

## **"A Race To BE WON IN 2021"**



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### **PALM SUNDAY**



**Introduction:** In *Isaiah 53*, we find one of the most beautiful portraits of Christ and what His virgin birth, life, death, and resurrection would, and does, mean to the entire world.

For over 1000 years after the Ascension of Christ, the Jews taught that this chapter was a portrait of the Messiah to come. It bothered the Jews so much because it reminded them of the Christ that they rejected, so they stopped referring to this chapter as a Messianic prophecy.

*Isaiah 53* is the presentation chapter of the Lamb of God that would take away the sin of the world.

#### **FIRST: THE PRECIOUSNESS OF HIS BIRTH.**

**ISAIAH 53:2**

*"For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant..."*

Verse 1 reveals that the people receiving this particular chapter would not believe what they were hearing. Regardless, the record would stand.

I. *"A tender plant."* This does not refer to an old tree, but to a young sapling. It shows Jesus as a fresh sprout that would come from a stump of a tree that had fallen by sin.

II. *"A root out of dry ground."* This means that the Messiah (Christ) would not grow up in a fertile ground of a God honoring people. Rather, He would be raised up in the barren soil of a sinful people.

#### **SECOND: THE PAIN OF HIS CROSS.**

**ISAIAH 53:5**

*"But he was wounded for our transgressions he was bruised for our iniquities..."*

The Lord Jesus was wounded by the crown of thorns placed upon His head, by the nails driven into His hands and His feet, and by the spear thrust through His side. All of this was because of our transgressions, not His.

We can have peace with God by receiving Christ as The One Who suffered in our stead.

#### **THIRD: THE PURITY OF HIS OFFERING.**

**ISAIAH 53:8-9**

*"He was taken from prison ... he was cut off out of the land of the living."*

The trial of Jesus Christ was a mockery of justice. It was a violation of both Jewish and Roman laws. But we know that God was righteous, and the time to fulfill *Genesis 3:15* had arrived. The crucifixion of Christ would bruise the heel of the seed of the woman and crush the power of Satan. Nothing could force Jesus to the Cross but the love of God. By the way, because He had done no violence, neither was there any deceit in His mouth, the Saviour was totally innocent. While sinful man was at their worst we discover the Christ was at the hour of His best.

#### **FOURTH: THE PEOPLE AT HIS BURIAL.**

**ISAIAH 53:9**

*"He had made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death."*

Think of how accurate this prophecy is. When He died on the old rugged cross, it was between two wicked sinners. When He was taken down to be buried, He was placed in a tomb built by a rich man and a rich man placed him in the tomb.

*John 19:38-39, "... Joseph of Arimathea ... and there came also Nicodemus..."*

#### **FIFTH: THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION.**

**ISAIAH 53:10**

*"... An offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days ..."*

It seems like a total contradiction to say that He was to be cut off from the land of the living, yet have

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Dr. Greg  
Neal

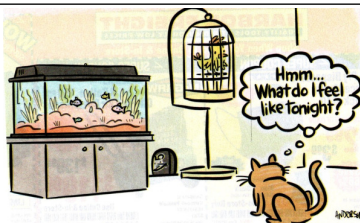
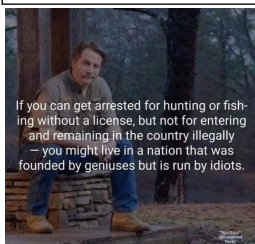
## Shameless Proverbs 7:13

Verse 13 says, ***“So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him, ...”***

That word impudent means “shameless.” The Proverbs 7 woman was shameless. All of her actions we have discussed up until now have proven that fact. She took the effort to dress a certain way. She had a plan, and then she schemed. The Bible says in verses 12 and 13, She ***“...lieth in wait... then ...she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face...”*** She had a shameless face. She had a definite motive, and she planned and schemed to get what she wanted. Worst of all, she was not ashamed of it. All of her actions as she worked her plan

never caused her any embarrassment.

Sometimes the comment is made by those seeing a woman dressed a certain way, “She ought to be embarrassed to be dressed like that!” We need to be careful in making this assertion. Some women have never been taught, except by the world, what is appropriate attire. Some women do not consider while dressing that men think differently than women. Everyone makes mistakes, but there is a big difference between lacking instruction and plotting purposefully to commit evil. This was the telltale characteristic of this Proverbs 7 woman. She planned and plotted to commit evil, and she was not embarrassed by this. She had no shame, was not convicted, and felt no embarrassment from her actions. She was impudent. She was shameless.



