind closed doors, it infiltrates into our public consciousness, con-

versation, and collaborating. And given its significant stakes and manifold casualties, this is where it belongs.

Abortion isn't only a women's issue. Abortion puts an offspring to death—that makes abortion a children's issue. Every offspring descends from both a mother and a father—that makes abortion a man's issue. It also affects the employers and clients, neighbors and acquaintances of mother, father, and child. And it involves physicians and assistants, pharmacists and manufacturers, journalists and ethicists, students and researchers, officials and citizens in similar situations. In fact, abortion demands reckoning from us all, because these are our neighbors, and this is our nation.

Abortion isn't only a religious issue. Opposing abortion doesn't impose a doctrine. It acknowledges

scientific data—that fertilization brings into being a distinct human life. Opposing abortion doesn't compel a certain faith. It accepts particular facts—that killing judicially innocent human lives makes civilization impossible and renders governments irrelevant. Outlawing abortion doesn't favor a church—it favors safety, freedom, and fairness for all. Outlawing abortion doesn't prefer one tradition over others—it defends every member of the human race.

Abortion isn't merely a Gospel issue. The Scriptures have much to say about the sanctity of human life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ declares and demonstrates that God creates, redeems, and calls each one as His own precious treasure forever. Christianity explores what this means for how we treat them. But even apart from this, the biological laws of nature lay on us the duty to look after our little

ones. Prohibiting abortion is a fact of life and a function of humanity. It's a matter of right versus wrong and life versus death. And that's the proper realm of government and regulation.

Abortion isn't merely a Law issue. Pregnancy means we have responsibilities as a community. This holds true even when we have no hereditary relationship to mother or baby. God the Almighty Maker has made parents and child our neighbors. But it also gives us privileges. We get to speak a truth that changes hearts and shows a love that saves lives. Pregnancy's responsibilities come with wonderful opportunities. It invites us to receive every child (and his or her family!) as a gift from our Heavenly Father with whom we can share all the blessings He promises.

Abortion isn't one issue among others. In fact, abortion itself isn't the issue. Rath-

er, what makes one human and what makes human life worthwhile are fundamental. All of our deliberations, discussions, and decisions about absolutely anything else follow from it. Though we can debate the best "how," we have neither room to negotiate nor right to compromise about "whether" we protect the threatened among us. The inalienable and heaven-given right to life is primary. Liberty and the pursuit of happiness remain greatly important, but secondary.

Abortion isn't somebody else's issue. It's your business, it's my business, and it's our business. It's our issue as Christians, it's our issue as citizens, and it's our issue as human beings. Abortion and the sanctity of every human life matter very much for elections—more so than anything else. And it matters for much more than elections. It's a whole life issue!

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THEOLOGY

Is Salvation by Faith in Jesus Unfair to Those Who Never Hear of Him?

By Amy K. Hall
Stand To Reason

What about those who never hear of Jesus? This is one of the most common questions I receive, and as with most of those common questions, it has to do with a challenge to the character of God. Is God acting unfairly if his salvation depends on trusting in Jesus and some never hear of him? Does justice require that God reveal himself to everyone?

In God's Love, R.C. Sproul responds to the even stronger objection leveled at Calvinists that God would be unjust if he chose some for salvation but not others, but you don't have to be a Calvinist to appreciate the quote. His concise explanation of why election by grace is consistent with the character of a good and just God applies equally to the objection about those who never hear of Jesus:

"Somehow it is widely assumed that God owes all people either the gift of salvation or at least a chance of salvation. Since they cannot be saved apart from His grace, He owes it to

everyone to grant them that grace.

This kind of thinking results from a fundamental confusion between God's justice and His mercy or grace. Grace, by definition, is something that God is not required to grant. He owes a fallen world no mercy. If we cried out for justice at His hands, we could all receive the just condemnation we deserve. Justice is what we deserve. Grace is always and ever undeserved. If we deserved it, it would not be grace."

As Sproul also points out, in the end, some will receive grace from God, and some will receive justice. But no one ever will ever receive injustice. The key to grasping this is 1) understanding the difference between justice and grace and 2) an awareness of what our sinfulness actually deserves from a righteous and holy God.

If you've struggled with this objection, you're not alone. In fact, in Romans 9:14-15, Paul anticipates the objection that grace not given to all equally is unjust:

"What shall we say then? There is

no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! For He says to Moses, 'I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.'"

There is nothing unjust about giving mercy to some, and giving mercy to some in no way diminishes the justice deserved by others, as Sproul explains:

"If God decides to pardon one guilty person, that does not mean that those He does not pardon somehow become any less guilty."

God's grace is freely given—not to those who are owed it, but to those who aren't. No one can say that justice demands they be given something they didn't earn; and if someone gives an undeserved gift to one, in no way is he required to give the same gift to all.

As Sproul concludes, this is the beauty and wonder of grace. This is the source of our awe, our gratefulness, our adoration of a God whose gracious, undeserved love saved his enemies at great cost to himself.

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"He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created." James 1:18

CHRISTIAN HISTORY

A New Testament Passage That's Older than the New Testament

By Robby Lashua
Stand to Reason

The Christian church is older than its New Testament books. This shouldn't surprise us since the New Testament was written by people who were a part of the first-century church. The events recorded in the Gospels are older than the text of the Gospels. Again, nothing unusual here.



ROBBY LASHUA

What if I told you, though, that in the New Testament there are passages that are older than the New Testament? Obviously, Old Testament passages quoted in the New Testament precede it, but that's not what I'm referring to.

Within the New Testament books are early Christian creeds that predate the books themselves. These creeds show us what the earliest Christians believed and which doctrines existed from the inception of the church.

Let's look at one of these creeds and see why scholars are convinced it predates the book it's quoted in.

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles." (1 Corinthians 15:3-7)

There are many reasons to believe this passage isn't something Paul was writing for the first time to the Corinthian church.

First, Paul tells us he "delivered" this information to the Corinthians when he visited them prior to writing his letter. He also



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says he "received" this statement, meaning he isn't the original author.

