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# Kissing



<u>Introduction</u>: This is February, the month of love and sweethearts. It is the month of chocolate hearts and pendants. This the month of Valentines and love notes. But, this is a month always noted for romance and kissing. I have never written on kissing before, so I thought I would take the

opportunity to do so.

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# FIRST: THE KISS OF TENDERNESS. SONG OF SOLOMON 1:2

The kiss of tenderness is associated with love and devotion to someone. "Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth..."

I love to watch the sweet, tender kiss of love after I pronounce a young couple husband and wife. You may not believe this because of the day and age, but Mrs. Collingsworth and I never kissed one time until after we were pronounced husband and wife. When we did kiss, it was a sweet and tender touching of lips that I never forgot.

*Illustration:* I remember my son, Joseph, seeing Joe Cartwright on a show called Bonanza kissing a young woman. He looked at his mom, he was about 4 years old, tilted momma's head and placed a double-liplock on his mom. Yes, we cracked up.

In Luke 7:38, we see the tenderness of a fallen woman who kissed the feet of Jesus with devotion. "And stood at his feet before Him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet."

# SECOND: THE KISS OF A TEMPTRESS.

PROVERBS 7:13

A temptress is a woman who deliberately uses her body and her lips to allure, entice and eventually seduce a clean young man out of his purity.

In *Proverbs* 7:6-27 is a perfect illustration of this happening to a young man.

7:7 – Not very smart

7:8 - Too much idle time

7:9 - In the dark

7:10 – Woman dressed like a harlot – by the way, 7:27, "Her house is the way to hell..."

7:13 – Kissed him

7:26 – He was just another conquest

*Illustration:* Hollywood promotes this type of lifestyle without revealing the end results. They promote drinking, shacking up, and illicit sex without taking responsibilities for the consequences.

## THIRD: THE KISS OF TRUTH.

PSALM 85:10

"Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other."

There is no peace without being made righteous by receiving Christ as your personal Saviour, and you will never see the need of mercy without knowing the truth.

Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us..."

John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me."

The moment you trust Christ as your Saviour, righteousness and peace will

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# "... Unto The End ..."



John R. Rice

Look at the Great Commission as given in Matthew 28:19, 20:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Even a casual reading of this passage shows the following facts: (1) It is primarily a command to win souls, to make disciples. (2) Those who are won should then be baptized and taught to win others. (3) This process of evangelization was to be carried out through all the world, literally in "all nations," or as Mark 16:15 says, "to every creature." (4) Chronologically, this Great Commission is binding even "unto the end of the world." What is binding to one Christian is binding to

all Christians in all ages. The Gospel that was good for one nation, is good for all nations. Effective in one age, the Gospel is effective in any age.

The universality of the Great Commission indicates that the great fundamental truths of soul winning remain forever the same. Sinners are the same in all ages. God is the same in all ages. The Gospel is the same in all ages. If a Pentecost was possible in Jerusalem, then a Pentecost is possible in Chicago, or Dallas, or Atlanta, or any other city or hamlet or country place in the world. I do not refer to incidental manifestations, but to the conversions of many sinners. It was not easy at Pentecost and it is not easy anywhere else. But the same price paid for victory in one place will bring victory in another place.

To say that with changing times it becomes harder to win souls and less possible to have revivals is a perversion of Scripture and a doctrine not even hinted at in the Bible.

It is the plaint of modernists, or rationalists, of infidels in pulpit and pew to say that we need a new Gospel. They say the old Bible will not stand up in the light of modern science. They say the old Gospel will not satisfy the needs of modern men. But that is a lie of the Devil, a lie of human pride and human unbelief. And the same Devil has put in the minds of countless Christians the same kind of a lie when they say that it is harder now to win souls.

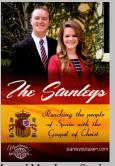
# AN OPTIMIST STAYS UP TO SEE THE NEW YEAR IN. A PESSIMIST STAYS UP TO MAKE SURE THE OLD YEAR LEAVES.



