

“Restore in 2024”



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♥ **Misplaced Love** ♥

INTRODUCTION: God's Word says love is the highest attribute of mankind. It is greater than faith; greater than hope (*I Corinthians 13*), Misplaced love can be very dangerous and I want to bring you face to face with seven dangerous love affairs. The focus of one's love should be directed to the one you owe everything. That one is the Lord Jesus Christ. *Matthew 22:37, "... Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart..."*

FIRST: MEN SHALL BE LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES. I TIMOTHY 3:12

1. *Luke 18*—The Pharisee loved himself and went home unjustified.
2. *Proverbs 6:17*—Tells us that God hates a proud look.
3. *Proverbs 16:18*—*"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."*

SECOND: THE LOVE OF MONEY. I TIMOTHY 6:10

1. The love of money caused the rich young ruler to turn away from Christ. *Mark 10*.
2. The Apostle warns that those who covet after money, *"have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."*
3. The love of money cause Balaam to curse the people of God. *Numbers 22*.

THIRD: THE LOVE OF THE PRAISE OF MEN. MATTHEW 6:5

1. Jesus said, *"Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven."* *Matthew 6:1*.
2. Jesus said, *"Woe unto them that desire the chief seats".* *Matthew 23:6*.
3. King Saul of the Old Testament loved the praise of men.

FOURTH: MEN LOVE DARKNESS RATHER THAN LIGHT. JOHN 3:19

1. Men love darkness because their deeds are evil.
2. Men love darkness because their foolish hearts are darkened.
3. *Daniel 5* is a picture of the evil of sin's night.

FIFTH: THE LOVE FOR THE WORLD. I JOHN 2:15

1. Paul said, *"Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world..."*
2. Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt because she could not break from the world.
3. The rich farmer died a fool because he lived only for this world. *Luke 12*.

SIXTH: THE LOVE OF PLEASURE MORE THAN GOD. II TIMOTHY 3:4

1. Samson. *Judges 16:2*.
2. Belshazzar. *Daniel 5*.

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Don't Let The Devil Have Your Kids

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."—Prov. 22:6.



John R. Rice

It is a shocking thing that Christian parents often utterly fail in rearing godly children.

Whence come all the "new generation," the "revolutionaries," the demonstrators, the draft-card burners, the drug "honkies," the rock-'n'-roll generation, the school dropouts and rebels? Whence come the girls pregnant before marriage, the young people in premarital sex in college dormitories and parked cars, at the seaside or in apartments? Shockingly, they come, many of them, not only from respectable, moral homes, middle class and even luxurious homes, but often from homes of Christian parents. Why?

A man forty years old was converted in the rescue mission in Evansville, Indiana. He told me he was the son of a godly Methodist preacher. A famous missionary wept in the presence of my brother about his unsaved, unbelieving, skeptical son and daughter. One of the greatest fundamental leaders in America wept as he heard me preach on Lot and The Ruin of a Christian, and he told me later, "If my home had been what it ought to be, surely my children would be serving the Lord. They are not."

The arrest of Billy Sunday's sons for drunkenness was a recurring scandal. The gifted son of a great Southern Christian leader showed much promise, with a sweet singing voice and earnest preaching. But in a seminary he came to not believe the Bible, he began smoking, he attended the movies, and then eventually he gave up all plans to preach the Gospel and serve God.

A famous Bible teacher, with seven or eight children, was brokenhearted that only one of them nominally served the Lord.

Karl Marx, of a Jewish family, was baptized as a Protestant. Joseph Stalin was educated in a religious seminary and was intended for the priesthood.

When I have preached in jails all over America, I have found men who insisted their parents were devout Baptists or Methodists or Presbyterians or Pentecostal people or Catholics. To a shocking degree, the rebels, the immoral, even the criminals, come from homes of Christian parents. That is shameful but true.

Is the so-called "generation gap" inevitable? Must parents lose communication and control over their children? No, they need not! The plain promise of God's Word in **Proverbs 22:6** is, *"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*

A DUCK IS STANDING NEXT TO A BUSY ROAD, CARS ZOOMING PAST WHILE HE WAITS FOR A BREAK IN TRAFFIC. A CHICKEN WALKS UP TO HIM AND SAYS, "DON'T DO IT, MAN. YOU'LL NEVER HEAR THE END OF IT."