Second, this statement has a poetic cadence to it. Although 1 Corinthians was originally written in Greek, even our English translations reveal this rhythm: "that Christ died...that He was buried...that He was raised...that He appeared." Also notice the repetition of the phrase "according to the Scriptures." These patterns make creeds easy to remember.

Third, there are words and phrases in this passage that Paul doesn't use in his own writings. Phrases like "according to the Scriptures," "he was raised," and "on the third day" aren't used by Paul anywhere else. Also, though Paul uses the word "sin" in the singular form 64 times in his writings, in this passage he uses the plural form ("Christ died for our sins"), which is unusual for him.

Historians are convinced that 1 Corinthians 15:3-7 is an early Christian creed Paul is reminding the Corinthians of. He says he received it, it has the clear rhythm and cadence of a creed, and there are phrases and words in it that are absent or rare in the rest of Paul's writings. This creed isn't something Paul invented; it

existed prior to his writing of 1 Corinthians (AD 53-55) and even prior to his eighteen-month visit to Corinth (Acts 18).

Here's why this creed is important.

A popular challenge against Christianity is what I call the "Jesus as legend" claim—i.e., over time, the stories of Jesus were embellished and exaggerated and then finally written down with the legendary additions embedded in the account.

This ancient creed, however, shows us what the very first Christians believed about Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, and post-resurrection appearances.

The Christian creed in 1 Corinthians 15:3-7 obliterates the "Jesus as legend" challenge. From the inception of the church, the earliest believers confessed Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, and post-resurrection appearances. There was no time for legendary development.

Clearly, the resurrection of Christ has been a central feature of the Christian record from the very beginning of the church. It's not a legend.

Thank God for preserving this early Christian creed in the text of the New Testament.

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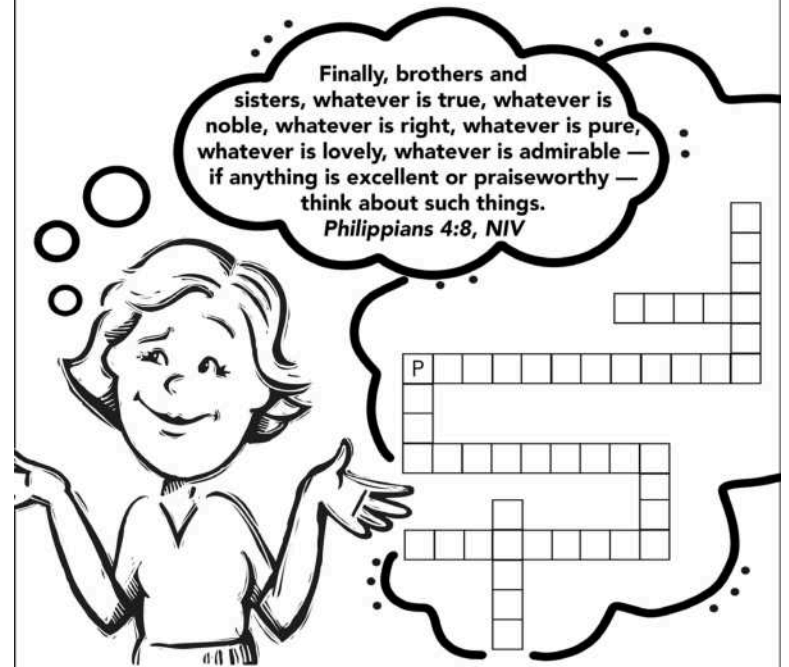
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COLUMN 1

- correct
- commendable
- extremely good
- having high moral principles
- deserving respect
- pleasant
- real
- wholesome

COLUMN 2

- excellent
- lovely
- noble
- admirable
- pure
- praiseworthy
- true
- right



Match Answers: correct - right; commendable - excellent; extremely good - lovely; having high moral principles - noble; praiseworthy, excellent, admirable; Vertical Answers (left to right): pure, right, true, lovely; Horizontal Answers (top to bottom): noble, deserving respect - admirable, pleasant - lovely, real - true, wholesome - pure; Horizontal Answers (left to right): noble, praiseworthy, excellent, admirable; Vertical Answers (left to right): pure, right, true, lovely.

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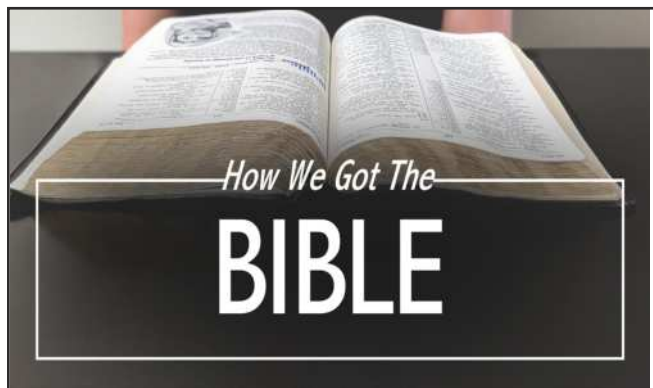
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• **HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE—TEN KEY POINTS:**