# Two Missionary Families We Support



Dr. and Mrs. Don Chitty Navajo Indians



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Stanley The People of Spain

# **Lest We Forget**



Whereas ... Fireman Second Class Petty Officer Telesforo de la Cruz Trinidad was awarded the Medal of Honor for his extraordinary heroism above and beyond the call of duty in saving the lives of his shipmates aboard USS San Diego in the Gulf of California on Jan. 21, 1915 Second Class Petty Officer Trinidad is the only U.S. Navy sailor of Asian-American descent and the first Filipino-American to receive the Medal of Honor for heroism from service in the Navy.



tenderly kiss each other. They will both come together in your life.

# FOURTH: THE KISS OF A TRAITOR.

MARK 14:43-45

Traitor: A person who betrays another, a cause, or a trust.

"And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he... Master, Master, and kissed him."

By the way, Judas was kissing the very cheek of the Lord Jesus Christ that had just wept for what was about to occur. He could taste the salt from the tears.

In history you will find that most people forgive the fool, the wicked, and even cruel people, but rarely forgive the traitor.

Why? Because the traitor persists in appearing to be a loving and loyal friend when in his or her heart, they are a cruel enemy.

Nothing appears to bring the passion of anger and hate together as the kiss of a traitor. The traitor is always clothed in the wool of a lamb, but at best is only a wolf in sheep's clothing, whose very object is to destroy that which they have professed to love.

When we think of traitors we will hear Julius Caesar cry out, "You, too, Brutus?", or we hear the name of Benedict Arnold who betrayed Washington and his nation, but in all history, no traitor has been seen so vile as the man who loudly proclaimed Jesus Christ as his master, then sealed his treason with a kiss.

<u>Conclusion:</u> May you take heed to the warning of *Psalm 2:12, "Kiss the son, lest he be angry."* What is he saying? Stop trying to push him away. When he reaches out to you to forgive you of your sins, do not try to "break his control." Yield to him. Trust Him as your personal Saviour. "*Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.*"

# **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 office worker decided it was time to lose some weight. He took his new diet seriously, even changing his driving route to avoid his favorite bakery. One morning, however, he arrived at work carrying a gigantic coffee cake. "I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning," he said, "and there in the window were a bunch of goodies. I prayed, 'Lord, if you want me to have one of those coffee cakes, let me find a parking place right in front of the bakery.'

"Sure enough," he continued, "the eighth time around the block, there it was!"

I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW BAD A DRIVER I AM UNTIL MY NAVIGATION APP SAID, "IN 400 FEET,

MAKE A SLIGHT RIGHT. STOP AND LET ME OUT."



**How Shall They Hear Without a Preacher?** 

Romans 10:14, "How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

In this wild, weird, and wicked time we live in, the work of the preacher is being rethought, revamped, and re-examined. Some think the preacher should just be an equipper of the laymen for their ministries. He has been pushed from the center of the platform to the wing in favor of celebrated experts and entertainers. However, the Bible still says, "...how shall they hear without a preacher?"

Dr. Bob Gray

What kind of preaching do we need in this twenty first century? Do we need seminars for the construction of the worship hour? Do we need worship services instead of preaching services? Do we need lectures? Do we need low-key speeches? Should we enter the Warren Wiersbe sound-alike contest, the John MacArthur talk-alike contest, the Chuck Swindoll teach-alike contest, the Rick Warren look-alike contest; or the Joel Olsten smiling contest? What kind of preaching do we need for this twenty-first century? Ladies and gentlemen, we need the same kind we have always needed. Nothing important has changed.

Just because we have split the atom and sent a man to the moon, that does not mean we need a new kind of Christianity.

# Something to 'CROW' about!

- 1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week in 2020.
- 2. The bus ministry is still active.
- 3. We are hosting the 8th Annual "Old-Time Religion" Conference in 2022.
- 4. Heritage Baptist Church never closed one time in 2020.
- 5. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed one time in 2021.
- 6. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved each week of 2021.





# We're Together He was so proud of you as his little girl. You were a princess in his heart, And cared for you so much.

He loved the beauty in your face, And held so dear to your precious touch.

# Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will; When the road you're trudging seems all uphill; When the funds are low and the debts are high And you want to smile, but you have to sigh; When care is pressing you down a bit, Rest, if you must; but don't you quit.

