

“May Christ Be Seen In 2014”



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Pastor & Mrs. C
“Old-Fashioned Sunday”

Resurrection Sunday

Introduction: I have always encouraged people to be faithful to church. One day, a man said, “Pastor, one church service a week is good enough for anyone. Why should I come to all the services you have?” I said, “Sir, God says you should. You cannot live on just one physical meal a week, and I assure you that one sermon a week will not be sufficient for your spiritual strength.” Then it just came out of my mouth, “Besides, the service you miss just may be the service that Jesus shows up.” It is a sad day for any church

when it's own membership does not show up to hear what God has for them.

Our text is *John 20:19-24*, “*Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week... came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.*” Verse 24, “*... but Thomas was not with them.*”

Just think of all that Thomas missed by not being with the other disciples when Jesus showed up.

FIRST: HE MISSED THE PEACE GIVEN BY THE RESURRECTED CHRIST. JOHN 20:19

“Peace be unto you.”

Thomas needed this service because he had lost all hope. He believed that Jesus was dead. The very depth of doubt and bitterness of sorrow had placed Thomas into despair. He had been in the garden and had seen Judas kiss the Saviour. He had seen Jesus led away and saw the horror of the Cross. Now, when he needed assurance more than ever, he decided to miss church. This led Thomas to miss seeing and hearing the risen Christ.

SECOND: HE MISSED THE PRESENCE OF THE RESURRECTED CHRIST. JOHN 20:19

“... came Jesus and stood in the midst.”

All those in attendance were filled with joy because of the personal presence of Christ, but Thomas continued to live in uncertainty as to what he believed, where he was going, and whether or not Christ was even the One that he had thought He was.

Listen to me! Nothing that I know creates a deeper doubt, that leads to walking away from the will of God, like missing church. Also may I say that I have been to the greatest churches in America and what I have always felt was the presence of Christ.

THIRD: HE MISSED THE PRIVILEGE OF SHARING THE RESURRECTED CHRIST. JOHN 20:20

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Jack Hyles

“Before I Go to Heaven”

I am 65 years of age. As far as I know, I am in pretty fair health, but I know I'm on the downhill side of my ministry, and I think I'm beginning to see just a little light at the end of the tunnel. As I come to the beginning of the close of my ministry, there are three things that I passionately want to do. These three things are the subject matter of this book. I am angry at no one, but I am disgusted about three things.

First, I'm disgusted because of the multiplicity of Bibles (so-called Bibles) that are coming out. It seems that Satan has almost instituted a “Bible-of-the-Month Club.” I want to go out fighting vehemently for the King James Bible. For years this did not seem necessary, but I feel compelled to do it now. I believe that the King James Bible has been preserved word for word. I believe in original inspiration and divine preservation, and come what may, I plan to make that a major battle in the last years of my ministry.

I am also disgusted with the emphasis on the invisible church. I believe that when Jesus started the church, He started only one church, and that was the local, autonomous, indigenous Baptist church. I have no axes to grind personally with anybody, but I want to go out fighting for the local church, which, as I see it, is the only church. I feel it is very important that in the closing decade of this century, Baptists become Baptists again! I plan to crusade to that end.

Thirdly, I am disgusted with the way the blood of Jesus is being treated. It is a tragedy for something so precious and so necessary to be treated so lightly. I believe that the blood of Jesus Christ which was shed 2,000 years ago on Calvary is at this very moment and will be eternally on the mercy seat in Heaven in the presence of our God and our Saviour.

These enemies I feel are very dangerous to fundamentalism in our day. The battle will not make me popular, but it will give me a good conscience toward God.

So, I present to you the following sermons on the blood, the Book and the body. These are sermons transcribed and edited. You will notice that it is not a book typed or dictated; it is preaching, but also teaching.

When I've made my departure and am with Christ, I trust those of you who remain, whether you agree with me or not, whether you like me or not, will remember three things. Dr. Jack Hyles believed in and fought for the King James Bible, the local church and the blood of Jesus.

By Dr. Jack Hyles



“LEE, THIS IS A GOOD IDEA. LET ME THINK ABOUT IT FOR THREE WEEKS AND THEN PRESENT IT AS MY OWN.”

So You Have Retired

The time you've worked for is here.
Now you can do as you please,
Until your wife says, “Come here dear.
I can't shut the door on the freeze.”

Now you're on a fixed income,
And they've fixed it much too low.
They only thing you can do about it
Is to spend your money slow.

So have fun, enjoy life and laugh a lot.
There's no need of being blue.
You've waited all your life for this,
You should be glad it has come true.

Author unknown

**A GIRL WAS VISITING
HER FRIEND, WHO HAD
JUST BOUGHT TWO
DOGS. SHE ASKED WHAT
THEIR NAMES WERE.**

**“ROLEX AND TIMEX,”
THE FRIEND REPLIED.**

**“WHAT KIND OF NAMES
ARE THOSE FOR A DOG?”**

**“HELLO?! THEY'RE
WATCH DOGS!”**



Kim Kline's Easy Scalloped Potatoes

8 large potatoes, peeled and sliced
14 slices Cheddar cheese
1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1 pinch salt and pepper to taste
1 cup skim milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a casserole dish.