- 1) The Bible is inspired by God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)
- 2) The Bible is made of of 66 different books that were written over 1,600 years (from approximately 1500 BC to AD 100) by more than 40 kings, prophets, leaders, and followers of Jesus. The Old Testament has 39 books (written approximately 1500-400 BC). The new Testament has 27 books (written approximately AD 45-100). The Hebrew Bible has the same text as the English Bible’s Old Testament, but divides and arranges it differently.
- 3) The Old Testament was written mainly in Hebrew, with some Aramaic. The New Testament was written in Greek.
- 4) The books of the Bible were collected and arranged and recognized as inspired sacred authority by councils of rabbis and councils of church leaders based on careful guidelines that were based on investigative tactics into prime sources.
- 5) Before the printing press was invented, the Bible was copied by hand, which was meticulously done in ancient times. The Bible was copied very accurately, in many cases by special scribes who developed intricate methods of counting words and letters to insure that no errors had been made.
- 6) The Bible was the first book ever printed on the printing press with movable type (Gutenberg Press, 1455, Latin Bible)
- 7) There is much evidence that the Bible we have today is remarkably true to the original writings. Of the thousands of copies made by hand before AD 1500, more than 5,300 Greek manuscripts from the New Testaments alone still exist today. The text of the Bible is better preserved than the writings of Caesar, Plato, or Aristotle.
- 8) The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls confirmed the astonishing reliability of some of the copies of the Old Testament made over the years. Some variations exist, most of which involved spelling. No variation affects basic Bible doctrines.
- 9) As the Bible was carried to other countries, it was translated into the common language of the people by scholars who wanted others to know God’s Word. Today there are still several groups with no Bible in their own language.
- 10) According to the World Christian Encyclopedia, by AD 200, the Bible was translated into seven languages; by AD 500, 13 languages; by AD 900, 17 languages; by AD 1400, 28 languages; by 1800, 57 languages; by 1900, 537 languages; by 1980, 1,100 languages. As of 2018, according to Ethnologue, there are 7,097 known languages in the world. The New Testament has been translated into well over 1,500 languages. Smaller portions of the New Testament have been translated into over 1,000 languages. At least one part of the Bible has been translated into 3,312 of the 7,097 languages.

SOURCE: “HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE”, ROSE PUBLICATIONS, 1998

CHRISTIAN RESEARCH

Churchgoers Believe Public Perception of Christians is Declining in the U.S.

By Aaron Earls

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BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — Most churchgoers believe Christians have a good reputation with Americans in general, but they worry those feelings are starting to sour.

A Lifeway Research study finds 53% of U.S. Protestant churchgoers say most Americans have a positive perception of Christians. Two in 5 (40%) disagree, and 8% aren’t sure.

More consensus exists on the direction public sentiment is headed. Around 7 in 10 (69%) believe people’s perceptions of Christians in the U.S. are getting worse, while 21% disagree. Another 10% say they aren’t sure.

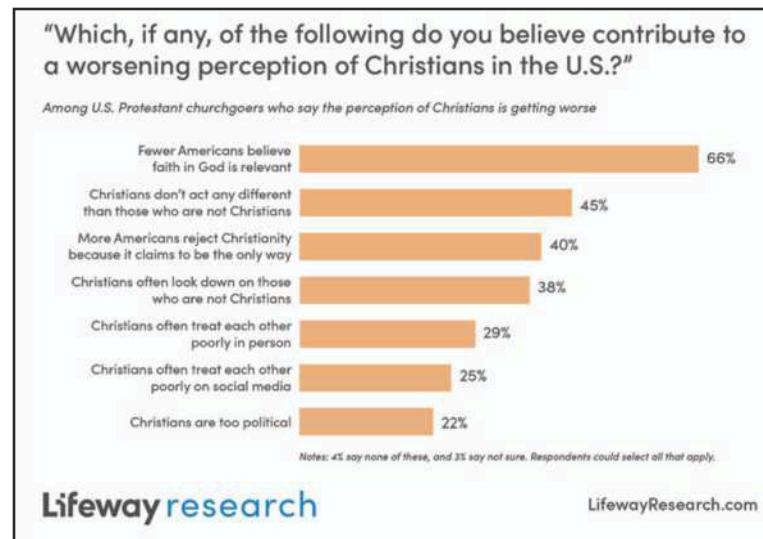
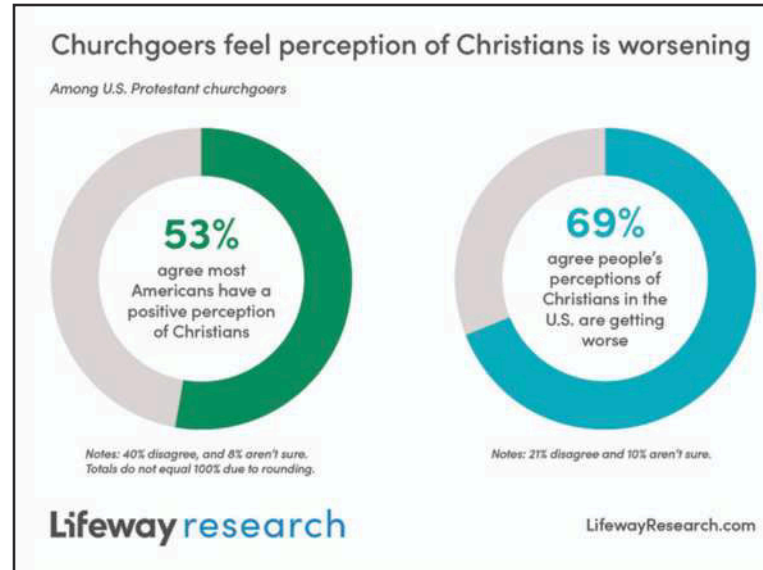
“The percentage of churchgoers who believe most Americans view Christians positively is remarkably close to a recent national poll indicating 53% of Americans view Christianity favorably,” said Scott McConnell, executive director of Lifeway Research. “Though a majority agree, fewer than 1 in 6 churchgoers is strongly convinced most Americans view Christians positively.”

Public sentiment

With only a slight majority believing Christians are viewed favorably in the U.S., many demographic groups have differing outlooks on the current reality.

Men are more likely than women to agree that most Americans have a positive perception of Christians (56% v. 49%). Additionally, African Americans (66%) and Hispanics (65%) are more likely to agree than whites (48%) and people of other ethnicities (44%).

Restorationist movement churchgoers (61%) and Baptists (57%) are more likely than those who attend a non-denominational church (45%) to agree most Americans view Christians positively. Churchgoers who aren’t evangelicals



by belief (57%) are also more likely than those with evangelical beliefs (49%) to agree.

On the other side, churchgoers 65 and older (46%) are among the most likely to disagree. Also, those who attend a worship service four times or more a month (43%) are more likely than those who attend one to three times (36%) to disagree that most Americans have a positive perception of Christians.

