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## THE SIGN OF TRUE CHRISTIANITY

**Introduction:** Here at Heritage Baptist Church, we proclaim the old-time religion. We proudly have an annual Old-Time Religion Conference where powerful, fundamental, Bible-believing preachers exalt the doctrines that are in the Word of God. We say "Amen!" to these preachers and the doctrines revealed in the Book.

The doctrine of the Resurrection is a cardinal doctrine of Christianity. The Resurrection is the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence of Christianity.

*1 Corinthians 15:14, "And if Christ be not risen, then our preaching is vain, and your faith is also vain."* Vain here means 'empty' or 'worthless.'

### FIRST: THE PREACHING OF THE RESURRECTION.

**ACTS 17:32**

When Paul preached on the Resurrection in Athens, some people even laughed at the doctrine. Paul preached boldly that the sign of Christianity was not the Cross, but the empty tomb. Why? Because it would be foolish to place your faith in what Christ did on the cross if He left no way out of eternal death.

Christians have the only living originator of Faith. Buddha is dead. Brahma is dead. Muhammad is Dead. Karl Marx is dead. They are all dead with nothing to offer. We serve a living Saviour which is Christ.

### SECOND: THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION.

**LUKE 24:41**

*"... believed not for joy... "*

When the disciples saw the resurrected Christ, they were so happy that they believed not for joy. Have you never had something so wonderful that, at first, you could not believe it, yet it was true?

Think of the power of the Resurrection. After the crucifixion of Christ, they all fled and hid. Then up from the grave He arose. Those same fearful disciples were now standing up boldly for the resurrected Christ who they had recently seen with their own eyes. The Resurrection had removed the mystery of death and what was beyond it. It takes away the fear of the unknown because it allows us to get a glimpse of Who and what is on the other side.

### THIRD: THE PROOFS OF THE RESURRECTION.

**I CORINTHIANS 15:1-8**

In *1 Corinthians 1-4*, we are taught specifically what the gospel actually is. It is: *"Christ died for our sins ... He was buried ... He rose again the third day according to the scriptures ..."*

*"Seen of Cephas ... then of the twelve ... seen of 500 ... seen of James ... seen of the Apostles ... seen of me ..."* Paul was referring to his personal meeting with the resurrected Christ.

- I. Proven by the Bible. ----- Taught from Genesis to Revelation.
- II. Proven by Joy. ----- From depression to Joy.
- III. Proven by personal testimonies. ----- They willingly died for what they knew.
- IV. Proven by Nature. ----- All death produces New Life.
- V. Proven by your own faith. ----- "I know He lives! He lives within my heart!"

*1 Corinthians 15:36, "Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die."*

### Excerpts from Letters

These are excerpts from some of our young people that are either: going to college, attending college, or have already graduated from college.

**Christopher L. Baker**—"Dear Pastor, ... You are a true friend. I hope that someday I can be a friend to others like you have been to me..."  
*Student at ITT Tech*

**Tiffany Callihan**—"Preacher... Dr. Gray was preaching on 'Stay' and emphasizing to the pastors ... the importance of staying. ...people have lied about you and have tried to ruin your reputation... no matter what you were put through you stood... If you had walked out on us, then where would I be?"  
*Student, Texas Baptist College*

**Sarah Kafka**—"Preacher...If it had not been for God sending you here I would not be saved today. Thank you so much for your preaching... I love you!" Your Princess always.  
*Student, Hyles-Anderson College*

**Jarrold Collingsworth**—"Dad, I just wanted to thank you for being my buddy and my best friend."  
*Student, University of Akron*

**Robert Lintner**—"Pastor... I just wanted to thank you for all the support you have given me through the years."  
*Student, Bob Jones University*

**Jennifer Callihan**—"Dear Pastor... though I sometimes do not tell you, I appreciate you so much and want to thank you for allowing me to attend Heritage Baptist Academy. If it were not for you, my family would not be right with God today. I love you."  
*Considering Texas Baptist College*

**Jack Dowler, Jr.**—"Dear Pastor ... I came out here to go to college... I love you Pastor and I can't wait to see you again."  
*Hyles-Anderson College*

**James Cowger**—"Dear Pastor, I've learned so much here at Hyles-Anderson College. If it were not for you I would not be graduating... I never heard of Jack Hyles or Hyles-Anderson College until I met you."  
*Graduate, Hyles-Anderson College*

**Tracie Lintner**—"Dear Pastor, Thank you for being a friend to my family through all of these years. I'll love you always."  
*Student, Omni School of Cosmetology*