WHAT IF DOGS FETCH THE BALL ONLY BECAUSE THEY THINK WE REALLY LIKE THROWING IT?



**I CAN DO ALL THINGS
THROUGH CHRIST WHICH
STRENGTHENETH ME.
PHILIPPIANS 4:13-KJV**

Lest We Forget



This is a chalk drawing of Captain Patrick Ferguson, at the battle of Brandywine Creek during the Revolutionary War.

Patrick was a remarkable man. He was born in Scotland. His father was a lawyer and judge and his brother was a member of Parliament. When he was just 15, he joined the Royal British Dragoons rising to the rank of captain by the time of the Revolutionary War.

One of the great accomplishments of Captain Ferguson is his invention of the most accurate sniper rifle of its day, the Ferguson rifle. It could fire six rounds in a minute and hit a bull's-eye at 300 yards.

What this man is remembered for more than his invention was his honor. During the battle of Brandywine Creek, Captain Ferguson and a team of his snipers spotted George Washington and another of his ranking officers. His men started to fire, but he ordered them to let them go. Why? Because he said, "I refuse to shoot even my enemy in the back."

3. King Herod. *Matthew 14.*

SEVENTH: THEY LOVED NOT THEIR LIVES UNTO DEATH.

REV. 12:11

1. John the Baptist. *Matthew 14.*
2. Steven. *Acts 7.*
3. Paul the Apostle. *II Timothy 4.*

Conclusion: *"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world."*

Illustration: I read the story of a little boy who got his hand stuck in a very expensive vase worth a small fortune. They had to break the vase to get his hand free. when they did, they discovered that the boy was holding a coin in his fist and would not let go of it. If he had let go of the coin, his hand would have slipped out of the vase easily. Why the story? Because many people destroy the most wonderful things in order to hold on to that which is of little value.

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)



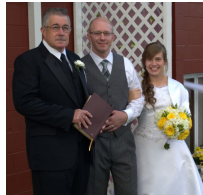
Prayer of Service

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6)

Love Stories



Geoffrey and Cassidy



Nick and Melissa



Benji and Angela



"YOU'RE TICKET IS \$187. ADD A TIP?"



Dr. Greg Neal

The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. (John 19:25-27)

John had a relationship with the Lord unlike anyone else. The bond between Jesus and John was not common to every other disciple or to every other man, for that matter. Often, Jesus would leave the disciples and take only a few of them with him; John was always selected as part of that inner circle. It is clear that John, the beloved disciple, had a unique relationship with Jesus.

Of all the disciples, John was the one who was standing by Jesus' mother. John put himself at great risk as a follower of Christ to be there with Mary that day witnessing Jesus' Crucifixion. This was a most serious hour. This was the direst of circumstances in the lives of those men who followed Christ. John had forsaken all to follow Him; and now the One Whom he loved, the One to Whom he had listened, the One for Whom he had great affection was being crucified. Scripture tells us Jesus was not recognizable as a man. The sight of the Messiah in that state must have been very difficult for John, yet when Jesus addressed His mother, there was the disciple whom He loved standing by Mary. Jesus fulfilled His earthly responsibility as a Son when He spoke to His mother and acknowledged that He had passed the responsibility of her care on to the Apostle John. From the Cross, He spoke to John, **"Behold thy mother!"** Mary was a widow by this time and had nobody to care for her. Although Jesus was the Son of God, Mary was the human instrument by which God brought Jesus into this world. Jesus did not outgrow the responsibility of caring for His mother. He told her that John would be caring for her now. John always seemed to position himself close to Jesus. Scripture tells us there were times he leaned on the Lord. John loved Jesus and had forsaken everything for Him.

Something to “CROW” about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 33 years.
2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 33 years—including two years of COVID.
3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 10th Annual “Old-Time Religion” Conference on June 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 2024.



