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No Greater Love

<u>Introduction:</u> In the Gospel of John, chapter 15 and verse 13, Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." One of my favorite songs is by Philip P. Bliss, Jesus Loves

Even Me.

Pastor & Mrs. C Old-Fashioned Sunday" I am so glad that our Father in Heaven Tells of His love in the Book He has given.

Wonderful things in the Bible I see.

This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.

It is said that the origination of Valentine's Day came from the true story of a Christian by the name of Valentine, who later was titled St. Valentine. If I understand what I have read about him, Valentine risked his life time and time again to save people from death and persecution. Valentine was captured by the Roman authorities. While in prison, he led the Roman officer to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ followed by the man's wife and children. For the horrible crime of sharing the gospel, he was beheaded and buried on the "Flaminian Way" on February 14th, 270 AD.

The man Valentine literally laid down his life for others, but no sacrifice can approach that of the love of Christ. Men like Valentine may do grand and marvelous deeds, and sacrifice themselves for a great cause, but none compare to Jesus Christ.

FIRST: EXAMINE THE PURITY OF HIS LIFE.

<u>(JOHN 8:46)</u>

"Which of you convinceth me of sin?" Jesus could challenge like no other. He lived on this earth as a man with the same temptations as other men, "yet without sin." No one could say that they had seen Him commit a sin. Everyone who knew Him, including Judas Iscariot, declared Him to be innocent of sin.

SECOND; ENLIST THE POWER OF HIS WORDS. (JEREMIAH 15:16)

"Thy words were found and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart; for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts."

Repeatedly throughout the Gospels, you will find people, "astonished" at Jesus words. "No man ever spake like this man," can be found. While I was a student at Hyles-Anderson College, I loved the Chapel Services because of the preaching of God's Word, but I loved preaching about God's Word more than my other



Dr. Al Lacy stands for the King James Bible at Heritage Baptist Church

The Face Of Jesus

Fanny Crosby was blinded by the blunder of a physician when she was six weeks old. She never remembered seeing the light of day. As a young girl, she heard the Gospel and was gloriously saved. Through her lifetime, she wrote many Gospel songs and hymns, such as Tell Me the Story of Jesus, Will Jesus Find Us Watching?, Pass Me Not O Gentle Saviour, Jesus is Calling, Blessed Assurance, He Hideth My Soul, Near the Cross, Rescue the

Perishing, and Redeemed.

In 1915, at the age of ninety-five, Fanny lay on her deathbed in a hospital. They were sure she would not live through another night.

When the few family members gathered around her bed, Fanny Crosby began to clap her hands, saying, "Oh, praise the Lord! I'm so glad I've been

blind all my life!"

Someone asked, "Fanny, how can you say that? Why are you glad you have been blind all of your life?"

Still clapping, the dear old saint said, "Don't you understand?

I have been in total darkness all these years. I have never seen anything. But before morning, I'm going to Heaven. The very first object I will ever see is the face of the One who died for me!"

Fanny Crosby did die before morning. She went to Heaven to fulfill the desire she had written in one of her last songs she ever published:

When my life work is ended and I cross the swelling tide, When the bright and glorious morning I shall see,

I shall know my Redeemer when I reach the other side, And His smile will be the FIRST to welcome me!

Now, if that doesn't push your "shout" button, YOU NEED TO GET SAVED!

THERE'S A NEW WORKOUT WHERE PEOPLE CRAWL LIKE A BABY. IT STRENGTHENS YOUR CORE WHILE WORKING YOUR SHOULDERS AND HIPS. IN RESPONSE, BABIES WERE LIKE, 'HAVE YOU SEEN OUR BODIES?"

Apple-Cranberry Pie CRUST FILLING STREUSEL 1 cup all—purpose flour, plus 5 cups medium-tart baking 8 tbsp. unsalted butter, cut into apples, such as Empire, Rome, small bits additional for dusting 1/2 cup all-purpose flour 1/4 tsp. salt or Northern Spy (about 5 10 tbsp. cold unsalted butter, cut medium), sliced, peeled, and 1/4 cup packed dark brown sugar into small bits 2 tbsp. white granulated sugar 1 1/2 tbsp. solid vegetable 1 cup fresh or frozen granberries 1/2 tsp. ground ginnamon shortening (do not thaw) 1/4 tsp. salt 2/3 cup white granulated sugar At least 3 tbsp. very cold water 1/2 tsp. apple cider vinegar 2 tbsp. instant tapioca 2 tbsp. all-purpose flour