While 7 in 10 churchgoers believe the public perception of Christians is worsening in the U.S., some groups are

more likely than others to see a downward trajectory.

Other ethnicities (84%) are the most likely to say people’s perceptions of Christians in the U.S. are getting worse, while whites (71%) are more likely to agree than Hispanics (61%) or African Americans (60%).

Baptists (73%) and non-denominational churchgoers (73%) are more likely to agree than Lutherans (61%). Also, those who attend a worship service four times a month or more (72%) are more likely than those who attend less

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DECLINING: CHURCHGOERS BELIEVE PERCEPTION IS DECLINING

Continued from Page 12 frequently (65%) to believe the public opinion of Christians is declining. Those with evangelical beliefs (77%) are more likely than those without such beliefs (61%) to agree.

“Surely the small growth in other religions in the U.S. and large numbers of Americans that once called themselves Christians but no longer do impacted churchgoer perceptions,” said McConnell. “Not all who left the faith have ill feelings toward Christianity, but indifference is definitely a worse perception than once identifying as one.”

Reasons for a reputation decline

Those who believe the public perception of Christians in the U.S. is worsening say responsibility for the decline belongs to both Christians and the rest of America.

Out of seven options that may have contributed to the decline, 75% of churchgoers point to at least one of the two options holding Americans responsible and 71% choose at least one of the five options placing responsibility on Christians. Most blame both, as 53% point to at least one option that places responsibility on Americans and at least one option that faults Christians.

Two in 3 churchgoers (66%) say a reason the public perception of Christians is worsening is because fewer Americans believe faith in God is relevant.

Around 2 in 5 point to Christians not acting any different than those who aren't Christians (45%), more Americans rejecting Christianity because it claims to be the only way (40%) and Christians often looking down on those who aren't Christians (38%).

Fewer claim the drop should be credited to Christians often treating each other poorly in person (29%), Christians often treating each other poorly on social media (25%) and Christians being too political (22%). Small percentages say none of these options (4%) or they aren't sure (3%).

“Many churchgoers admit Christians are getting in the way of the message of Jesus Christ,” said McConnell. “But if the only reason Christians are not accepted is because people reject the message of Jesus Christ, Christians have already chosen whose approval they desire.”

Frequent church attendees are among the most likely to blame Americans. Those who attend a worship service four times or more a month are more likely than those who attend less often to say Christians' worsening public perception is due at least in part to fewer Americans believing faith in God is relevant (70%) and more Americans rejecting Christianity because it claims to be the only way (44%).

Those who attend four times a month or more are less likely than other churchgoers to say

the declining perception is due to Christians looking down on those who aren't Christian (32%) and Christians being too political (19%).

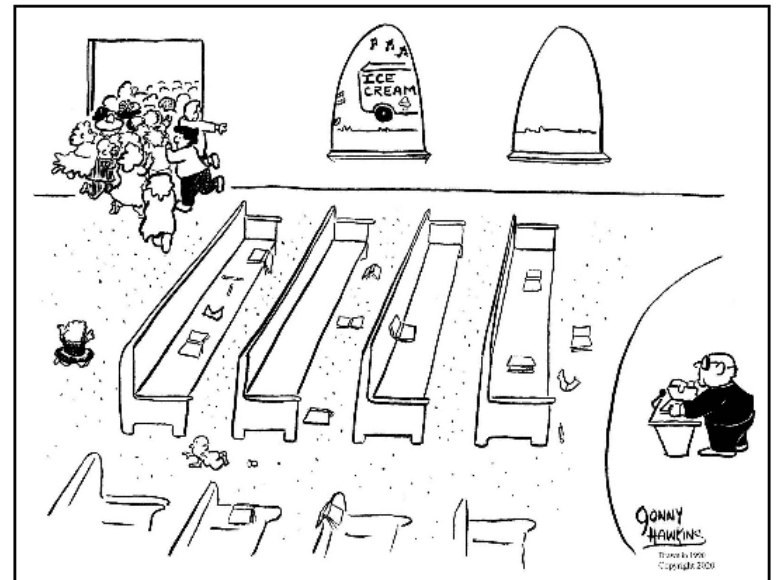
Churchgoers in the South are among the most likely to point to Christians treating each other poorly on social media (28%).

White Americans are among the least likely to place blame on Christians being too political (21%). White Americans (70%) and those of other ethnicities (68%) are more likely than African Americans (49%) to say a reason for the declining reputation is that fewer Americans believe faith in God is relevant. For their part, African Americans (47%) are more likely than whites (34%) to point to Christians often looking down on those who are not Christians.

Churchgoers with evangelical beliefs are more likely than other churchgoers to say the decline is because fewer Americans believe faith in God is relevant (71% v. 59%) or because Christians don't act any different than those who are not Christians (48% v. 40%). But those who hold evangelical beliefs are less likely to point to Christians often looking down on those who are not Christians (32% v. 45%) and Christians being too political (17% v. 29%).

For more information, view the complete report and visit LifewayResearch.com.