4. Scheduled Meetings in 2024.



Dr. Greg Neal



Dr. Tom Neal



Joseph
Collingsworth



July 21st
Dr. Bob Gray

Old-Time Religion Conference—June 23rd-25th

THE TEMPTATION TO SING “THE LION SLEEPS TONIGHT” IS ALWAYS JUST A WHIM AWAY, A WHIM AWAY, A WHIM AWAY, A WHIM AWAY.



From our Pastor’s Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth Valentine’s Day

Valentine's Day holds many loving memories for me. Thirty four years ago on February 14th my husband and I (along with our sons, Jarrod and Joseph) had our very first church service in Mogadore, Ohio. In those thirty four years we have had a lot of wonderful days. Our daughter, Jessica was born in Ohio (a true Buckeye nut!). Not all of those days in the 34 years have been sweet. Some of those days were filled with sorrow, heartache and sadness yet even in those days I found a closeness with the Lord that only brought sweetness and peace that He alone can give.

As a wife of 45 years, I can honestly say that marriage is sweeter as the years go by. It's true that being a newlywed is fun and exciting as you begin that new life together, but 45 years (through good times and difficult times) brings a sweetness and a deepening love that can only come with the passing of time.

The same should be true with our relationship to our Saviour, Jesus Christ. After salvation our journey with Him begins anew. As we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, and as we daily fellowship with Him in prayer and in His Word, we should find our relationship with Him growing stronger and sweeter than it was before.

Not every day the Lord gives you is filled with sweet and wonderful things. Many days are filled with struggle, burdens and tears—yet even then He teaches us so much about Himself!

I hope you have trusted Jesus as your personal Saviour, and that you know the sweetness that only Jesus brings with each new day!



Dr. Bob Gray

Soul Winning—An Act Of Love

It is a matter of numbers! If more people go soul winning, more people will have the opportunity to be saved. If you warn more people, you have a greater chance that someone will pray and receive Christ as his personal Saviour.

Acts 17:34 says, “...*Howbeit certain men clave...*” This tells us that not every one trusted Christ, but some did. Not every one followed the Lord in baptism, but someone did. Not everyone stayed in church, but someone did. Not everyone tithed, but someone did. It is a matter of numbers. We must warn many people in order to find the Philippian jailor who will ask, “What must I do to be saved?” **JUST A THOUGHT!**

A TEACHER SAID TO HIS CLASS, "GEORGE WASHINGTON NOT ONLY CHOPPED DOWN HIS FATHER'S CHERRY TREE BUT ADMITTED IT. WHY DIDN'T HIS FATHER PUNISH HIM?" ONE YOUNG STUDENT REPLIED, "BECAUSE GEORGE WAS THE ONE HOLDING THE AX?"



Mozzarella Lasagna

1/4 cup olive oil
8 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1/2 tsp. dried oregano, crushed
1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper
28 oz. can tomato puree

28 oz. can petite-diced tomatoes, drained
4 oz. Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, grated (1 cup)
8 oz. smoked mozzarella cheese, shredded (2 cups)
8 oz. mozzarella cheese, shredded (2 cups)
12 oz. Tuscan kale, stems removed, coarsely chopped

Freshly ground black pepper
3 tbsp. heavy cream
1/2 tsp. sugar
1 large egg
1 tsp. lemon zest
1 1/2 tsp. kosher salt, divided
2 tbsp. dry white wine
1 15 oz. container whole-milk ricotta
12 no-boil lasagna noodles

Covering the lasagna with oiled foil is key to retaining enough moisture to fully cook the no-boil noodles. But removing it at the end is key, too, to brown the tops and edges.