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375°F. Place oven rack in the center.
- 2. To make the crust: Mix the flour and salt in a small bowl; then cut in the butter and shortening with a pastry cutter or a fork until the mixture resembles coarse cornmeal.
- 3. Stir 3 tbsp. of cold water and the vinegar in a small bowl or cup. Add it to the flour mixture, and stir with a fork until a soft, pliable, smooth dough forms, adding more cold water in 1/2-tablespoon increments as needed. Gather the dough into a ball, dust it with flour, and roll it into an 11-inch circle. Center and set the crust into a 9-inch pie plate. Trim and crimp the edge, fluting it or otherwise creating a decorative pattern at the rim, if desired.
- 4. To make the Iling: Mix the apples, cranberries, white sugar, tapioca, and our in a large bowl. Set aside for 10 minutes while you make the streusel.
- 5. To make the streusel: Process the butter, our, brown sugar, white sugar, cinnamon, and salt in a food processor until crumbly, like coarsely ground cracker crumbs.
- 6. To put it all together: Pour and scrape every drop of the lling into the prepared crust. Crumble and sprinkle the streusel evenly over the lling.
- 7. Bake the pie for 20 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 350°F, and continue baking until the streusel is lightly browned and the lling is bubbling underneath, about 40 minutes more. If the streusel starts to brown too deeply, drape a sheet of aluminum foil loosely over the pie to protect it. Cool the pie on a wire rack for at least 1 hour or to room temperature before slicing into wedges. Store tightly covered with plastic wrap on the countertop for up to 2 days.

subjects. I can still hear Dr. Jack Hyles, Lester Roloff, Lee Roberson, John R. Rice, and a host of others preaching out of and about the precious Word of God.

THIRD; EXPERIENCE THE PERMANENCE OF HIS SALVATION. (JOHN 6:37) "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

There are those that teach that if you sin once you have received Christ as your Saviour, then you must be saved again. The Bible teaches that we can do nothing to earn our salvation, and nothing to keep it once we are saved. The promise of Christ is clear, "I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish..."

The most famous verse in the Bible is, "For God so loved the world that he gave..." You cannot earn a gift. It is given by the One Who has the authority to give it to you.

CONCLUSION:

If you are reading these words and are not sure you have experienced the love of Jesus Christ, may I encourage you to receive Christ? Would you consider bowing your head and asking Him to come into your heart and forgive you of your sins?

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

"Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour.
Thank you for saving me. Amen." (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



Prayer of Service

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6)

A CITY SLICKER ASKED A FARMER, "IS IT CORRECT TO SAY 'A HEN LAYS EGGS' OR 'A HEN LIES EGGS'?"
"AROUND HERE." THE FARMER REPLIED. "WE USUALLY JUST LIFT HER UP TO SEE."

A MOVIE STAR WHO HAD BEEN MARRIED AND DIVORCED FOUR TIMES PROPOSED AGAIN.
"I FEEL DEEPLY FOR YOU," THE YOUNG WOMAN REPLIED, "BUT THE THINGS I'VE HEARD."
"DARLING," THE ACTOR REPLIED, "YOU MUSTN'T BELIEVE THOSE OLD WIVES' TALES."



Mrs. Francie Taylor

Your Clothes Say It For You

Now I know the Bible is the very Word of God, beyond any doubt. It is written by God, the Creator who made us. So when He tells a young man to be wary of harlots. I'd better pay attention, rather than arguing with the Lord about it. Thinking about it long and hard, I came to see that a woman does have a terrible responsibility for what happens in the man-woman relationship. How she dresses, how she conducts herself, will determine the character of their acts. The harlot in *Proverbs* 7 met a young man "void of understanding." She was dressed in the "attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart" (vs. 10). This woman deliberately prepared herself to have an affair. She prepared the bed, the

refreshments. (She blasphemously used her offering to God for an enticement to the young man!) But notice especially verse 10: she attired herself in the clothing of an harlot. Any woman who dresses in seductive clothing stands guilty before God for what happens.

What is a harlot's attire? Any clothing that accents the physical features, the secret parts of the body, the reproductive organs.

Does a man have a right to expect a woman will sell what she advertises? Absolutely. If she doesn't want to be propositioned, then she should not advertise it.

How does she advertise? The Bible tells us it is not simply by what she wears, but also by body language. *Proverbs 6:12-13* describe the "naughty person" who "walketh with a froward mouth. He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his ngers; Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually." The way a woman moves, what she does with her hands and, eyes, these give a clear message without a word being spoken.

Something to 'CROW' about!

