

“Back To The Basics”



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The Restoration of Appearances

I Timothy 4:12

Introduction: From the time that a person is just a small child he is continuously making decisions about himself: "How should I dress?" "How should I wear my hair?" "How should I act?" Good character is evidenced when the right decisions are made and the right action are displayed as a result of asking these questions. What is good character? Character is when right becomes a habit. What are the origins of the standards of behavior? There are two sources: (1) Uninhibited behavior comes from the Devil (2) Any limitations that are placed upon man's natural behavior and thinking are either directly or indirectly a result of the presence and power of God in the world. How does good character come to people? How can good and right be done?

If we have trusted Jesus as our Saviour from sin and its power over us, we have been washed from natural and past sins. **Romans 3-24-26**. We can be cleansed from present sins by confessing them to God. **I John 1:9**. We receive justification and cleansing as gifts of our salvation. Jesus warns us, however, to keep our hearts, thoughts and motives right because our character is determined by the condition of our hearts. **Proverbs 23:7; Matthew 15:18-20**.

It is not natural nor easy to have good character. We have to work for it. **Romans 7:22-25**
I Timothy 4:12, "... be thou an example ... in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

"*conversation*" is lifestyle, or your appearance. If you are a Christian then look like a Christian.

What can we do to reveal the proper appearances?

FIRST: WE SHOULD BE PHYSICALLY CLEAN. HEBREWS 11:22

This verse instructs us that our bodies should be washed with pure water. Filth as a mark of the person who has turned away from God. **Psalms 14:3**.

1. At least one daily bath or shower is necessary to maintaining clean bodies. Fatigue, food wastes and heal cause poisons to come through the pores onto the skin; we become dirty on the outside just from normal body functions. Added to this dirt is, of course, the dirt that we accumulate from the normal activities of daily life. Application of deodorant is necessary!
2. Many times a day the hands need to be washed. There are germs and dirt in the air and on objects. These germs could cause our bodies to become sick and also to cause others to become ill. One of the instructions which a doctor gives when there is illness within the family is: Wash your hands often.
3. Give attention to fingernails. It is a known fact that dirt harbors germs. Dirty fingernails could also rum the testimony of a person who is witnessing to one who cannot concentrate upon the presentation of the plan of salvation because of being repelled by the dirty fingernails of the soul winner. (This could be said about any phase of cleanliness or good appearance where the soul winner is lacking.)
4. The face should be cleansed more than once a day. People who have skin problems are taught by doctors that it is important to keep the skin clean.
5. The teeth should be cleaned at least twice a day. Food left between teeth decays. This decay contains germs that eat at the teeth and form cavities. Thought should always be given to having

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Modesty

1 Timothy 2:9-10

It is true that God wants a woman to look like a woman, but He wants her to look like a modest woman. It is true that God wants a woman to be distinctly a woman, but she ought to appear plainly to be a woman who saves herself for one man. For him she saves her caresses, the enjoyment of her body, and heart surrender and devotion. One who is a wife ought to have the adornment of a wife. One who hopes someday to become a wife to a good man ought to have the adorning that fits that modest heart, loyal to the one man to whom God gives her and not traitorously squandering on others what should be the joy and comfort of her husband.

John R. Rice

What is the purpose of the lewd pornographic magazines which picture nude women in alluring poses? Is it not deliberate catering to the natural passions of men? Is it not deliberately inciting desire? What is the purpose of those restaurants and nightclubs that put on waitresses with topless gowns? Is it not to attract the lewd who come to enjoy some sexual feeling along with the food and drink? Are not the movies, nearly always made by fallen, immoral men and women—are not these movies that show naked bodies intentionally catering to the profane and lustful crowds in order to get their money?

Then we must honestly suppose that women who expose their thighs, their breasts, their midriffs and outline their forms in skin-tight stretch pants, do it intentionally to attract the desiring gaze of men. So that kind of clothing could not be called “modest apparel”; neither is that kind of woman a modest woman in the Bible sense.



Italian Asparagus Toast

Preheat oven to 400°. On a rimmed baking sheet, toss 20 thin asparagus spears with 2 tablespoons olive oil and season with salt and black pepper; spread evenly. Lay 4 slices prosciutto on one side of sheet. Roast 10 minutes or until asparagus is tender and prosciutto is crisp. Meanwhile, brush olive oil on both sides of 4 slices Italian bread. In an extra-large skillet, toast both sides of bread over medium-high.

Whisk together 1 cup ricotta cheese, 1 teaspoon lemon zest, 3 tablespoons lemon juice, and salt and pepper to taste. Spread on toast. Top with asparagus and prosciutto. Drizzle with honey.