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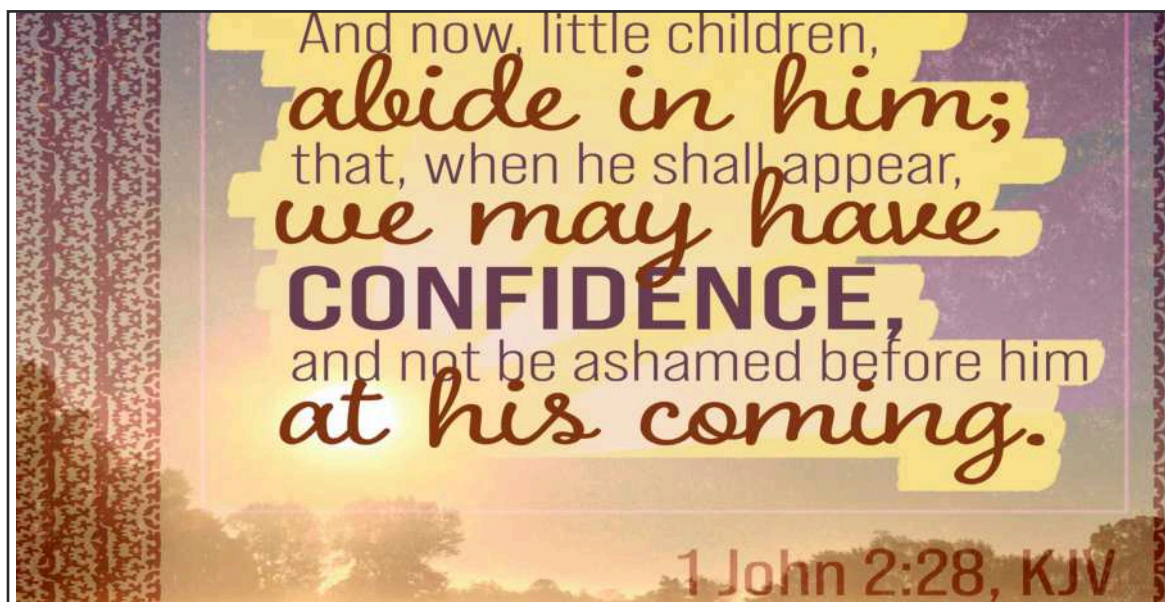
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Bible Quiz

Who helped Samuel understand that it was the Lord calling him in the night?

- A. his mother, Hannah
- B. Moses
- C. his father, Elkanah
- D. Eli

Answer: D (See 1 Samuel 3:1-10.)



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“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” John 4:24

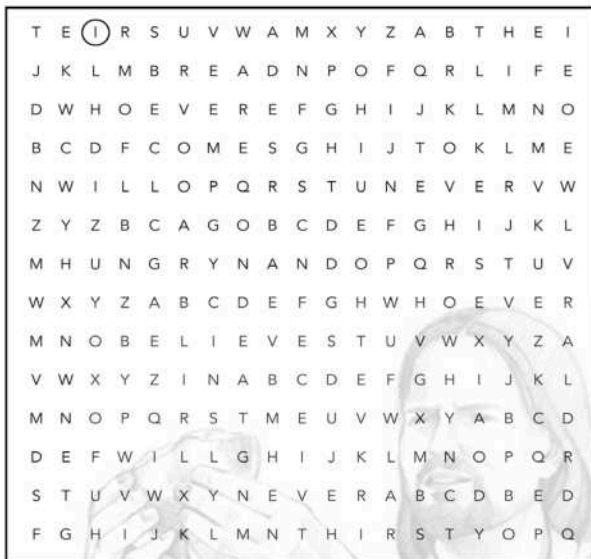
Puzzle!

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV). Put the words in order on the spaces below to complete the Bible verse.

JOHN 6:35

WORD LIST

am and be believes bread comes in whoever
hungry go life me me never to never the of will
will thirsty whoever



"I _____

_____"

-John 6:35, NIV

Answer: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV

GUEST COLUMN

You Still Live in an Empire

By Joel A. Hess
The Jagged Word

On the 4th of July, we celebrated the Declaration of Independence from the British Empire (a magnificent empire that only grew after this loss). Americans probably think of themselves as against empires. Star Wars mirrors that! We like freedom and free independent states. But there are many ways to have an empire, including more dangerous ways: ideological/philosophical empires, cultural empires, business empires, etc. I have no problem with empires. It's impossible not to be a part of one. Neither do you. You might not like certain emperors and empires, though you like some.



JOEL HESS

Currently, at least half the world lives in the American political, cultural, economic, and even moral empire. Even in the third world, we are forceful religious colonialists imposing our current culture and mores by withholding money or support unless our subjects adopt them. Cortez would be jealous.

But while you point fingers at all those dangerous emperors and empires, you are a little emperor yourself, aren't you? Your empire might not be very large. It might be just you. Our constitution protects us from dictators by creating and protecting millions of little dictators. Practically, it has brilliantly created a fairly peaceful and vibrant society. There is nothing wrong with that at all for the temporary and dying world.

Just don't believe it. You are not that benevolent dictator. Your rule follows unchecked passions and short-term, self-serving policies. You are an emperor of the dead, a destroyer of worlds. As St. Paul says in Romans 3, you have no excuse. No one is righteous, no not one. So be quiet, little Napoleon, on this 4th of July.

While we are right to thank God for the current great empire of the United States, don't forget to give thanks for that more excellent empire led by a truly benevolent emperor, though not benign: Jesus Christ.

Throw out all your conspiracies about a few powerful



Artwork Source: Shutterstock

people ruining your life; it's you! But there is one actual conspiracy, God's. On July 4th, let's celebrate His arrival on our shores, unseen by all the little dictators, in a manner, in a peasant woman's arms. What a disguise! He patiently stood in line with all the little despots at the Jordan. He ate with the unrighteous, the weak, and the unseen. Finally, in the great battle between Rome and Jerusalem's religious and political empires, He turned the other cheek, received our blows, our wrath, and declared, "It is finished."

Christ has liberated you from yourself, let alone from death and the devil. In baptism, you have been freed from the destiny all emperors and empires meet! You have been welcomed into the empire of God.

While you worry about your citizenship in this crumbling kingdom called America, you do not have to worry about your place as a son or daughter in the kingdom of God. So light a sparkler, grab an Old Style, love your neighbor, and watch the fireworks. It is finished.

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"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32

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This event is all about community, fun, and making unforgettable memories. But to pull it off, the organizers need some amazing volunteers.

Details of the event, and types of volunteers needed, are as follows:

Event Dates:

- Saturday, August 17th at 4:30 p.m. Central Time.
- Sunday, August 18th

Location:

- Lake Helen, Gothenburg, Neb.