- 1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last eleven (11) years in a row! Wow!
- 2. The buses are still rolling!
- 3. We are hosting the Old-Fashioned, Real and Revisited, "I Love America" conference June 19th—20th, 2017.



Poor George Washington couldn't blame his troubles on the previous administration.



I Love America Conference

Monday, June 19th—Tuesday, June 20th, 2017
With highly decorated marine—Don Chitty
US Marine Corps



Don Chitty



From the Battlefield to the Mission Field

Our special speaker this year for our "I Love America Conference" will be Dr. Don Chitty, missionary to the Navajo Indian Nation, the "Windtalkers." As a young man, Don Chitty joined the United States Marine Corps. Before going to Vietnam, he trained with the Navy Seals and the Army Rangers. Promoted to Platoon Sergeant, he was sent to Vietnam and was part of the military's Black-Ops.

While in combat, he was wounded ten times in action. Besides ten Purple Hearts, he was awarded numerous other medals including the Presidential Citation and the Bronze Star.

Sunday, February 12th is "I Love My Church Sunday" A YOUNG MAN SAVED A MILLIONAIRE'S DAUGHTER FROM DROWNING. THE FATHER WAS INSISTENT THAT HE ACCEPT AN AWARD, SO THE YOUNG MAN RELUCTANTLY SAID, "WELL, IF YOU INSIST. JUST GET ME A GOLF CLUB." A WEEK LATER HE RECEIVED A TELEGRAM: "HAVE BOUGHT FOR YOU THE WEEKEND GOLFER'S CLUB, AND AM NOW NEGOTIATING FOR THE SUNNYSIDE LINKS."



From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth

Cherish The Moment

"Cherish The Moment" is a beautiful song we often sing at baby dedications. No matter how often I hear the words, I am reminded to cherish the moments I have with my children. Babies grow too quickly into toddlers and teenagers and adults. We need to cherish the moments God has given us. But may I ask the children, teenagers and young adults: Are you cherishing the moments spent with your parents? How can you best do

this?

- 1. Think on your parents. Think about the good things they do for you. (Feed you, clothe you, wash your clothes, worry about you...)
- Realize the many responsibilities and burdens your parents may carry. Be an encourager to them by having a good spirit.
- 3. Find pleasure in the little things you do together.
- 4. Be openly thankful and loving each day.
- Remember that no matter how old you are or how independent you may be, you always need your parents.

Realize that each day you have brings you closer to being apart. So cherish the moments you spend with Dad & Mom.



It's a serious indictment for anyone to change or tamper with the Word of God. God says, "If you tamper with My Record, then I'll tamper with yours. You change My Book, and I'll change your part in the book up here. You change My Book down there, and I'll change your book up here. You take away My words down there, and I'll take away your rewards up here in Heaven." God gives a special warning to those who add to or take away from His Book.

The Devil attacks (changes) the Word of God in several ways.

1. The Devil adds to the Words of God. Deuteronomy 4:2 says, "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you."

Dr. Jack Hvles

I'm going to mention some of these so-called bibles to show that these "bibles" are committing the sin God is mentioning in this verse.

For instance, the Catholic Bible has added the Apocryphal books between the Old and New Testament. The Mormons have the Book of Mormon plus the Bible. The Catholics and the Mormons say that the Bible is okay, but they have added to the Bible.

Proverbs 30:5 says, "...he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." Publishers of these so-called new Bibles, you are liars! Anybody that adds to the Word of God is a liar. According the Proverbs 30:5, the Catholic "Bible" and the Book of Mormon are not Bibles at all because these books added to the Words of God.

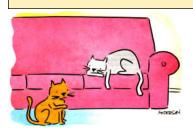
2. The Devil subtracts from the Words of God.

Revelation 22:9 says, "And if any ma take away from the words of this book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city...." The Reader's Digest Condensed Version is an example of subtracting from the Bible. That means if anybody in Reader's Digest is saved (which I doubt) and anybody who worked on that condensed Bible is saved, he took away from the words of God. He condensed the words of God. My Bible says if the person is saved, some of his rewards will be taken out of the Book of Life. Likewise, he will not enjoy Heaven because some of the enjoyment he would have had in Heaven will likewise be taken out of the Book of Life. This reference also includes the ASV, NAS, RSV,NIV and all other versions that "take away" from the Words of God.

3. The Devil diminishes the Word of God. Deuteronomy 4:2, "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you."

Deuteronomy 12:32 states, "What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it."