1. For marinara: In a 4- to 5-quart Dutch oven, heat oil and garlic over medium. Cook garlic gently until fragrant but not colored, 3 to 4 minutes. Add oregano and crushed red pepper; cook and stir 1 minute. Add wine; increase heat to medium-high. Cook and stir 1 minute. Add diced tomatoes, tomato puree, 1/2 tsp. salt, the sugar and black pepper to taste. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Simmer 5 minutes to blend flavors. Stir in cream; cook 2 minutes more.
2. For ricotta filling: Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add kale; cook until tender, 5 to 7 minutes. Drain well and spread in a single layer on a large, paper towel-lined baking sheet. Blot with several layers of paper towel to remove excess water.
3. In a medium bowl, whisk together egg, lemon zest, 1 teaspoon salt and additional black pepper to taste. Stir in ricotta, Parmigiano-Reggiano and kale.
4. In a separate bowl, toss the mozzarellas together to combine.
5. Preheat oven to 375°. Spread 1/4 cup marinara over the bottom of a 3-qt. rectangular baking dish. Arrange three lasagna noodles over marinara, leaving a bit of space between them. Divide one-third of the ricotta filling among noodles, spreading to cover noodles. Sprinkle 1 cup of the mozzarellas evenly over ricotta filling. Top with 1 cup marinara. Repeat layers two more times. For the final layer, add the last three noodles on top; cover completely with the remaining sauce.
6. Brush a large sheet of foil with olive oil. Place foil, oiled-side down, over baking dish and cover tightly. Bake 15 minutes. Remove foil; sprinkle remaining mozzarella over top. Bake until lasagna is browned and bubbling at edges, 25 to 30 minutes more. Let stand at least 10 minutes before serving. If you like, sprinkle with additional Parmigiano- Reggiano.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

JOE BIDEN WANTS TO BAN CHRISTIAN FAMILIES FROM ADOPTING CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Joe Biden wants to essentially ban Christians from adopting foster care children based on their religious beliefs and opposition to radical LGBTQ ideology. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has proposed a new rule that would prohibit families who do not support LGBTQ ideology from caring for foster children.

The United States Administration for Children and Families (ACF), a division within HHS, proposed that foster families meet three specific criteria to ensure that LGBTQ-identifying children are in a "safe" and "nurturing" home.

Those criteria essentially force Christian parents to affirm a child's pretend gender as opposed to supporting children truthfully based on their biological sex and providing them appropriate support and resources to move away from the radical leftist ideology that pushes hormones, sex changes and mutilation of children to conform to its extreme sexual agenda.

"Responding to the radical proposal, 19 Republican attorneys general are pushing the Biden administration to back down on a new rule they say will effectively exclude Christian families from fostering kids and jeopardize the foster care system nationwide," Fox News reports.

In addition to discriminating against religion, the attorneys general argue that the proposed rule "will harm children by limiting the number of available foster homes, harm families by risking kinship placements, and harm states by increasing costs and decreasing care options."

Steven Ertelt, lifenews.com

3900 British women hospitalized after botched abortions in 2021

At least 3900 women were admitted to hospitals in England during 2021 due to complications following a surgical abortion.

During November 2023, the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) published new statistics, reporting the rate of complications arising from abortions in England.

According to the OHID, in 2021 there were 19.3 hospital admissions for complications related to incomplete abortions per 1000 abortions conducted in England for residents. Government data indicates a total of 203,662 abortions in England that year. This suggest that at least 3900 women may have been admitted to NHS hospitals in England, due to complications arising from incomplete abortions.

lifeneews.com

What kind of **seed** are you sowing?

MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WAS TO READ MORE, SO I ENABLED THE CLOSED CAPTIONING ON MY TV.



Dr & Mrs.
Bob Gray

Great Expectations

Lee Ann Gray

We need some great expectations in our life. The devil works overtime to defeat us. He wants to steal any desire to do something great for God.

"According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death." *Philippians 1:20*

I am a preacher's wife, and my earnest desire for you is that you enjoy the ministry and serving the Lord as much as I do. I truly do enjoy it. I would not want my husband to go back to work for General Motors for anything. The day he told me he was quitting General Motors I was afraid because I thought he would be there forever. I could have a new car every year if I wanted one. We received a "Class A" discount of 25% off the price of a new car. I had a brand new home and a purse full of credit cards. I had everything I wanted. I had a husband who came home at 4:21 PM every afternoon. We ate supper and by 5:00 PM our family would be doing something together. I had no idea how the ministry would change our lives, but it has been the greatest adventure of my life. It can be for yours, too.

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

Biblical Authority

Autonomy of the Local Church

Priesthood of ALL Believers

Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion

Immersed Church Membership

Soul-liberty

Two officers - Pastors and Deacons

Separation 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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