

"Restore in 2024"



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The Land of the Free



Introduction: There has never been a nation that has enjoyed more freedom than our nation. America has been blessed exceedingly. But freedom always comes with a price.

I. Consider Your Salvation, 1 Cor. 15:1-4. We find that it took the death, burial and resurrection of Christ to pay the price for our sins.

II. Consider Your Source, James 1:17, "Every good gift ... is from above..."

Illustration: Of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, nine died from wounds from fighting. Five were captured and brutally beaten. Several lost their wives and children. One signer lost all 13 of his children in the Revolutionary War. Seventeen lost everything they owned. Not one defected or went back on his word.

John 8:1-59 reveals the freedom we all should desire and can have.

FIRST: FREE FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN.

JOHN 8:1-20

They brought this woman to Jesus in the court of the women, in the treasury section of the temple (**verse 20**). Their motive: to accuse him and force Him into a dilemma. If He set the woman free, He violated Moses' law (**Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22**); if he had her stoned, He could not claim to be One Who forgives sins. Some suggests that Christ wrote with his finger twice on the ground to remind them of the two tables of the Law, written, with the finger of God (**Exodus 31:18; 32:15-18; 34:1**); The Jews sinned and Moses broke the first table; but God forgave their sin, provided blood sacrifices, and gave them a second table. Christ died for the sins of this woman, and able to forgive her when she called Him, "Lord."

The great I AM statement in **verse 12** follows this incident. As the light of the world, Christ claimed to be God; for God is light (**1 John 1:5**). Darkness speaks of death, ignorance, and sin; light speaks of life, knowledge, and holiness. The light reproves sin (**John 3:20**). The lost sinner lives in darkness (**Ephesians 2:1-3; 4:17-19, and 5:8**) and will spend eternity in darkness (**Matthew 25:30**) if he rejects Christ. The Jews, instead of submitting to Christ, argued with Him in the temple!

SECOND: FREE FROM PERVERTED RELIGIOUS SUBSTITUTES.

JOHN 8:31-40

The Jews who believed (**verse 30**) were cautioned to prove their faith by their faithfulness. Faith in Christ makes one a child of God, but abiding in the Word and knowing the truth (and living it) makes one a disciple. Christ is speaking about spiritual bondage and liberty, not physical or political. The lost sinner is in bondage to lusts and sins (**Titus 3:3**), to Satan, and to the world (**Ephesians 2:1-3**). By receiving the truth in Christ, he is set free!

His opponents, of course, appealed to the fleshly advantages: "We are Abraham's children!" They said the same thing to John the Baptist (**Matthew 3:8-9**). Jesus makes a careful distinction here between Abraham's seed (physically, **verse 37**) and Abraham's children (spiritually, **verse 39**). Paul makes the same distinction in **Romans 2:28-29; 4:9-12, and 9:6**, as well as **Galatians 4:22-29**.

People go to hell because they confuse the physical and the spiritual. Jesus spoke to Nicodemus about a spiritual birth, and he asked about a physical birth (**John 3:4**). Christ offered the woman at the well eternal life (living water) and she talked about literal physical water (**4:15**). THE FLESH PROFITETH NOTHING (**6:63**)! Salvation is a spiritual experience, and human birth has nothing to do with it.

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John R. Rice

America's Heritage

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for his own inheritance." Psalms 33:12.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 14:34.

The Scripture does not say that a nation to be blessed must have every person converted. It does not even say that a majority of the nation must be born-again Christians. It says, 'Blessed is the nation who recognizes the Lord God as their God.'

The Declaration of Independence begins:

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them...

Here is recognized "the laws of nature" as being from God, and the founders of our country acknowledge their responsibility to "the Laws of God."

The second sentence reads:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights...

Men are "created." They did not evolve from animals. They are the work of a "Creator," and that Creator—God endowed men with "certain unalienable rights." That is another way of saying what the national hymn says,

Our father's God! to Thee, Author of liberty. To Thee we sing.

In declaring their independence from Great Britain, the representatives of the United States of America in conclusion said,

We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in general congress, assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions...