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- Setup and tear down
- Registration and greeting attendees
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Interested in Volunteering? Reach out to Jodi Hinds for more information:

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Volunteers support and time will make a huge difference. Whether you can spare a few hours or the whole day, every bit helps! Join us in making this event truly special.

CHRISTIAN PARENTING

You Don't Want to Micromanage Your Family: *How to Stop Parenting With Anxiety*

By Chad Hayenga
Connected Families

Do you have this little suspicion that you've fallen into micromanaging your family? Truthfully, if you're parenting with a lot of anxiety, chances are you have.

When you're worried, it's easy to grasp at the things you can control. Maybe your child isn't making the best choices, and you're scared of what will happen. So you begin to control and to nag. Unfortunately, your micromanagement response pushes your child further away.

You don't want to be a micromanaging parent, but anxiety and control often run together in parenting. Sadly, parenting with anxiety and micromanagement can rob you of joy, contentment, and peace. They rob your kids of encouragement and independence. In my parenting, and in coaching countless parents, I've noticed the spiraling impact of parenting with anxiety. The good news? You can stop parenting in this way. Read on for 5 steps to equip you to focus on the truth about your child while building wisdom and independence.

Why do parents micromanage their kids?

Will my kids choose good friends? Will they do well academically? Will they make wise choices when I'm not around to guide them? It's normal to consider questions like these. However, if you feel the answer is "no" to any of those reflective questions, anxiety can begin to rise. And that's when so many of us will start micromanaging our kids.

Control is your brain's natural coping response. When you feel internally out of control, your brain wants you to take charge of the situation so that you can feel less anxious. This kind of reaction is problematic for parenting. Why? Because you cannot parent from wisdom when your brain is stuck in an anxiety-control pattern.

The cycle of anxiety and the micromanaging parent

The more I parent from a place of anxiety, the more likely I am to project a negative future for my kids. That, in turn, makes it more likely they will begin living out that projection.

As they live out my negative

projections, I rationalize doing things for them that they ought to be responsible for themselves...

Which builds their resentment and resistance towards me...

Which feeds my anxiety...

And the cycle goes on and on...

The cycle of anxiety and micromanagement might look something like this:

What happens when you micromanage the unmotivated child?

Ever met a child like this?

Has a hard time getting out of bed in the morning.

Is disinterested in school.

Struggling academically.

Resists chores and responsibilities.

Doesn't care if their bedroom is unmanageably messy.

Only gets excited about screen time.

It is the perfect storm for parental anxiety and micromanagement. If you see this in your child, it's hard not to project into the future!

You might fall into coaxing, bribing, nagging, yelling, and constant reminding.

If you're unsure whether you're falling into micromanagement, check the language you use.

Often, the problem has words of ownership you might use like, "We need to get to school on time today." or "We are going to be late."

Wait. Did you catch that? Do you see the word "we"? "We are going to be late for school"? When it's worded this way, who really owns this problem?

By the time you reach this point in the relationship, especially with a teen, resentment has most likely built up. Extracting yourself from this cycle is neither easy nor

painless, but it is possible. It's also necessary for the long-term health and well-being of your child.

Picture the cycle above as a traffic roundabout on which you travel faster and faster the longer you're on it. Then, imagine the exits that you can take with a bit of thoughtfulness:

1. Bring your anxiety to God, not to your child.
2. Focus on the truth about your child.
3. Empower respectful honesty.
4. Encourage your child!
5. Be a great resource for your child.

This takes skill and communication. It's tempting to go to the other extreme with a response like, "FINE. I'm not going to do this for you anymore. I've done my best, but you obviously don't want my help."

That's not what your child needs either.

Ask curious and respectful questions like:

"What do you need from me to be successful in getting your chores done [or getting out of bed]?"

"Can you tell me more about what is frustrating to you about this?"

Don't give up on your relationship with your child.

It's so easy to get stuck on the parental anxiety-micromanagement cycle. You get on it because you want to help so badly, but it quickly becomes discouraging to both you and your child. If this describes you, there's plenty of hope. You can exit the cycle of anxiety and learn to communicate your love and confidence in your kids.

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THE BOOK OF HEBREWS CHAPTER 1

THE SUPREMACY OF GOD'S SON

1 LONG AGO, AT MANY TIMES AND IN MANY WAYS, GOD SPOKE TO OUR FATHERS BY THE PROPHETS, 2 BUT IN THESE LAST DAYS HE HAS SPOKEN TO US BY HIS SON, WHOM HE APPOINTED THE HEIR OF ALL THINGS, THROUGH WHOM ALSO HE CREATED THE WORLD. 3 HE IS THE RADIANCE OF THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE EXACT IMPRINT OF HIS NATURE, AND HE UPHOLDS THE UNIVERSE BY THE WORD OF HIS POWER. AFTER MAKING PURIFICATION FOR SINS, HE SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE MAJESTY ON HIGH, 4 HAVING BECOME AS MUCH SUPERIOR TO ANGELS AS THE NAME HE HAS INHERITED IS MORE EXCELLENT THAN THEIRS.

5 FOR TO WHICH OF THE ANGELS DID GOD EVER SAY,

"YOU ARE MY SON,
TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"?

OR AGAIN, "I WILL BE TO HIM A FATHER,
AND HE SHALL BE TO ME A SON"?

6 AND AGAIN, WHEN HE BRINGS THE FIRSTBORN INTO THE WORLD, HE SAYS,
"LET ALL GOD'S ANGELS WORSHIP HIM."

7 OF THE ANGELS HE SAYS,
"HE MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS,
AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE."

8 BUT OF THE SON HE SAYS,
"YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND
EVER, THE SCEPTER OF UPRIGHTNESS IS THE
SCEPTER OF YOUR KINGDOM."

9 YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND
HATED WICKEDNESS; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR
GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF
GLADNESS BEYOND YOUR COMPANIONS."