Layer the bottom the casserole dish with potatoes. Cover the potatoes with a layer of cheese, followed by a light dusting of flour, salt and pepper.

Repeat the layering process until all of the ingredients are used up. Pour milk over the entire casserole. Cover with aluminum foil. Bake in the preheated oven until the potatoes are tender, about 45 minutes. Remove foil and return to oven; bake until cheese is bubbly and beginning to brown.

“Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord.”

Those who saw the resurrected Lord went everywhere telling others what they had experienced. Their fears and doubts were totally removed, but not Thomas. Why? Because he was not there.

FOUR: HE MISSED THE POWER GIVEN BY THE RESURRECTED CHRIST. JOHN 20:22

“... he breathed on them and said unto them, receive ye the Holy Ghost.”

It may be that you were once active in church. It may be that you were, at one time, a very excited and enthusiastic Christian. But, little by little, you have slipped farther and farther away from Christ and the house of God. Please allow me to encourage you to get back to the power that motivates you and to the purpose of God for your life.

Conclusion: If you miss out on the resurrected Christ, you will miss out on everything that is important and worthwhile. Thomas was not where he was supposed to be. Therefore, he had nothing to share with anyone else. He was a man that missed receiving, which kept him from the honor and privilege of giving. Please do not miss the Christ who gave Himself for the church.

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 BOY YELLED TO HIS TEACHER, “I AIN'T GOT NO CRAYONS!”
THE TEACHER SMILED AND TRIED TO CORRECT HIM. “YOU MEAN, ‘I DON'T HAVE ANY CRAYONS.’ YOU DON'T HAVE ANY CRAYONS. WE DON'T HAVE ANY CRAYONS. THEY DON'T HAVE ANY CRAYONS. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?”
“I THINK SO,” THE BOY SAID, PUZZLED. “TEACHER, WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE CRAYONS?”**



*Dr. Al Lacy
with our
Pastor*

PRESERVED

Let me speak to you Alexandrian preachers, professors, and laymen who “use” the King James Bible. Since you don't believe that it is the very PRESERVED Word of God, ... WHY DO YOU “USE” IT??? I will TELL you why. No doubt there are several reasons ... but if the truth be known, it was the King James Bible that God employed to channel the Gospel to you. It was the King James Bible that enlightened you to your lost and Hell-bound condition before God. It was the King James Bible that convicted you of your sin. It was the King James Bible that brought you to the place where you saw that the only way of salvation was the Lamb of God . . . and pierced to the center of your sin-darkened soul, bringing light and deep conviction. You then bowed your heart before the Lord and asked Him to save you.

It is THAT tie with the King James Bible that keeps you “using” it, even though you don't BELIEVE it. Wake up! If you're saved ... you didn't get saved by hearing or reading the “original manuscripts”! You got saved by hearing or reading the KING JAMES BIBLE! And I'll tell you what. The odds are that you believe in eternal security. You would stand and fight for that wonderful doctrine. You fully BELIEVE what Paul believed when he wrote,

The Lord... will PRESERVE me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever (II Tim. 4:18).

You really believe that it is the Lord's PRESERVING you from the evil works of the devil that will get you to Heaven, and not anything YOU can do to PRESERVE your own soul. Right? Right.



**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
Spring Program March 16th to May 11th**



Man blames fate for other accidents but feels personally responsible when he makes a hole-in-one.



Dr. Justin Cooper

Fundamentalism

I am happy to be labelled as an old-fashioned, independent, fundamental, Bible-believing, Bible-preaching Baptist! I am not at all ashamed of any aspect of the movement of which I am a part. Solid, scriptural convictions are what brought me to this crowd; so in a sense, I'd have to have a falling out with my Bible before I could fall out with biblical fundamentalism! There is no way I would ever burn down the orchard due to one bad apple. For every bad "fruit" that falls out of the tree of fundamentalism, the good that has been produced surpasses it a hundredfold. What we call "fundamentalism" is truly just biblical Christianity in both faith and practice.

Announcement: Dr. Justin Cooper will be with us Sunday, June 29th all day.

A WEALTHY LAWYER WAS HAVING HIS HOUSE PAINTED WHEN A PASSERBY WALKED UP AND ASKED IF HE COULD DO SOMETHING TO EARN A FEW DOLLARS.

"SURE," THE LAWYER SAID. "TAKE A CAN OF PAINT, GO AROUND BACK AND PAINT MY PORCH."

FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER, THE WANDERER WAS BACK. "DONE ALREADY?" HE ASKED.

"YEAH, BUT IT'S ACTUALLY A MERCEDES."