**Matthew Kafka**—"Preacher...no matter what, I'll always be there for you. You are my spiritual father and I owe you so much. I love you for being you."  
*Student, Hyles-Anderson College*

**Kevin Lintner**—"Preacher... you and your family have been more than a family to us. Preacher, you are truly a good friend."  
*Graduate, Heritage Christian Institute*

**Angela Brandenstein Jones**—"Dear Preacher ... I love you. I cannot believe how the old church has changed once you became our pastor. Thank you."  
*Graduate, Hyles-Anderson College, now a pastor's wife*

**Daniel Conley**—"Dear Pastor, Thank you for coming here. If God had not sent you here, we would not have a Christian school, I would not have been saved and called to preach. You are my hero."

**Summer Folsom**—"Pastor, I'm so glad that you are always there when I need you. I love you, and I mean it!"  
*Student, University of Akron*

**Yvonne Smith**—"Dear Pastor, Thank you for your consistent preaching. If it were not for your preaching, I do not know where I would be today."  
*Student, Hyles-Anderson College*

These are just a few excerpts from some of our young people. Some have moved away, graduated. Some have married, others moved their memberships. But we love them and want only the best for them.



**"YOU'RE LUCKY, LEE. YOU HAVE TALENT."**



**"Dude, I never said I wanted to work. I just said I wanted a job."**

**FOURTH: THE PAINFUL MOCKERY OF THE RESURRECTION. GALATIANS 1 8-9**

We have seen the doctrine of the birth of Christ to be belittled and even mocked by a Santa Claus with a bag of goodies.

Every year we see churches all over this nation, and maybe the entire world, promote bunny rabbits and Easter eggs. They wonder why so many laugh and disbelieve what we teach on the Resurrection.

Let us get back to teaching them the Bible and what we know and believe is true, rather than follow foolish myths.

**Conclusion:** When Dwight L. Moody was dying, he cried out, "Earth recedes, Heaven opens before me. If this is death, it is sweet! There is no valley here. God is calling me, and I must go."

Moody's son, who was there with others, said, "No, father. You are dreaming." Moody then cried out, "No, I am not dreaming. I have been within the gates. I have seen the children's faces. This is my coronation day! It is glorious."

Will you pray with me?

**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)

An employee arrived late to work with his left arm in a sling and his clothes in tatters. "It's 9:30," his supervisor pointed out, "and you were due in at 8:30."

"Believe it or not, I fell out a second-story window earlier," the employee said.

"And it took you an entire hour to fall?"

It's tax time. Don't try these excuses for being late; they didn't work the first time they were used:

- "I could not complete my tax re-turn because my husband left me and took our accountant with him."
- "I haven't had time because a baby magpie flew into my house and I have to stay in to feed it."



Dr. Al Lacy

**WHERE DO LITTLE CHILDREN GO WHEN THEY DIE?**

In my several years as a pastor and evangelist, I have been asked thousands of questions by saved and unsaved folks alike. Their questions have covered a multitude of subjects. I have always given a Bible answer. What I think about any given subject settles nothing. What Almighty God says in His Word settles everything.

Of the thousands of questions I have been asked ... the one with which I have been confronted the most is "Where do little children go when they die?"

Amongst laymen, ministers, church leaders, psychologists, philosophers and theologians, there are many differences of opinion on this question. Parents who have lost a little child through the doors of death are naturally concerned as to its answer. With reddened eyes and tear-stained faces, multitudes of bereaved mothers and daddies have sought comfort from their religious leaders. In their hour of deepest sorrow, when they yearned for comfort and grasped for some straw of hope . . . they have been told by a "man of God" (so-called), "We hope your child is in Heaven" ... or ... "We think your little one is in Limbo" ... or ... "Perhaps your baby is in Purgatory" ... or ... "Mrs. Jones, your baby had not been baptized, so we suppose he is in the coolest part of Hell."

Enough of this weak-kneed, watered-down conjectural rubbish! I ask you ... would the tender, loving Father in Heaven, who gave His only begotten Son on Calvary's cross for the sins of the world, leave this vital question unanswered? He is a Father. He knows by experience what it is to have His child die. Does not your common sense tell you that He who stained the floors of the Ivory Palace with His tears while His Son died on Golgotha's mount, understands the anxiety in the breasts of mortal parents?

This tender, loving, compassionate God HAS GIVEN US A POSITIVE ANSWER! His Word is more than clear on the subject. Praise His blessed Name. There is peace in the time of storm!