10 AND, "YOU, LORD, LAID THE FOUNDATION
OF THE EARTH IN THE BEGINNING, AND THE
HEAVENS ARE THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS;
11 THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN; THEY
WILL ALL WEAR OUT LIKE A GARMENT,
12 LIKE A ROBE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP,
LIKE A GARMENT THEY WILL BE CHANGED.
BUT YOU ARE THE SAME, AND YOUR YEARS
WILL HAVE NO END."

13 AND TO WHICH OF THE ANGELS HAS HE
EVER SAID, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND UNTIL I
MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR
FEET"?

14 ARE THEY NOT ALL MINISTERING SPIRITS
SENT OUT TO SERVE FOR THE SAKE OF THOSE
WHO ARE TO INHERIT SALVATION?

CHAPTER 2

WARNING AGAINST NEGLECTING SALVATION

1 THEREFORE WE MUST PAY MUCH CLOSER
ATTENTION TO WHAT WE HAVE HEARD, LEST
WE DRIFT AWAY FROM IT. 2 FOR SINCE THE
MESSAGE DECLARED BY ANGELS PROVED TO
BE RELIABLE, AND EVERY TRANSGRESSION OR
DISOBEDIENCE RECEIVED A JUST RETRIBUTION,
3 HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE IF WE NEGLECT SUCH
A GREAT SALVATION? IT WAS DECLARED AT
FIRST BY THE LORD, AND IT WAS ATTESTED TO
US BY THOSE WHO HEARD, 4 WHILE GOD ALSO
BORE WITNESS BY SIGNS AND WONDERS AND
VARIOUS MIRACLES AND BY GIFTS OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO HIS WILL.

THE FOUNDER OF SALVATION

5 FOR IT WAS NOT TO ANGELS THAT GOD
SUBJECTED THE WORLD TO COME, OF WHICH
WE ARE SPEAKING. 6 IT HAS BEEN TESTIFIED
SOMEWHERE,

"WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU ARE MINDFUL OF
HIM, OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU CARE
FOR HIM?"

7 YOU MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER



"PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD, THAT
YOU MAY BE ABLE TO STAND AGAINST THE
SCHEMES OF THE DEVIL."

EPHESIANS 6:11

THAN THE ANGELS;
YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND
HONOR,
8 PUTTING EVERYTHING IN SUBJECTION UNDER
HIS FEET."

NOW IN PUTTING EVERYTHING IN SUBJECTION
TO HIM, HE LEFT NOTHING OUTSIDE HIS
CONTROL. AT PRESENT, WE DO NOT YET SEE
EVERYTHING IN SUBJECTION TO HIM. 9 BUT WE
SEE HIM WHO FOR A LITTLE WHILE WAS MADE
LOWER THAN THE ANGELS, NAMELY JESUS,
CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOR BECAUSE
OF THE SUFFERING OF DEATH, SO THAT BY THE
GRACE OF GOD HE MIGHT TASTE DEATH FOR
EVERYONE.

10 FOR IT WAS FITTING THAT HE, FOR WHOM
AND BY WHOM ALL THINGS EXIST, IN BRINGING
MANY SONS TO GLORY, SHOULD MAKE THE
FOUNDER OF THEIR SALVATION PERFECT
THROUGH SUFFERING. 11 FOR HE WHO
SANCTIFIES AND THOSE WHO ARE SANCTIFIED
ALL HAVE ONE SOURCE. THAT IS WHY HE IS
NOT ASHAMED TO CALL THEM BROTHERS, 12
SAYING,

"I WILL TELL OF YOUR NAME TO MY BROTHERS;
IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION I WILL
SING YOUR PRAISE."

13 AND AGAIN, "I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN
HIM." AND AGAIN,

"BEHOLD, I AND THE CHILDREN GOD HAS
GIVEN ME."

14 SINCE THEREFORE THE CHILDREN SHARE
IN FLESH AND BLOOD, HE HIMSELF LIKEWISE
PARTOOK OF THE SAME THINGS, THAT THROUGH
DEATH HE MIGHT DESTROY THE ONE WHO HAS
THE POWER OF DEATH, THAT IS, THE DEVIL,
15 AND DELIVER ALL THOSE WHO THROUGH
FEAR OF DEATH WERE SUBJECT TO LIFELONG
SLAVERY. 16 FOR SURELY IT IS NOT ANGELS
THAT HE HELPS, BUT HE HELPS THE OFFSPRING
OF ABRAHAM. 17 THEREFORE HE HAD TO BE
MADE LIKE HIS BROTHERS IN EVERY RESPECT,
SO THAT HE MIGHT BECOME A MERCIFUL AND
FAITHFUL HIGH PRIEST IN THE SERVICE OF GOD,
TO MAKE PROPITIATION FOR THE SINS OF THE

PEOPLE. 18 FOR
BECAUSE HE HIMSELF
HAS SUFFERED WHEN
TEMPTED, HE IS ABLE
TO HELP THOSE WHO
ARE BEING TEMPTED.

CHAPTER 3 JESUS GREATER THAN MOSES

1 THEREFORE, HOLY
BROTHERS, YOU
WHO SHARE IN A
HEAVENLY CALLING,
CONSIDER JESUS,
THE APOSTLE AND
HIGH PRIEST OF OUR
CONFESSION, 2 WHO
WAS FAITHFUL TO
HIM WHO APPOINTED
HIM, JUST AS MOSES
ALSO WAS FAITHFUL
IN ALL GOD'S HOUSE. 3
FOR JESUS HAS BEEN
COUNTED WORTHY OF
MORE GLORY THAN
MOSES—AS MUCH
MORE GLORY AS THE

BUILDER OF A HOUSE HAS MORE HONOR THAN
THE HOUSE ITSELF. 4 (FOR EVERY HOUSE IS
BUILT BY SOMEONE, BUT THE BUILDER OF
ALL THINGS IS GOD.) 5 NOW MOSES WAS
FAITHFUL IN ALL GOD'S HOUSE AS A SERVANT,
TO TESTIFY TO THE THINGS THAT WERE TO BE
SPOKEN LATER, 6 BUT CHRIST IS FAITHFUL
OVER GOD'S HOUSE AS A SON. AND WE ARE
HIS HOUSE, IF INDEED WE HOLD FAST OUR
CONFIDENCE AND OUR BOASTING IN OUR HOPE.

