



Clouded Reasoning

Introduction: God has done everything that can be done in order to give everyone an opportunity to be saved. He has given us a way to be loosed from the penalty of sin and be accepted by a holy God. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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rth, God has provided through His Son a substitute. Jesus has substituted himself for us. Then, you may ask, why do so many perish without being saved? Answer: They give themselves an why they will not trust Christ

excuse as to why they will not trust Christ.

FIRST: HYPOCRITES, "JUST TOO MANY IN THE CHURCH." ROMANS 2:3

The Christian and the non-Christian both live in this world. The one is saved and the other is lost. But they both live inconsistent lives. *Romans 2:1, "... for thou that judgest doest the same things."* Hypocrites are everywhere—in or out of church and in or out of any religion. Don't allow hypocrites to keep you out of Heaven.

SECOND: HOLDING OUT, "I JUST CAN'T DO IT."

I PETER 1:5

"Who are kept by the power of God through faith..."

You are exactly right if this is your excuse. You can't "hold out" and God does not expect you to. God wants you to place your faith in his Son, Jesus Christ, and then He will do the "holding out."

The Lord has given His word that He will keep His own.

John 6:37, "All the father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

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"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own

Be A Contender The Book Of Jude



In verses 11-19, there is a second meaning for "*contend for the faith.*" We are to contend against the false teachers. It is permissible to have a bad spirit toward John McArthur! It is all right to get angry with false prophets and teachers. I am to contend against false teachers, it is time we take off the white gloves. People may say, "Well, Let's disagree, but don't be

Dr. Tom Neal

is time we take off the white gloves. People may say, "Well, Let's disagree, but don't be disagreeable." How do you do that? How do you disagree with somebody and not be disagreeable? It is time we decide to become angry with people who try to change the body of

faith that has been entrusted to us by our forefathers. A fellow once said to me, "You have a bad spirit." That is correct! I am glad that he understands where I am coming from when it comes to faith and beliefs. I am going to have a bad spirit against certain people. I hear people say, "Oh, now they are good men." I am so tired of hearing that. If a man teaches false doctrine, am I supposed to say that he is a good man? That is not what Jude said. Jude likened these false teachers to brute beasts, and ungodly, lascivious men. He compares them to fornicators in verse 7. He said, they are filthy dreamers that speak evil of authority. Despising authority, these false teachers are spots in your feasts of charity and are clouds without water. Jude says these men are trees whose fruit withereth and are as raging waves and wandering stars, 'They are murmurers and complainers that are void of the spirit. This is what God says about these false teachers. It does not sound as if God thinks that these are good men.

We have good men, and they are the ones who are being cursed. It is time that those of us who know the truth expose those who want to destroy the Truth and our faith. They want to take away from us what has been entrusted to us by our past heroes of the faith. Why should our forefathers have to do all of the contending and fighting while we do nothing? The hour is come. It is time that you start fighting and contending. We contend for the faith when we get rid of Swindoll, Stanley, Dobson, Osteen, and Rick Warren. You might say, "You have a bad spirit," You are right!

AN OLD MAN WAS HOLDING COURT, SURROUNDED BY HIS CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. "DON'T THINK OF ME AS AN OLD MAN," HE WHINED. "I'M HEALTHY. EVERYTHING'S FINE. MY HEART'S STILL PUMPING AWAY. MY LIVER'S STRONG. AND MY MIND, KNOCK ON WOOD ... HELLO? WHO IS IT?"



Dr. Bob

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Just A Thought

We must not be apologetic with an inferiority complex in the presence of the new religious left that calls itself evangelical without evangelism! This modern-day yuppie preacher has his goatee, his flowered shirt, and his Jesse Jackson tie bar. He conducts sinner-friendly services. He uses power-point aids for his preaching and his Rick Warren material for props. He has a community church sign out front, and his latest Biblical Inquirer is lying on his desk. He holds his plane ticket to the

Southern California's Shepherds' Conference in his suit coat. He uses the NIV for a Bible, along with his Weirsbe style, Jack Taylor praise books. He uses religious rock music, and he follows Larry Lea's one-hour prayer manual. He asks those coming forward to meet in Room 200. Then he allows each household to determine the standards for the local church.