Now that Washington, DC has a fence around it, seems to me like the perfect time to put a padlock on it and call it **The National Zoo.**

**EVERY NOVEL IS A  
MYSTERY NOVEL IF YOU  
NEVER FINISH IT.**

## Lest We Forget



Chuck Yeager - retired Air Force Brigadier General, combat veteran of two wars and aviation trailblazer - died Dec. 7 at 97 in Los Angeles.

“America lost a great veteran,

but heaven gained a great pilot,” American Legion National Commander Bill Oxford said. “Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager was as brave as he was fast. He was not only the first to break the sound barrier but he was a World War II fighter ace. The one-time private in the Army Air Forces lived to see the creation of the U.S. Space Force. The history of America's aviation success simply could not be told without including significant space to Charles E. ‘Chuck’ Yeager, one of the greatest pilots that ever lived. He was a real American hero.”

A life member of American Legion Post 111 in Hamlin, W.Va., Yeager spoke at the organization's 1990 national convention, telling delegates, “Having been involved on the leading technological development (of U.S. air power) for quite some time, I appreciate what you as Legionnaires have done and are still doing today.... We, you and I have been involved in a lot of activity in supporting our country, and all I can say today is keep up the good work.”

## YEAGER'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Flew 64 missions over Europe during World War II, shooting down 13 German aircraft (including five in one day)
- Evaded the Germans with the help of the French Resistance after being shot down himself in 1944
- Recruited as a test pilot for the new Air Force
- Became the first person to break the sound barrier, flying the experimental X-1 45,000 feet over the Rogers Dry Lake in the Mojave Desert
- In 1953, set a world speed record of 1,650 miles per hour in the X-1A
- Served as commandant of the Aerospace Research Pilot School, which trained several Apollo and space shuttle astronauts
- Flew a total of 127 Vietnam War combat missions
- Received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Legion of Merit, the Purple Heart, the Congressional Silver Medal (equivalent to a noncombat Medal of Honor) and the Presidential Medal of Freedom
- Broke the sound barrier again in 1997 in an F-15, on the 50th anniversary of his most famous flight

His days prolonged. How could this be? It is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ that solves the riddle and gives the answer. He was born to suffer and to die for our sins, but also to rise from the dead to forever intercede on behalf of those that would receive him as Saviour.

In *Isaiah 53:12*, "... and made intercession for the transgressors ..."

This wonderful work of intercession began with the words, "**Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.**" (*Luke 23:34*) Now Jesus lives continuing the work of intercession for us in Heaven itself. (*Hebrews 7:25*) The result of His Resurrection and exaltation is His intercession for us day by day.

**Conclusion:** How wonderful God is to place such a beautiful portrait of the Gospel in the middle of the word of God. He never leaves us without a clear witness to the love of God. We as Christians must use *Isaiah 53* to point people to Christ so they can have a clear portrait of the birth, life, death, resurrection, and exaltation of Jesus Christ. Let us be faithful to the task.

### 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*)

## WITH THE INVENTION OF SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE WE GET A COUNTRY SONG WHERE A GUY'S TRUCK LEAVES HIM TOO.

### The Resurrection Is Sure

A Hungarian countess, a professed unbeliever, commanded that her body be interred in a stone casket in a mausoleum that was to be built about it. A plate was placed on the front of the mausoleum giving her name and some particulars of her death, and then the words, "Not to be opened for eternity." She would defy God to raise her from the dead!

But while they were building that mausoleum and before sealing the body in that tomb, an acorn dropped into the tomb, and today there is an oak tree rising out of the center of it. It is broken asunder and the casket is exposed. It was opened by an acorn under the hand of Almighty God.

You cannot thwart God; you cannot hinder God's omnipotent working. Pilate said, "Make it as sure as you can," and they did everything that human ingenuity could suggest to keep the body of Jesus in that grave in Judea. All their effort was overthrown. He who had yielded up Himself to death, took His life back again by commandment from God. He was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father. *H. A. Ironside*



Dr. Bob Gray

### The Old-Time Religion is Better Than the New-Time Religion

There was a day when Presbyterians used the King James Bible with its preserved inspiration; they stood firm on these issues of immorality. The Methodists, Nazarenes, Lutherans, and most of the Protestants stood staunchly on the King James Bible as the very Words of God. They preached strong sermons for right and against wrong. In case you do not like the old-time preaching, I would quickly point out that America was a whole lot better off in the old days than in these new days! America did not have all of the complicated problems we have now. The problems with drugs, abortion, AIDS, divorce, homosexuality, etc., were almost nonexistent in the old days of America. When America was filled with preachers who would stand up and let it rip from the pulpits of this nation, we did not have these problems in the epidemic proportions of today.