Food



Treasure Hunt

Spring Program—2024

March 24th to May 5th

Wow!

Games



Fun

HORSES



Competitions



Crystal Collingsworth

Abundantly Satisfied

"Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast. How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures!" Psalm 36:6-8

As I read these verses this morning, I couldn't help but ponder on the phrase "**abundantly satisfied.**" Satisfied means to gratify wants, wishes, or desires to the full extent; to supply possession or enjoyment till no more is desired.

In today's society, people are looking in every direction for satisfaction. They turn to the opposite sex, drugs, alcohol, fame and fortune, but they quickly realize that all of these things just leave them wanting for more.

Psalm 36 tells us that God preserves us—He keeps us safe and defends us. It also reminds us of His lovingkindness - His steadfast love and commitment to us. Because of this love and protection, we can trust in Him. We can fully rely on Him, but it doesn't stop there. We can experience His pleasures. In God, we will want no more.

If this does not stir at your heart, I do not know what will. I don't need anything that this world has to offer. If I'm abiding in the Lord and His love, I am abundantly satisfied!

a mouth that does not smell bad and offend other people.

6. A clean handkerchief or tissues should be carried always. This is an important item to aid in personal cleanliness.

SECOND: WE SHOULD BE PROPERLY CLOTHED.

MARK 5:15

The story of the man from whom Jesus cast many devils ends with the man being in his right mind and clothed.

Our clothing should adequately and properly cover our bodies. Certain styles of clothing definitely mark the wicked person. *Proverbs 7:10*, tells us that a harlot is recognizable by her clothing. The style that marked her as such was that which revealed her thigh. Girls and women should know that bad style and fit of clothing cause men to have evil thoughts toward them. By the same token, boys and men should wear properly-fitting clothing.

Our clothing should be appropriate to the person. Girls and women should wear their own kind of clothing and boys and men should wear men's and boy's clothing. The Bible definitely commands this in *Deuteronomy 22:5, Romans 1:26-32*, shows us what can happen as a result of some women wanting to act and dress like men and some men wanting to act and dress like women. Terrible sex acts as well as aggressive women and sissy men are the result. Someone has said, "Clothes do not make the man, but they influence his manners."

Our clothing should be appropriate to the occasion. Extra fancy dress is no more appropriate in school or at a football game than a plaid shirt is at a formal dinner. Our clothing certainly need not be expensive; it should fit well, be neat and clean and appropriate to the occasion.

THIRD: WE SHOULD BE PROFOUNDLY CHRISTIAN.

I COR. 11:6-15

This verse gives definite teaching to men and women regarding their hair styles. We are taught that a lady's hair should be worn long and that it is a shame for a man to have long hair. Length is a relative determination, but even (as the Scripture says here) the conscience can recognize the feminine hair style of a man and the masculine hairdo of a woman. It should always be neat and combed and styled in keeping with the Word of God. *Romans 12:1, "... present your bodies a living sacrifice..."*

Conclusion: When we look at our outward appearance, does it match what we as Christians ought to be on the inside? Does our cleanliness, our style of dress and hair reveal the same testimony which we give concerning the presence of Christ in our lives? We need to give consideration to these characteristics constantly. Do we have good character concerning appearance and being physically clean?

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)

Investing in the Wrong World

"For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Mark 8:36

As we read the Book of Acts, we see one thing about these men that stands out above all others—it is their faithfulness to Christ and their God-given task. They left all for Him; they suffered all for Him. They lived not for this world but for the world to come.

David Livingstone was one of the greatest Christians who ever lived. He gave his life away for Christ in Africa. When he died, they brought his body back to England and buried him in Westminster Abbey. The crowds thronged the streets to pay their tribute to him. But one old man stood alone, weeping as if his heart would break. Who was this man? He was a friend of David Livingstone's. They had been raised together; they had played together. When Livingstone decided to go to Africa, this friend told him he was crazy. He said he was going to stay in London and become rich. He stayed in London; he lived for himself. He was known by very few people, while David Livingstone became the best-known and most greatly-loved man of his day. On the day Livingstone was buried, this man cried out, "I put the emphasis on the wrong world."

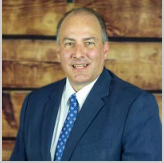
I wonder if you are putting the emphasis on the wrong world. Are you living for self and for the things of this world only? How foolish it is to do that! At the end of the way, there will be nothing to look back upon but a wasted and misspent life—no hope for the world to come. One should give his life to Jesus, live for Him, put Him first, and every good thing will be added unto 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 16th, 17th, and 18th, 2024.