Several years ago ... the tender Gardener reached down and plucked a little flower from the womb of my darling wife. He took our little flower and placed it amongst many other little flowers in Heaven. I believe we Daddies can never quite know the joy a Mother knows when she experiences that new life in her womb. Neither can we know the extent of the sorrow she feels when that little life is snuffed out.

I will never forget the sorrow written in the face of my love when she learned that this baby would not come home to live in our house. Neither will I forget the joy and peace reflected in that same beautiful face when I reminded her of God's promise. One of these days the turmoil of this life will be over. My darling Joni and I, along with the three offspring (two daughters and one son) that He has let us keep down here, will walk through Heaven's Garden. What comfort and joy to know ... the little flower will be there.

# Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last thirteen (13) years in a row! Wow!
2. The buses are still rolling!
3. They are back! Dr. Bob Gray, Dr. Tom Neal & Dr. Greg Neal will be here on June 24<sup>th</sup>—26<sup>th</sup>.



## Old-Time Religion Conference



Dr.  
Tom Neal



Dr.  
Greg Neal



Dr.  
Bob Gray

**June 24<sup>th</sup>—June 26<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

11:00 AM

7:00 PM

Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM

Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM

11:00 AM

*Pastors' Luncheon*

12:00 PM

Tuesday Evening

7:00 PM

## From Our Church Prayer List

1. Judy Kurpan
2. Ed Hosey
3. Paul Snyder
4. Anita Miller
5. Michelle Lemons
6. Kevin McClain
7. Harold Cooper



"The cops could find our search history. Change 'places to dump a body' to 'perfectly innocent places to dump a body.'"

**I SHOOT GOLF IN THE LOW 70S. WHEN IT GETS COLDER THAN THAT, I QUIT.**

SO THE GOOD NEWS IS THE OPERATION WAS A TOTAL SUCCESS. BAD NEWS ... WE WERE OUT OF HOOKS.



**Precious Memories**



**"April 1st is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other 364." Mark Twain**



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

We live in a society of habitual liars. I know that sounds harsh, but it is true. It is not just the telling of whoppers, or outright lying—but it is the withholding of the truth.

Dishonesty is dangerous to both the mental and physical health of an individual. Withholding truth from our mate, friends, co-workers and bosses is a leading cause of physical sickness and mental breakdowns.

Lying is a major cause for the divorce rate being 50%. When we fail to be truthful, resentment and guilt slowly take over.

A simple resolution is to sit down with a person you have not been totally honest with and ask to be forgiven. You will be surprised how open and honest your relationship will become.

### Jack Hyles On Separation



Dr. Jack Hyles

Is it possible that we have forgotten that God was not looking for ten saved people in Sodom; He was looking for ten righteous people in Sodom. We face a peculiar kind of Christianity where a professed, born-again quatterback gives an interview to Playboy Magazine and implies that Jesus would do the same thing if He were here.

A famous singer who is a professing Christian appears at night clubs, and at giant rallies he testifies concerning his love for Jesus. A publisher of a pornographic magazine says he has been born again yet continues to publish his illicit material. A famous evangelist says that he is not sure if Hell has fire and now we have sodomites preaching that they believe in Jesus.

**Genesis, 18:25, "Shall not the judge of the whole earth do right?"**

### No Chicken

A dear preacher friend of mine told about an experience he had while preaching a meeting in a church where he had preached several times before.

Seems the pastor took him out for a meal at a local Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant. They were informed by the restaurant management that they had plenty of potato salad; beans; biscuits; mashed potatoes; green beans; gravy; cold slaw and other things, but they had no CHICKEN!

Some of our "fundamental" churches today have plenty of everything to do with the "trimmings," but they have no CHICKEN!



**Praise the Lord! On our Pastor's 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we paid off our entire church loan. We are debt free!!!**



### Our Church Ministries

1. Fishermens' Club
2. Phoster Club
3. Bus Ministry
4. Sunday School
5. Welcome Wagon
6. Bookstore
7. Music Ministry
8. Counseling Ministry
9. Grounds and Maintenance
10. Heritage Baptist Academy
11. Nursery
12. Boys Bible Club
13. Girls Highlander Club
14. Cleaning Ministry
15. Teen Club
16. Junior Church
17. Ladies' WMS Ministry
18. Ushers
19. Altar Workers
20. Greeters

### Lest We Forget



American Legion Post 7 in Lisbon, N.D., is named for Florence Kimball, an Army nurse who served at Base Hospital No. 22 in France. She died of pneumonia on Oct. 22, 1918, and is buried at Suresnes American Cemetery.