Our nation used to be a better society. Now, however, we have little puppets preaching little sermonettes to Christianettes who smoke cigarettes, drive Corvettes, listen to worldly quartets, watch half dressed majorettes, watch Carol Burnett, wear their hair like Farrah Fawcett, and now have become stagnate. America does not need another Republican in the White House, or a Democrat in the White House; America needs a real man of God in God's house. The old-time religion is better than the new time religion.

**Genesis 26:18, "And Isaac digged again the wells of water which they had digged in the days of Abraham."** Abraham had dug some wells, and the Philistines filled up those wells, just as the liberals have filled up the wells of the old-time religion by saying the King James Bible is not inspired. The wells of the old King James Bible, upon which this country was built, have begun to be filled in-albeit with a scholarly touch-by some fundamental Baptist leaders.

Isaac came along and said, "I'm going to redig my father's wells!" The same is true today. Many of us ought to redig the faith of our fathers. The old-time religion is better than the new-time religion with its dance bands, heavy metal beat, casual dress, slang, lectures, dramas, and bad bibles. The liberals have infected our churches and colleges as a virus infects the human body. They have weakened an otherwise strong movement. They have filled our wells with a soft, white-gloved, non-confrontational, sissy-type fundamentalism that is afraid to take a stand for anything!

# Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved every week in 2020.
2. The bus ministry is still active.
3. We are hosting the "Old-Time Religion" Conference in 2021.
4. Heritage Baptist Church never closed one time in 2020.



## From Our Church Prayer List

1. Judy Kurpan
2. Sheila Spencer
3. Anita Miller
4. Michelle Lemons
5. Kevin McClain
6. Harold Cooper
7. Linda Sigstad
8. Carolyn Grindel

## Upcoming



## Events

1. Bridal Shower for Angela Berezne, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
2. Dr. Bob Gray, Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>.
3. Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, Angela Berezne and Benjamin Tharp wedding.
4. Heritage Baptist Academy Graduation, Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM.
5. Old-Time Religion Conference, Sunday—Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup>—22<sup>nd</sup>.

**A MAN FOUND A LAMP WITH A GENIE WHO OFFERED HIM THREE WISHES.**

**"FOR MY FIRST WISH," HE SAID, "I'D LIKE TO BE RICH."**

**"OK, RICH," THE GENIE REPLIED. "WHAT'S YOUR SECOND WISH?"**

**I WENT TO SEE THE DOCTOR  
ABOUT MY SHORT-TERM  
MEMORY PROBLEMS. HE  
MADE ME PAY IN ADVANCE.**



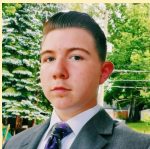
**TWO YOUNG MEN WERE DISCUSSING MARRIAGE.**

**ONE ASKED, "YOU WOULDN'T MARRY A GIRL JUST FOR HER MONEY, WOULD YOU?"**

**"NO," HE REPLIED, "BUT I WOULDN'T LET HER DIE AN OLD MAID JUST BECAUSE SHE  
HAD MONEY, EITHER."**

**"IT'S TOXIC. BUT IT'S ALL  
NATURAL TOXIC."**

## Gun Control and Why It Is Wrong



Nathan  
Collingsworth

Gun control has become a major issue in the United States, and it is wrong. Before I can tell you why it is wrong, I must first tell you what it is. Gun control is the set of laws and policies that regulate the manufacture, sale, transfer, possession, modification, or use of firearms and ammunition by civilians. Gun control can be legislated by Federal, state or local governments. In this article I will explain why gun control is a danger.

A big danger to our government trying to enforce gun control on us is that it is against our Constitutional rights. The Constitution of the United States established America's national government and fundamental laws, and guaranteed certain basic rights for its citizens. One of those rights is the Second Amendment, which protects the right to keep and bear arms. By taking away our guns they are taking away our rights and that is wrong.

Another problem is that gun control simply will not work. Criminals are not deterred by laws. If our guns are taken away, we will have nothing to defend ourselves against criminals. Criminals always find a way to get weapons, but law abiding citizens obtain weapons in a law abiding manner. The problem is that when guns are outlawed, only the outlaws will have guns.

The problems that gun control will bring are broad. When trying to enforce gun control laws, our government does not look at the fact that gun control laws will cause even more shootings. Criminals will find a way to get a gun. If no one but the criminals have guns, then they become more brazen and more lawless.