Because of this, God's men shudder today at the thought of saying the King James Bible is the real Word of God, They are afraid to say that Jesse Jackson is a socialist, and Swindoll is a spiritual swindler. They are ashamed to admit that pulpit-pounding preaching will work better than power point and being a Baptist is better than not knowing what you are. They are afraid to preach that the Biblical Inquirers are for the worldly Christians and the Purpose Driven Church book will kill a soul-winning church. They are ashamed to preach that the NIV is not a real Bible, Sister Joel is dangerous to Bible believers, and Baptist people were getting answers to prayers 1,800 years before there ever was a Larry Lea, And they are afraid to say that if every household determines the standards of the local church, then that church will have no standards,

If anybody is embarrassed today, it should not be the preachers; it should be the evangelical crowd! We do not need the latest Hollywood star to proclaim the Gospel. We are attempting to fix something that does not need fixing. We are attempting to gild the lily and paint the sunset, hobnob with Sodom and get friendly with Gomorrah. We do not need anything new as much as we need something so old that it would be new to everybody else.

understanding."

God does not ask us to understand everything, but He does ask that we trust Him. He wants us to step out in faith and believe that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. (*I Corinthians 15:3-4*)

When the sinner places their faith in what Jesus has done for them, then the Holy Spirit comes in and imparts the understanding. *I Corinthians 2:14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God…"*

FOURTH: HINDRANCE, "I'VE GOT A LOT OF LIVING TO DO." II TIMOTHY 3:4

Years ago a deacon and I were out soul winning when we knocked on the door of two middle aged sisters. After giving them the simple plan of salvation, they both said, "We've got too much living to do before we get saved." They had heard it before and had come to the reasoning that they could sin all they wanted to and put off getting right with God until after they had all of the sin of the world they could handle.

That very afternoon one of the sisters dropped dead from a heart condition. How sad—"Too much living to do!"

<u>Conclusion</u>: If you have just read this article, I want to remind you that the darkest hour for the Christian is brighter than the brightest hour for the one who is lost without Christ and without hope. Never put off trusting Christ. There is no guarantee of tomorrow.

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)



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Christians today are always talking about all the problems they are having. They talk about the things wrong in their life or the things wrong in their church, and sometimes both. Have you ever considered that the devil is using you to convince your friends, coworkers, relatives, or maybe even yourself that the Godly way you walk is not the best way? Why would they want to be a Christian and join your

It Really Is A Wonderful Life

Pastor church when you make it seem as the God you serve is inadequate? In Philippians 4 it reminds us that no matter how bad life is and no matter how many problems the devil sends our way we are to rejoice and give thanks. We are to focus on the things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and things of good report. This passage also reminds us that no matter what state we are in we are to be content. We find here in Philippians 4 that the message to us is to remember that no matter how bad your life seems, being a God serving Christian is by far, a better and more wonderful way of life.



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 The good in these areas. We are like security guards with the goal of keeping the good in and the evil out.
 One of the easiest entry points for the enemy is through our many electronic doors. It

used to be that a person only had to control what carne through the TV, but not anymore. We now have videos, DVDs, Internet chat rooms, cell phones with text messaging and more! A keeper has to stay on patrol with this many gates to guard?

"There Shall Be No More Death"



Dr. Al Lacy

Oh, the reign of Death! What circle has it not invaded? What family has it never touched?

There is no flock, however watched and tended, But one dead Iamb is there-There is no fireside, however defended. But hath a vacant chair!

All our highways are lined with cemeteries, our cities pocked with depositories of the dead. We try to disguise Death, and make him less repugnant than he is. We have changed cemeteries to "memorial gardens". We have changed undertakers to "funeral directors". We have changed hearses to "funeral coaches". We no longer bury people, we "inter" them. We have changed coffins into "caskets." The Bible says people die, We say they "pass away". We rouge, and powder, and paint the corpse so people will pass by the open coffin and say, "He looks like he's just asleep,"

But no matter what we do, Death is real, unmerciful, and ghastly. He rides a pale horse (*Rev. 6:8*), and stalks us all. His frightful shadow lays across our path, and looms over us as a grim spectre. We can scarcely drive down the streets without seeing the somber hearse, the gloomy funeral procession, and the dismal mortuary.