*"In the morning at break of day we went on deck ... the pier was crowded with crippled soldiers on crutches. I think that was one of the saddest mornings I spent while in the Army, to see so many husky boys without arms and legs who were there to welcome the Americans. Here we said "Goodbye and good luck" to the boys and officers we met on the way over, and many we knew would never return ..."*

**MY WIFE SURE HAS A STRANGE WAY OF STARTING A CONVERSATION. SHE ALWAYS BEGINS WITH, "HEY, ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING?"**

**Food**

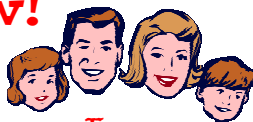


**Treasure Hunt**

**Spring Program—2018**

**Wow!**

**Games**



**Fun**

**HORSES**



**Hayrides**

Some food for thought ...or...

## Seed From The Silo!

### Sanctuary Cities

Sanctuary cities, in essence, “thumb their noses” at law officials and the Immigration Service, deliberately placing themselves above the law (Big Issues, October). How can anyone who loves and respects our country agree with the concept of sanctuary cities? Are we a nation governed by law? Or do we get to pick and choose which laws to obey?

The theory that sanctuary cities encourage immigrants to work with police is ludicrous. And why is “immigrant” always used when everyone knows the object is illegal immigration? This is a deliberate attempt by the media to use their influence to force-feed us their personal bias and prejudice.

*Jerry Crew, Webb, Iowa*

### Transgender Mania: Ohio Court Gives Custody of Transgender Teen To Grandparents

In February, an Ohio trial court judge gave custody of a 17-year old transgender male (born female) to the teen’s grandparents after the teen’s parents sought to bar the hormonal transition treatment strongly recommended by the youth’s medical team. Grandparents will now be able to make medical decisions for the teen. The parents had argued that the teen was not old enough to make such a consequential decision.

A county prosecutor contended that the parents objected because of their religious beliefs. Court testimony revealed that the parents, in addition to opposing treatment, refused to call the youth by her chosen name, triggering suicidal feelings in her.

*“I told you so.”*

### Supreme Court: Bestiality the “Law of the Land”

According to the Supreme Court of Canada, most bestiality is now the “law of the land” in our northern neighbor.

The 7-1 ruling stemmed from a case involving a British Columbia man convicted of 13 counts of assaulting his stepdaughters - including one count of bestiality. The abuser, identified only as “DLW”, was acquitted of the bestiality count with the new ruling. Justice Rosalie Abella was the lone dissenter.

The trial judge held that bestiality in the Criminal Code meant touching between a person and an animal for a lascivious purpose. DLW’s attorneys argued that bestiality was linked to “buggery” - or sodomy - with animals, but the definition did not encompass every carnal act with animals. Seven of the justices agreed.

An opponent of the ruling was quoted as saying, “Canadian law gives animal abusers license to use animals for gratification. This is completely unacceptable, contrary to societal expectations, and cannot be allowed to continue.”

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?

Did you ever notice that when you put the two words “The” and “IRS” together they spell “THEIRS”?



Mrs. Francie Taylor

### Staying Clean In A Filthy World

My mom used to dress us up on Sundays in the prettiest dresses she could find. My personal favorite was the white dress with the elaborate lace overlay that Mom got each one of us for Easter. Since there were four of us, we often had dresses that looked alike. I can recall standing in the front yard for those famous photo shoots that parents do when their children are all dressed up. I can vividly remember feeling so pretty in those special Sunday clothes, but there is something else that I also remember. We were not allowed to play outside on Sunday morning before church.

Many of you who are mothers know what my Mom was doing. She was trying to preserve the clean, tidy appearance of her four little girls! Mom was only too aware of the fact that if we even strolled around the yard, we would somehow find a way to get dirty. So she kept us indoors until time to leave for church, and it became a routine that we simply accepted.

When we are born again by the Spirit of our living God, we are just like the little girls all dressed in lovely white Sunday dresses, ready for Church. Then we stroll back out into the world, and if we’re not extremely careful and alert, we become soiled with the world’s filth. At first the dirt is just a speck, but the longer one plays in the “yard” of society, the more the soil begins to build up and take over. Soon, we are so wrapped up in playing in the sandbox of life that we no longer desire to be pure and holy for the Lord.

# 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 premillennial 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

**B**iblical Authority

**A**utonomy of the Local Church

**P**riesthood of ALL Believers

**T**wo ordinances - Baptism & Communion

**I**mmersed Church Membership

**S**oul-liberty

**T**wo 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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