In January, 2020, tens of thousands of gun rights activists, many of them armed, peacefully gathered at Virginia's Capital. Governor Ralph Northam had declared a state emergency ahead of a protest against strict new gun control laws pledged by the state's new Democratic majority government. Chanting "We will not comply", peaceful gun rights activists filled the street in front of the Virginia state house. Northam had temporarily banned anyone from carrying firearms. These activists had every right to bear their firearms and every right to peacefully protest at the capital. The right to bear arms is our first freedom, and the government that takes that right away are bound to take away more rights.

The gun control bills that Biden helped pass when he was a senator in the 1990s, including the assault weapon ban, were among the key factors driving the emergence of the militia movement. Now, nearly three decades later, the militia movement is seizing on Biden's promises to reinstate the ban on manufacture and sale of assault weapons, such as the AR-15. These militias are getting fired up. They will not turn in their guns.

We do not need new gun laws. We need to enforce the laws we already have.





*Dr. Jack  
Hyles*

### Preaching Determines the Destiny of a Country

Did you know that the clergy and ministry of every country in history has determined the future and the destiny of that country? John Wesley and Charles Spurgeon did more to steer the destiny of England than all the politicians and queens put together.

John Calvin did more for Geneva; Martin Luther did more for Germany; Dwight Moody and Billy Sunday did more for America; Charles G. Finney and Jonathan Edwards did more for our country than all the politicians put together, because the most powerful force in the world is the pulpit in our church. And if we don't return to preaching against sin and dig these wells deep again, God in Heaven help us! So I say, Let's do it again.

Tonight I looked at Dr. Rice. Dr. Rice has done more for me than I could ever deserve. Sometimes I wish he wouldn't be quite as kind. I feel so guilty. But he has been so good to me. And I wouldn't pad his pocket—he knows it. If I thought he was doing something wrong, I would skin him just like I would skin you, and I mean it. I would, and he knows I would. If I ever get afraid of Dr. Rice or anybody else, I am sunk. So are you. But I want to say this: To me Dr. Rice represents an era. To me he represents a trend. To me Dr. Rice is the nearest thing we have to a prophet in 1961 in our country. He is the nearest thing we have that is not afraid of anybody. He doesn't ask, "Who is there?" before he shoots. When he walks guard, he shoots, then says, "Who did I hit?" Most of us say, "Who is there?" If the answer is, "Somebody famous"—"Oh, pass on," "Who is there?" "A little bitty peon," Bang! Not Dr. Rice. He says, "Bang! Who died?"

I sat and watched him tonight. His hair is not black any more; it is turning gray. He is not as strong as he used to be. I pray every day of my life, "Lord God, take care of John Rice." What are we going to do without him? What are we going to do when John Rice and Bob Jones pass off the scene? When these old men of God who have digged the wells and have given their lives and their future and their popularity and their prestige—what are we going to do when they pass on? We little sissy fellows who won't even buck the ministerial association in our town of a thousand people when these men fight the international battle for God—what are we going to do? We had better go well digging. We had better redig the wells of preaching against sin.



### Heritage Highlanders March 2021 Schedule

**Saturday March 6**

Spring Craft

**Saturday March 13**

Growing In Christ

**Proverbs 31:13**

**II Peter 3:18**

**Saturday March 20**

Modesty

**Saturday March 27**

Soulwinning

**I Timothy 2:9**

**I John 5:13**

***I WAS THE BEST DOOR-TO-DOOR SECURITY ALARMS SALESMAN FOR SEVERAL YEARS RUNNING. THE TRICK WAS TO JUST LEAVE A BROCHURE ON THE KITCHEN TABLE IF THERE WAS NOBODY HOME.***

### New Secretary of State Vows to Promote LGBT Agenda

The newly confirmed U.S. Secretary of State has vowed to support the LGBT agenda by flying pride flags at United States embassies and resurrecting the "special envoy for the human rights of LGBTI persons."

Antony Blinken, who was confirmed by the United States Senate... shared his thoughts about LGBT issues during his Senate confirmation hearing...

During the Trump administration, U.S. embassies were told not to fly the pride flag, which consists of the rainbow colors and is designed to show support for LGBT rights. Then-Vice President Mike Pence defended the State Department's declaration that "on the flagpole of our American embassies that one flag should fly and that's the American flag," saying, "I support that." - Ryan Foley, christianpost.com

***I ORDERED AN EXTENSION COURSE CALLED "HOW TO DEAL WITH LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS." YESTERDAY, I GOT THE FIRST LESSON BY MAIL. IT WAS AN EMPTY ENVELOPE.***

### Remembering Big Ed Hosey



He was a faithful bus driver.



He was always well armed.



But he could still win the rubber chicken award.



And now he knows that Bigfoot is not real.