The only question is, who among us is next to die?

It is appointed unto men once to die. (Heb. 9:27)

None of us knows when our appointment is set. The young and the old, the rich and the poor, the weak and the strong.., are all equally vulnerable to the rider on the pale horse,

Bless the Lord! We have the promise of His infallible Word, "*There shall be NO MORE DEATH*"! Death has stolen our happiness on earth time and time again. But with Death dead for all eternity, It can never happen again!





"I HAVE TO ADMIT. YOU GUYS OUTDID YOURSELVES THIS MOTHERS' DAY."



The Berean Quartet will be with us July 24th.



"BAD NEWS IS, YOU'RE FIRED. GOOD NEWS IS, IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE."

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

Massachusetts Public Schools Ordered to Allow Boys to Use Girls' Bathroom

The Massachusetts Department of Education has issued a directive to the state's public schools mandating that they allow boys to cheer on girls-only cheerleading squads and allow boys to use girls' restrooms if the male student identifies as a female, to comply with the state's anti-discrimination law.

In November 2011, the Massachusetts legislature passed a law, "An Act Relative to Gender Identity," that went into effect on July 1, 2012. This law adds "gender identity" to the state's nondiscrimination code and defines gender identity as "a person's gender-related identity, appearance or behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth."

The 11-page directive issued on February 15...requires school administrators, as well as teachers and staff at elementary and secondary education schools, to implement new gender identity policies and procedures in the classroom and for extracurricular activities.... The document also suggests that school administrators and teachers should "foster understanding of gender identity" for the students who are uncomfortable with male students' having the right to use a girls-only bathroom or locker room....

Districts are also required to renovate school buildings to include an "appropriate number of gender-neutral restrooms commensurate with the size of the school, and at least on e gender -neutral changing facility..."

Likewise, all students must be allowed to participate in intramural and interscholastic athletic programs based on their gender identity and not their sex at birth. This includes girls' cheerleading squads, boys' basketball teams and all sports-related activities that are not co-ed.

"If a male student tells his teacher he feels like a girl on the inside, the school has to treat him in every way as if he actually is a girl," said Andrew Beckwith, attorney for the Massachusetts Family Institute. "School personnel may be forbidden from informing the parents of their child's gender decisions, and students can even decide to be one gender at home and another at school."

Teachers are also required to facilitate "name and pronoun" changes with students if they want to change their name to reflect their gender identity.

> Melissa Barnhart for ChristianPost.com Comment: Parents! What is the matter with you?

What kind of seed are you sowing?

JUST BEFORE I WAS DEPLOYED TO IRAQ, I SAT MY EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SON DOWN AND BROKE THE NEWS. "I'M GOING TO BE AWAY FOR A LONG TIME," I TOLD HIM. "I'M GOING TO IRAQ." "WHY?" HE ASKED. "DON'T YOU KNOW THERE'S A WAR GOING ON OVER THERE?"

THOMAS CIOPPA



The Difference Is Real Love

I wish somehow we would learn to love each other as we should. The difference in real love, God's love, and human love is that God's love seeks an object. It has to have an object. It looks for an object. In human love, the object attracts the lover. I wish somehow that we would learn to accept the humanity of each other, If you lived with me long enough, you would find that I am a very human person.

Jack & Beverly Hyles

My wife and I cut up just like your wife and you cut up, and we are very, very human. She woke me up the other day and she said, "I have got to get up and go

fix breakfast for my best boyfriend." I said, "Oh, that's sweet." She said, "Do you want to eat with us?"

Another time, she was sick. She had surgery a couple of years ago and had to miss church six consecutive weeks, I would call her between Sunday school and preaching and between the six o'clock hour and the service at night. I would call her to see how she was. After about five weeks that, she hadn't been to church, I started teasing her that she was backslidden, I called her between Sunday school and church one morning. She said, "Hello." I said, "Is this where the backslider lives?" She said, "Yes, but he isn't in right now."

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	Baptist Heritage
 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 	 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 1638 in Providence, Rhode Island John Bunyan (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote <i>Pilgrim's Progress</i> John Newton (1725-1807), Baptist preacher that wrote <i>Amazing Grace</i> 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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