The word, diminish, does not mean "takes away some of the words." The word, diminish, is an interesting word which means, "makes simpler in order to clarify." Did you know the Devil is working awfully hard on children's Bibles these days? The publishers say, "We want to put the Bible in the language a child can understand." The publishers better keep it in the language in which God gave it! To add to means "to add some of your own words to the Bible." To take away means "to take away part of the Bible," but to diminish means "to change some of the Bible to make it simpler and easier to understand." The Bible is not hard to understand. On the contrary, this Book is easy for anyone to understand—even children. God said, "I don't want you adding anything to My Book; I don't want you taking anything away from My Book; and I don't want you making anything simpler in My Book. I gave you the Words; don't tamper with Them. Leave Them just like they are and don't meddle with Them."



"I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT I TASTE TERRIFIC TODAY."



MR. NICK FRICK SPOTTED AT THE MOGADORE DAM.



"They really don't encourage feedback here, do they?"

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS. BUT IT TAKES LONGER TO LOAD.

JACK HAD BEEN A COMPULSIVE WORRIER FOR YEARS TO THE POINT THAT IT WAS RUINING HIS LIFE. FINALLY HE FOUND A SPECIALIST ABLE TO HELP HIM. HIS FRIEND, BOB, NOTICED A DRAMATIC CHANGE AND ASKED WHAT HAD HAPPENED. "I HIRED A PROFESSIONAL WORRIER AND HAVEN'T HAD A WORRY SINCE," JACK REPLIED. "THAT MUST BE EXPENSIVE." "HE CHARGES \$5,000 A MONTH." "FIVE THOUSAND! HOW CAN YOU AFFORD THAT?" "I DON'T KNOW. THAT'S HIS PROBLEM."

Seed From The Silo!

Obama Administration Bans States From Defunding Planned Parenthood

States are banned from defunding family planning organizations such as Planned Parenthood under a new rule the Obama administration pushed through [in mid December 2016]....

In September [2016], the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a notice of the proposed rule, which amended the Code of Federal Regulations to read, "No recipient making sub-awards for the provision of services as part of its Title X project may prohibit an entity from participating for reasons unrelated to its ability to provide services effectively."...

Many have argued that Planned Parenthood should be defunded because it provides abortion services and receives some of that funding—even if that funding isn't directly used for abortions....

The new rule will take effect on January 18.

—Amanda Casanova for ChristianHeadlines.com

They're Still Killing the Babies!

On January 22, 1973, the immediate Past President Lyndon Baines Johnson, died rather unexpectedly. Since he had been out of office only four years, you would think that would have been the top news of the day. It was a major story, but the Supreme Court of the United States made the really big news. That was the day they handed down the infamous 7-2 decision on Roe v. Wade, The activist court ruled that "a right to privacy under the Due Process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment extended to a decision have woman's abortion..." (Wikipedia). Yes, that was the day that the floodgates were opened and abortion became a wholesale business in America

Forty-four years have passed, and 58,586,256 (1973-2015) babies with a beating heart in the mother's womb have been butchered by this barbaric practice. We glibly use terms like "pro-life" and "prochoice"; but the awful, naked truth is that they're still killing the babies. Nothing can excuse the wicked rationale that keeps this holocaust going on.

The abortionists claim to be pro-choice when in fact they are pro-death. Roe v. Wade gave a woman the legal option to "choose" the "death" of her unborn baby. That is not the thinking of a civilized society.

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?



Lest We Forget—General Of The Army Douglas MacArthur

It really shouldn't be a surprise that the great 5-star General also is the most decorated Army Soldier of all time.

He served in the Mexican Revolution, World War I, World War II, and in Korea. His leadership is legendary and he deserved every award he ever earned and many more.

Just a few of the awards General MacArthur earned were the Medal of Honor, 3
Distinguished Service Crosses, 5 Distinguished Service Medals, 1 Navy
Distinguished Service Medal, 7 Silver Stars, 1 Bronze Star, 2 Purple Hearts, and so many
more, we do not have space to name them.

Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. *Psalm 12:6-7, I Peter 1:23*

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons-Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19-20

We believe in the deity of Christ- His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillenial return.

I Corinthians 15:3-4, I Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. Romans 3:23

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. *John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15*

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. John 1:35-37. Acts 1:22

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority

- Autonomy of the Local Church
- Priesthood of ALL Believers
- Two ordinances Baptism & Communion
- I mmersed Church Membership
- S oul-liberty
- Two officers Pastors and Deacons
- S eparation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- John the Baptist, Exalter of Christ
- Meno Simons (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- Roger Williams (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- John Clarke (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- John Franklyn Norris (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- Jack Frasure Hyles (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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