***MY TOWN IS SO DULL THAT THE POST OFFICE HAS "WANTED" POSTERS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE OVERDUE BOOKS.***

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

## Fake News

It is well documented how the American mainstream media has been derelict in their duty to bring news to the public that is reported fairly and without bias. As we are all too familiar with, today's mainstream journalism consists of shaping stories to fit a political agenda, even if that means creating "facts" out of thin air. Fact free news reporting and bias has existed for years, but it appeared to reach its zenith once President Trump announced his candidacy for the White House and has continued into his presidency, prompting him to criticize most of the press as "fake news."

A simple internet search yields scores of instances when the news media either deliberately or through their own incompetence filed reports that were entirely false. In some cases, corrections were issued for such reports, but the sensationalistic (and false) headlines were left intact. Let us examine some of the more offensive occurrences where the mainstream press spread fake and misleading narratives disguised as news reports.

### Fake News: Same Hospital—Two Different States

CBS presented a story in late March last year about a New York hospital overcrowding due to the coronavirus pandemic using video of a hospital recognized by viewers as located in Italy. CBS scrambled to issue a correction and blamed the use of the Italian hospital video on an "editing error." However, about a week later, the hospital showed up again in another CBS report, this time in a story about how Pennsylvania's hospitals were deluged with coronavirus patients.

### Fake News: President Trump Supports Racist Mass Killings

Seemingly never wanting to pass up an opportunity to exploit heart-breaking calamities to advance their agenda, the press zeroed in on President Trump after cruel mass killings in 2019. After a gunman killed eleven in a California synagogue, ABC's Mathew Dowd blamed President Trump's rhetoric for giving "permission to the most craziest people in America."

Later in 2019, when a gunman in Texas targeted Latinos and killed 23 at a Walmart, the media worked to place the blame for this tragedy on President Trump. CNN's Nia Malika Henderson took aim at the President's rhetoric again, describing it as "inspirational" and "comforting" - if "you're a white supremacist." MSNBC's Nicolle Wallace boldly (and untruthfully) claimed, "You now have a president [...] talking about exterminating Latinos."

### Fake News: Trump Rallies Generate Hate Crimes

The Washington Post and CNN promoted an analysis in 2019 claiming that "counties that hosted a 2016 Trump rally saw a 226 percent increase in hate crimes." However, Harvard researchers found flaws in the analysis and concluded that "adding a simple statistical control for county population to the original analysis causes the estimated effect of Trump rallies on reported hate incidents to become statistically indistinguishable from zero." The researchers further commented, "The study is wrong, and yet journalists ran with it anyway."

What Kind Of Seed Are **You** Sowing?

### HuffPost Blaming Christian Curriculum for Capitol Riots Is Slanderous

Recently the Huffington Post ran an article that was extremely hostile to Christian education here in the United States. The overall implication of the article was that the January 6 rioting at the Capitol Building was directly tied to the government allowing and possibly funding conservative Christian education in the US. Specific curricula were cited and quoted (specifically, A-Beka, Bob Jones and Accelerated Christian Education) and blame was explicitly and carelessly lobbed at these schools and curricula.

... The overwhelming majority of schools using these curricula are highly civic-minded American patriots. They love God and their country and deplore violence of any kind. Painting an entire demographic with a wide brush based on hearsay alone is slanderous. It is also disingenuous. The year 2020 was filled with leftist progressives rioting and looting all over the country in response to their own perceived inequities, yet none of that is alluded to in the Huffington Post article...

Linking terrorism to Christian education and its biblical worldview being communicated is grossly misleading... Conservative Christians and their churches and schools are not promoting or involved in riotous activity... Students are taught to be contributing members of society who work for the common good of the nation around them...

At its core this article is about a clash of worldviews. The author is a committed progressive and is defending her ideology. She feels that conservative Christian schools are seeking to undermine evolution and far-left progressive policies and therefore attempts to expose them as such... This is the clash of worldviews that the apostle Paul so brilliantly contrasts in **1 Corinthians 2:14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."**

Adam Rondeau & Emory Thompson on CP VOICES

**A HUMAN CANNONBALL DECIDED THAT HE WAS TOO OLD TO GO ON BEING SHOT ACROSS A CIRCUS ARENA INTO A NET NIGHT AFTER NIGHT. HE WENT TO THE CIRCUS OWNER AND TOLD HIM HE WAS GOING TO RETIRE. "YOU CAN'T!" THE OWNER CRIED. "WHERE AM I GOING TO FIND A MAN OF YOUR CALIBER?"**

# 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, 1 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.

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 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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