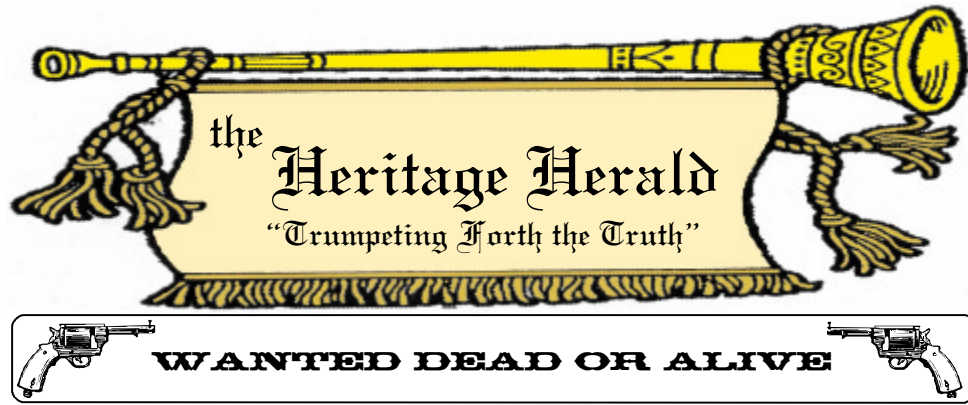




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INTRODUCTION: Years ago, I took a teenage youth group into the mountains of Colorado on a field trip. While there, we passed by a place called Buckskin Joe's, an old-fashioned western ghost town. At the sheriff's office, we noticed some wanted posters. They said, "Wanted, Dead or Alive," but even though there were pictures on the posters, none of the posters explained why the people were wanted.

Something that I have noticed all over the country are religious practices with no real Bible explanation as to why these practices are even observed. So I want to put out a "Wanted Dead or Alive" challenge to every reader. I am willing to put up a \$1,000 reward to anyone dead or alive who can prove the following practices are Biblical.

FIRST: ANYONE WHO CAN PROVE GOOD FRIDAY FROM THE BIBLE. (MATTHEW 12:40)

"For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Is there anyone out there, especially the pastors who display this practice on their church signs, show me how you can get three days and three nights between Friday afternoon and before dawn on Sunday, the first day of the week.

Matthew 28:1, "In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week..." Jesus was crucified on Wednesday; He died at 3:00 PM. That Thursday was the yearly "Passover." Jesus was the Passover Lamb.

SECOND: ANYONE WHO CAN PROVE THAT IT IS OKAY TO CHANGE THE BIBLE. (I PETER 1:23)

Deuteronomy 4:2, "Ye shall not add to the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it..."

Deuteronomy 12:32, "... thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it."

Proverbs 30:6, "Add thou not unto his words..."

Revelation 22:18-19 makes it plain that if a person changes the Word of God, his or her part will be taken out of, "... the book of life."

Point to make: *I Peter 1:23* makes it clear that salvation itself depends upon hearing and receiving "incorruptible seed."

THIRD: ANYONE WHO CAN PROVE SPRINKLE BAPTISM OR INFANT BAPTISM. (ACTS 10:48)

Matthew 3:16, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water."

Acts 8:38-39, "... and they went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water..."

Romans 6:3-5 says that baptism is a picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. If that is so, then to change the mode of baptism is to change the Gospel itself. (see *I Corinthians 15:1-3*)

FOURTH: ANYONE WHO CAN PROVE WOMEN PASTORS FROM THE BIBLE. (I TIMOTHY 2:9-12)

We live in a day and age where we not only have women pastors, but homosexual pastors and lesbian pastors living in forbidden relationships trying to teach Christians the Bible.

I Timothy 3:1-7 lists the qualifications of God's chosen pastors. "Bishop" means 'overseer' or one who looks after the work of God. The Bible says, "... a man... the husband of one wife... one that ruleth well his own house." Notice the constant reference to "he" and "his."

FIFTH: ANYONE WHO CAN PROVE SAME SEX MARRIAGES FROM THE BIBLE. (ROMANS 1:26-32)

When I read the Bible, I find that it is against God's Word to even cross-dress, and yet, we are being taught that men can marry men and women marry women.

Deuteronomy 22:5, "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth to a man, neither shall the man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God."

Leviticus 18:22, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination."

Someone has said, "It's Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve."

CONCLUSION:

If there was ever a time that a person needs to examine their relationship with God, the time is now. We are living in an already cursed generation, a generation that calls, "... evil good, and good evil; that putteth darkness for light." (*Isaiah 5:20*)