Mrs. Francie Taylor

Sound Minds

The Lord wants every woman to have a sound mind, so He has provided the Training Manual for us to study, memorize and follow. The trouble comes when we want to edit or rewrite or recreate the instructions given by God. So many people suffer needlessly by forfeiting a sound mind to a self-made strategy. The Scripture is clear: **"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 16:25).** Homemade schemes are no substitute for scriptural solutions. If God wants us to be sober, we will not be able to get by with "sort-of-sober."

Developing a sound mind is a tough task requiring a great deal of labor. If a woman is resistant to the things of the Lord, sound mindedness comes even harder. The task then becomes like a farmer trying to sow a crop on acres of cement! Hard-packed soil can have pounds of seed piled on top of it, but very few seeds will actually break through the soil and germinate, because their roots can't penetrate the hard surface. When we are stubborn regarding spiritual matters, we are just like that hard-packed soil. How can you tell if your "mind soil" has gotten hard? Check your life for the following signs:

- A critical spirit.
- An uncontrolled tongue.
- Misplaced priorities (leaving the scraps of your time for God.)
- A shallow spiritual life (lack of daily Bible reading, failing to pray, skipping church for trivial reasons.)
- Being overly emotional without a reasonable cause.
- Wrestling with biblical modesty and other standards.
- An extreme focus on physical beauty or appearance.

If any of these "weeds" are a part of your life, you can safely be assured that you need to allow the Lord to "work the soil" of your heart and mind.

A MINISTER DECIDED TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH A NEW FAMILY IN HIS CONGREGATION AND MADE A HOUSE CALL ONE EVENING. AFTER HIS KNOCK ON THE DOOR, A VOICE INSIDE CALLED OUT, "IS THAT YOU, ANGEL?"

"NO," THE MINISTER REPLIED, "BUT I'M FROM THE SAME DEPARTMENT."



Heritage Highlanders April 2014 Schedule

Saturday April 5
Sewing with Mrs. Kubic

Proverbs 31:13

Saturday April 19
Baking

Matthew 28:6

Saturday April 12
Patterns For Living

Isaiah 64:8

Saturday April 26
Soulwinning

John 3:16

Some food for thought.....or..... **Seed From The Silo!**

CO-ED BATHROOM LAW NOT YET IN EFFECT

A leading California education and public agency law firm...issued a statement confirming that AB 1266 did not go into effect on January 1. Some proponents of the "co-ed bathroom law" have put forth the idea that the law became effective at the first of the year, despite a referendum effort designed to put the measure on the November ballot.

Fresno-based Lozano Smith, LP, notes that AB 1266 was signed by Governor Brown last year but "a referendum challenge was mounted to prevent AB 1266 from becoming law, and the referendum effort has caused the effective date to be put on hold." ...

Karen England, a spokesperson for Privacy for All Students, says her organization is calling on school officials to respect the law and the peoples' right to challenge laws with a referendum....

Backers of the referendum presented nearly 620,000 signatures to elections officials in November. While the Secretary of State is still reviewing these signatures, the law was suspended upon presentation of those signatures.

—*Christian Newswire*

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: This law, passed by the California legislature and signed by Governor Brown, allows a boy who wants to be a girl to use the girls' rest room and vice versa. Thousands of California parents are obviously outraged. We do well to watch this carefully. If such insanity takes hold in California, who knows what loony liberal in your town may try to replicate it where you live.

WHAT A KNOCK OUT!

The new game for thugs and punks is called 'Knock Out.' The idea is to sneak up on some innocent person's blind side, then 'sucker punch' him (or her), where the victim can't see it coming.

The day after Beulah Montgomery had a big birthday party (leaving the fifties and hitting the big 6-0 is a huge event in any life), she was approached by seven young punks - these kiddy jerks would never want a one-on-one affair, even with a woman (too risky); and it must be 'blind side' of course. It seems they

wanted to play Knock Out with this 'old woman.'

One of them hit her with his roundhouse and another was fixing to do the same when Beulah reached into her purse, pulled out her gun and fired five times. Two of the hoodlums dropped dead (we are sorry she missed the other five).

It seems Beulah had been mugged earlier and felt one robbery was enough, so she bought a gun and got a permit to carry it. Smart lady!

What kind of seed are you sowing?

Prayer Requests

1. Bus Inspections—To Pass.
2. Al Lacy—Health Issues.
3. Angela Thomas—Health Issues.
4. Vida Collingsworth—Hip.
5. Michelle Lemons—Health Issues.
6. Anita Miller—Parkinson's.
7. Kim Baker—Surgery Recuperation.
8. Paul Snyder—Health Issues.
9. Byron Cremeans—Back.
10. Upcoming Meetings.



"Lee, I wanted you in a position where I felt you could grow."

A TOURIST PEERING INTO THE CRATER OF A LARGE VOLCANO IN GREECE SAID, "IT LOOKS LIKE HELL." THE GUIDE RESPONDED, "YOU AMERICANS HAVE BEEN EVERYWHERE."

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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