4. Scheduled Meetings in 2024.



Dr. Greg Neal



Dr. Tom Neal

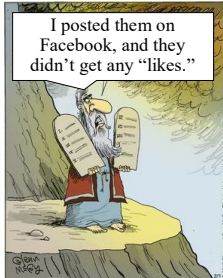
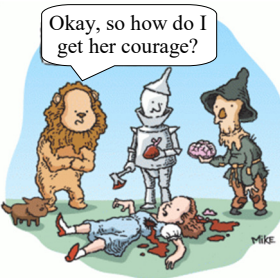


Joseph Collingsworth



July 21st
Dr. Bob Gray

Old-Time Religion Conference—June 16th-18th



Summer's Testimony



Summer Oswald

Dear Pastor,

Today, February 3rd, is my spiritual birthday. I just wanted to take the time to be thankful for God allowing me to be under your preaching because it was here 25 years ago that I received Christ as my personal Saviour.

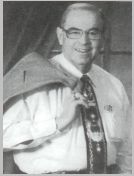
The year before I came to Heritage Baptist Church, I was staying with a relative in California, and almost drowned in the ocean. Then that August my family was invited to Heritage Baptist Church. The more that I listened to you preach was the more I was convinced that the Bible was absolutely true.

It was about 6 months later that I asked my parents if I could go to Heritage Baptist Academy because I knew that Jesus Christ was not welcome in the secular, public school. It was while I was attending the Academy that Chris Baker got saved by trusting Christ as his Saviour. I thought, If Chris has been here all these years and was not saved, then I wonder if I'm saved. Then that Wednesday night you preached on "What You Must Have Known in Order to be Saved." For the first time in my life I felt the weight of sin in my life. I knew I was not saved. That service you gave an invitation to come to the altar. I got up, walked to the altar and got saved. I have never been the same.

Thank you, Pastor, for being faithful.

Love, Summer Oswald

GOD'S OTHER SIDE



*Dr. Jack
Hyles*

His chisel sculpts mountain peaks;
His pitcher pours the lakes.
'Tis through His brush the rainbow speaks;
His fury spawns the quakes.

Yet—
He sees the tear which scalds my cheek,
And notes the drooping shoulder.
He hears the sigh when I am weak,
And knows I'm getting older.
'Tis the OTHER side of God.

His power sends the snowflakes,
like Tiptoeing drops of rain.
His breath sends forth the gentle breeze,
To resurrect the grain.

Yet—
He holds my restless soul at eve,
And feels my heaving breast.
While whispering gently to my toil,
"Come unto Me and rest."
'Tis the OTHER side of God.

He carved the gorges into view,
While morning stars did cheer;
He placed a seven-colored hue,
And made a bow appear.

Yet—
He tiptoes gently to the grave,
And stands beside me there.
He whispers o'er the surgeon's knife,
"My child, you're Mine; I care."
'Tis the OTHER side of God.

'Tis God Whose mighty Voice I hear,
In thundering overhead.
Tornados are His footprints,
Spring winds His gentler tread.

Yet—
He makes the old to pass away,
And maketh all things new.
Then bends His ear to us below,
And whispers, "I love you."
'Tis the OTHER side of God.

A YOUNG MAN INTERVIEWS FOR A JOB AT A DETECTIVE AGENCY. "I HAVE THREE QUESTIONS FOR YOU," SAYS THE INTERVIEWER. "FIRST, WHAT'S 2 + 2?" "FOUR," SAYS THE DETECTIVE WANNABE. "WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU SEE A RED LIGHT?" "STOP." "RIGHT! NOW, WHO KILLED ABRAHAM LINCOLN?" "HMMM..." "WHY DON'T YOU GO HOME AND THINK ABOUT IT." THE YOUNG GUY GOES HOME, WHERE HIS GIRLFRIEND ASKS HOW THE INTERVIEW WENT. "GREAT," HE SAYS. "I'M WORKING MY FIRST CASE."

—SUBMITTED BY MARK BOWLES, GRAND BLANC, MI

SOME THOUGHTS ON MARRIAGE

Ben Franklin said, "Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterward."

Evangelist Billy Sunday said, "Try praising your wife, even if it does frighten her at first."

Someone else (we know not who) said, "In marriage, there are three rings: the engagement ring, the wedding ring and the suffer-ring."

And some lady said, "A husband is one who stands by you in troubles you wouldn't have had if you hadn't married him."