A REST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

7 THEREFORE, AS THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYS,
"TODAY, IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
8 DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS IN THE
REBELLION, ON THE DAY OF TESTING IN THE
WILDERNESS,
9 WHERE YOUR FATHERS PUT ME TO THE TEST
AND SAW MY WORKS FOR FORTY YEARS.

10 THEREFORE I WAS PROVOKED WITH THAT
GENERATION, AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO
ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART; THEY HAVE NOT
KNOWN MY WAYS.'

11 AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, 'THEY SHALL
NOT ENTER MY REST.'

12 TAKE CARE, BROTHERS, LEST THERE BE IN
ANY OF YOU AN EVIL, UNBELIEVING HEART,
LEADING YOU TO FALL AWAY FROM THE LIVING
GOD. 13 BUT EXHORT ONE ANOTHER EVERY
DAY, AS LONG AS IT IS CALLED "TODAY," THAT
NONE OF YOU MAY BE HARDENED BY THE
DECEITFULNESS OF SIN. 14 FOR WE HAVE COME
TO SHARE IN CHRIST, IF INDEED WE HOLD
OUR ORIGINAL CONFIDENCE FIRM TO THE END.
15 AS IT IS SAID, "TODAY, IF YOU HEAR HIS
VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS IN
THE REBELLION."

16 FOR WHO WERE THOSE WHO HEARD AND
YET REBELLED? WAS IT NOT ALL THOSE WHO
LEFT EGYPT LED BY MOSES? 17 AND WITH
WHOM WAS HE PROVOKED FOR FORTY YEARS?
WAS IT NOT WITH THOSE WHO SINNED, WHOSE
BODIES FELL IN THE WILDERNESS? 18 AND TO
WHOM DID HE SWEAR THAT THEY WOULD NOT
ENTER HIS REST, BUT TO THOSE WHO WERE
DISOBEDIENT? 19 SO WE SEE THAT THEY WERE
UNABLE TO ENTER BECAUSE OF UNBELIEF.

CHAPTER 4

1 THEREFORE, WHILE THE PROMISE OF
ENTERING HIS REST STILL STANDS, LET US FEAR
LEAST ANY OF YOU SHOULD SEEM TO HAVE
FAILED TO REACH IT. 2 FOR GOOD NEWS CAME
TO US JUST AS TO THEM, BUT THE MESSAGE
THEY HEARD DID NOT BENEFIT THEM, BECAUSE
THEY WERE NOT UNITED BY FAITH WITH THOSE
WHO LISTENED. 3 FOR WE WHO HAVE BELIEVED
ENTER THAT REST, AS HE HAS SAID,
"AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH,
"THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST,""
ALTHOUGH HIS WORKS WERE FINISHED FROM
THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD. 4 FOR HE
HAS SOMEWHERE SPOKEN OF THE SEVENTH
DAY IN THIS WAY: "AND GOD RESTED ON THE
SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS." 5 AND

AGAIN IN THIS PASSAGE HE SAID,
"THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST."

6 SINCE THEREFORE IT REMAINS FOR SOME
TO ENTER IT, AND THOSE WHO FORMERLY
RECEIVED THE GOOD NEWS FAILED TO ENTER
BECAUSE OF DISOBEDIENCE, 7 AGAIN HE
APPOINTS A CERTAIN DAY, "TODAY," SAYING
THROUGH DAVID SO LONG AFTERWARD, IN THE
WORDS ALREADY QUOTED,
"TODAY, IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT
HARDEN YOUR HEARTS."

8 FOR IF JOSHUA HAD GIVEN THEM REST,
GOD WOULD NOT HAVE SPOKEN OF ANOTHER
DAY LATER ON. 9 SO THEN, THERE REMAINS A
SABBATH REST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD, 10
FOR WHOEVER HAS ENTERED GOD'S REST HAS
ALSO RESTED FROM HIS WORKS AS GOD DID
FROM HIS.

11 LET US THEREFORE STRIVE TO ENTER THAT
REST, SO THAT NO ONE MAY FALL BY THE SAME
SORT OF DISOBEDIENCE. 12 FOR THE WORD OF
GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE, SHARPER THAN
ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD, PIERCING TO THE
DIVISION OF SOUL AND OF SPIRIT, OF JOINTS
AND OF MARROW, AND DISCERNING THE
THOUGHTS AND INTENTIONS OF THE HEART.
13 AND NO CREATURE IS HIDDEN FROM HIS
SIGHT, BUT ALL ARE NAKED AND EXPOSED TO
THE EYES OF HIM TO WHOM WE MUST GIVE
ACCOUNT.

JESUS THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST

14 SINCE THEN WE HAVE A GREAT HIGH PRIEST
WHO HAS PASSED THROUGH THE HEAVENS,
JESUS, THE SON OF GOD, LET US HOLD FAST
OUR CONFESSION. 15 FOR WE DO NOT HAVE A
HIGH PRIEST WHO IS UNABLE TO SYMPATHIZE
WITH OUR WEAKNESSES, BUT ONE WHO IN
EVERY RESPECT HAS BEEN TEMPTED AS WE
ARE, YET WITHOUT SIN. 16 LET US THEN WITH
CONFIDENCE DRAW NEAR TO THE THRONE OF
GRACE, THAT WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY AND
FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.

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Seek, and you **WILL** find!

 Matt. 7:7

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- Stand For Reason—Greg Koukl: <https://www.str.org/>
- Crossed Examined—Frank Turek: <https://crossexamined.org/>
- The Case for Christ—Lee Strobel: <https://leestrobel.com/>
- Cold-Case Christianity—J. Warner Wallace: <https://coldcasechristianity.com/>
- John Lennox— <https://www.johnlennox.org/>
- Living Waters, Ray Comfort— <https://www.livingwaters.com/>

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