Life is odd with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns;
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he stuck it out.
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow.
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than It seems to a faint and faltering man; Often the struggler has given up, When he might have captured the victor's cup; And he learned too late when the night slipped down How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt
And you never can tell how close you are;
It may be near when it seems so far.
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

John Greenleaf Whittier



Happy Valentines' Day



"HE DOESN'T SO MUCH CHASE YOU AS LOOK AT YOU DISAPPROVINGLY."



"ONCE HE INVENTED THE WHEEL, IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL HE CAME UP WITH THE FOOD TRUCK."

Dr. Jack Hvles

# "Before I Go to Heaven" I Peter 1:18-19, I Peter 1:23, Colossians 1:18

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.

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

Second: 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

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.

For your reference: This was from Dr. Hyles' book The Blood, The Book and The Body, published 1992.



What can I give to Jesus On this special Valentine's Day? How can I tell Him I'll love Him, And follow Him, come what may?

How can I show I need Him? Should I send a red heart, with lace? How can I thank Him enough For his sacrifice, love and grace?

What Valentine can I give Him, My adoration to impart? I'll give to Him what He wants most; I'll yield to Him my heart.

Sweet Memories-

A census taker knocked on a woman's door. She answered all his questions but refused to state her age. "Did my neighbors say their ages?" she asked.

"Certainly," the census taker replied.

"Well, I'm the same age they are!" she snapped.

"As old as the Hills." he wrote on his form.



"I'm afraid it's curiosity."

-The Highlanders

# **Our Church Ministries**

- 1. Fishermens' Club
- 2. Phoster Club
- Bus Ministry
- Sunday School
- Welcome Wagon
- 6. Bookstore
- Music Ministry
- Counseling Ministry
- 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



# Some food for thought ...or...

# Seed From The Silol

# Pro-Life News and Views Exposing and Opposing Abortion, Infanticide, Euthanasia

**Biden Nominates Radical Abortion Activist to Head Global Women's Issues** 

Planned Parenthood is celebrating after President Joe Biden nominated another abortion activist to his administration, this time to the Office of Global Women's Issues in the U.S. Department of State.

His nominee, Geeta Rao Gupta, has spent years advocating for abortion across the globe while working for powerful groups like the United Nations and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. She is described as a gender and development expert.

After the White House announcement Planned Parenthood CEO Alexis McGill Johnson praised Gupta's nomination, saying she will play a key role in advocating "for sexual and reproductive health and rights across U.S. foreign policies."

This includes taxpayer funding for planned Parenthood.

If the U.S. Senate confirms her, Gupta's work in the Biden administration almost certainly would include putting political pressure on other countries to legalize the killing of unborn babies in abortions as well. It's something she has been doing for years anyway through her work in other powerful organizations.

-lifenews.com

# Large California School Districts Eliminate D and F Grades

(NewsNationNow), Bad report cards could soon be a thing of the past in California as some of the state's largest school districts are dropping D and F grades.

Los Angeles, Santa Ana, Oakland Unified, Sacramento City Unified and other California districts have decided to limit the use of D's and phased out F's in grading. High schoolers who fail a test or homework assignment can get a do-over or more time to complete the work.

Students who don't ever finish the assignments or who fail the final exam would earn an "incomplete," according to Bay City News.

Critics are blasting the plan, saying all it does is lie about students' progress. Some call the grading system idiosyncratic.

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?

I ASKED MY WIFE IF SHE WOULD STILL LOVE ME WHEN I WAS OLD AND WRINKLED. SHE SAID, "OF COURSE I DO." -GORDON ROSE FISHERS, INDIANA

My parents made New Year's resolutions like volunteering and donating more money to charities. I've decided to make my own coffee once a week.

Two friends were driving home one night when one asked the other to check if the car's indicators were working. He promptly stuck his head out the window and yelled, "Yes, no, yes, no, yes, no, yes, no."



# **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**

# **B**iblical Authority

- Autonomy of the Local Church
- Priesthood of ALL Believers
- Two ordinances Baptism & Communion
- I mmersed Church Membership
- S oul-liberty
- Two 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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