And then one more thing, "Don't marry for money; you can borrow it for cheaper."

How to Get Rid of a Pastor

1. Sit up front, smile and say, "Amen" every time he says something good. He'll preach himself to death.
2. Pat him on the back and tell him what good work he is doing in the church and community. He'll work himself to death.
3. Increase your offering to the church. He'll suffer from shock.
4. Tell him you've decided to join the visitation group and help win souls for the Lord. He'll probably suffer a heart attack.
5. Get the whole church to band together and pray for him. He'll get so efficient that some other church will hear about him and give him a call. That will take him off your hands.



*Dr. Greg
Neal*

Faith Obeys

Hebrews 11:8

One of the reasons Abraham is a hero of the faith is that the Bible says he obeyed. There is perhaps nothing more important to the Christian life than obedience. Obedience shows God that we trust Him, and that is what faith is all about. Abraham began that journey. To his friends, it must have looked as though he had gone crazy. It must have looked as if he were foolish to others around him, but Abraham knew the heart of God. He trusted God enough to pack up his bags and his family and to do exactly what God had commanded him to do. Abraham, who was very wealthy, was willing to risk everything he had in order to do what God had commanded him to do.

God's people need faith more than they need anything else. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. However, we cannot truly have faith without having obedience. Many times, that obedience is blind obedience as Abraham's. Let us be encouraged through this lesson to put our faith in God to such a degree that when He calls us to do that which makes no sense to us, we are willing to obey. We must be reminded that every command of God has a promise. To enjoy the promise, we must obey.

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

MEN POSING AS WOMEN COMPETING IN WOMEN'S SPORTS

NCAA All-American swimmer Riley Gaines and others testified before a House Oversight subcommittee on the Biden administration's proposed rule changes to Title IX to redefine the definition of sexual discrimination to include gender identity.

Women's sports advocate Riley Gaines faced an accusation of "transphobia" logged by a member of Congress at a hearing where a separate witness claimed that preventing male athletes from competing against women enforces sexist stereotypes and that women should "learn to lose gracefully."

Gaines, a former competitive swimmer for the University of Kentucky, testified before the House Oversight Subcommittee about the Biden administration's proposed Title IX rule changes.

During her opening remarks, Rep. Summer Lee (D-PA) stated that the hearing was a necessary discussion but then claimed that it would also force everyone to listen to "transphobic bigotry" from some of the speakers.

Samantha Kamman, christianpost.com

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: This has to be one of the most asinine debates in the history of our nation. Calling a biological male a woman does not change the reality of the man's gender. Perhaps even more insane are the supposedly normal people who are embracing such a radical lie and defending it so viciously. There are only two genders (male and female) (*Matt. 19:4*), and there is no way to transition from one to the other.

SCHOOL ASSIGNS 11-YEAR-OLD GIRL TO SHARE BED WITH TRANS-IDENTIFIED BOY

Christian parents Joe and Serena Wailes (Colorado) are demanding answers from their public school district after they claim their fifth-grade daughter was forced to share a bed with a trans-identifying boy on a school trip...

The Wailes' daughter...was reportedly assigned to sleep alongside a trans-identifying boy... despite assurances from the school that boys and girls on the cross-country trip to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., would have separate sleeping arrangements and even be placed on separate floors.

Serena Wailes told The Daily Signal that she was "really upset" by her daughter's situation, and that she didn't think it was appropriate for an 11-year-old girl to be faced with it.

JCPS made headlines earlier this year for having a system in place by which school officials are able to hide a student's self-declared gender identity from parents and to use their gender identity to determine where they sleep on overnight trips, according to documents reviewed by Fox News Digital.

—Jon Brown, christianpost.com

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



Heritage Baptist
Academy
Commencement
Sunday,
June 9th, 7:00 PM

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Dr. Bob Gray

Conversion

Luke 22:32

Conversion is not just getting saved; that is salvation. Conversion is recycling a person so he can do what he is supposed to do for God. God has a job for each of us, and God has to recycle us so that we can do what God wants us to do for Him. Separation places us in a position of usability so we can do what God put us here to do. Getting right with God is not quitting sin. Getting right with God is getting into a position to work with God in reaching others for God. Are you bringing a profit to God in reaching others for God? Are you profitable to God?

Jesus said to Peter, "**When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.**" You are not converted when you get saved, but when you start strengthening the brethren and reaching others with the Gospel. Salvation and conversion are not the same thing. When Peter Was converted, he preached and 3,000 people were saved and baptized. Conversion is not in being changed but in doing what you were changed to do. Many of God's people are saved but not converted.

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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