That is, they were signing this Declaration of Independence in the fear of God, looking to Him for the righteousness of their action and to reward it. And they solemnly published and declared,

These United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, free and independent states.

"...of right ought to be," and in the Declaration of Independence, as it is engraved on copper and framed in my office, the word "Right" is spelled with a capital R. For the declarers who signed their names meant that God Himself who had created them had established the principles that made them properly free and independent.

I USED TO HAVE A LOT OF FAITH IN HUMANITY BEFORE THE ADVENT OF THE WEBSITE 'COMMENT' SECTION."

WHEN ONE DOOR CLOSSES, ANOTHER OPENS. OR YOU CAN OPEN THE CLOSED DOOR. THAT'S HOW DOORS WORK.

THE BANK KEEPS CALLING ME TO GIVE ME COMPLIMENTS. THEY SAY I HAVE AN "OUTSTANDING BALANCE."

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN YOU GO TO AN ANTIQUE AUCTION AND THREE PEOPLE BID ON YOU.

Lest We Forget



Billy Collingsworth,
US Army Special Forces.
Brother of our Pastor.



David Thomas,
US Marine Corps.
Father of Vida Collingsworth.



Ken Crowe,
US Air Corps.
Husband of Peggy Crowe.



Eric Campfield,
US Navy.
Father of Eve Oswald.

We have lost these for a short period of time. For now, let us remember what they have meant to us.

You Say You're A Christian

You say you're a Christian, but don't 'feel it's necessary' to attend church?

Can a person be saved and not attend church?

Yes, but to be a 'Christian' means to be 'Christ-like', and Christ DIED for the CHURCH!

A Christian out of church is like...

- a student who will not attend classes;
- a soldier who doesn't obey orders;
- a citizen who doesn't pay his taxes;
- a salesman who has no customers;
- an author without readers;
- a parent without a family;
- a bee without a hive.

Rules don't cause rebellion ... they expose it!

THIRD: FREE FROM THE POWER OF SATAN.**JOHN 8:41-47**

Keep in mind that the Bible speaks of four different kinds of "spiritual children." We are born by nature children of wrath (*Ephesians 2:3*); when we reach the age of deliberate sin and rebellion, we become "*children of disobedience*" (*Ephesians 2:2*). When we put faith in Christ, we become children of God (*John 1:12*). But the person who finally rejects Christ and prefers self-righteousness (the devil's substitute) becomes a child of the devil. (See *Matthew 13:24-30,36-43*, where the children of the devil are seen as counterfeit Christians). Jesus points out the characteristics of the children of the devil:

- (1) They will not give place to the Word of God. *Verse 37.*
- (2) They trust in fleshly things—human birth, works, ritual, etc. *Verse 39.*
- (3) They hate Christ and seek to kill Him. *Verses 40,44* (Satan is a murderer)
- (4) They do not love Christ or the things of Christ. *Verse 42.*
- (5) They do not understand the Word. *Verse 43.* (Satan has blinded them)
- (6) They are liars and love lies more than the truth. *Verse 44.*
- (7) They will not hear the Word of God; they hate it. *Verse 47.*

Conclusion: Remember, these children of the devil were not immoral, drunkards, or gamblers; THEY WERE SELF-RIGHTEOUS RELIGIOUS MEN WHO REJECTED CHRIST! Much of what passes for Christianity today is NOT true spiritual, Bible-based religion; but is, instead, the devil's counterfeit (See *II Corinthians 11:14*). Millions of people today are deluded by Satan into a "*form of godliness*" that lacks the power of the Gospel!

Why don't you declare your freedom today? Place your faith in Christ and see what liberty tastes like. Would you pray with me right now?

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*)

Ladies 2024 Retreat
Friday August 16th
7:00PM
All ladies are invited.
Special Speaker:
Mrs. Tracie Burns



North Florida Baptist
College Singers
 Will be with us on
Wednesday, July 10th at
7:30 PM.

**Heritage Highlanders July 2024 Schedule**

Saturday July 6
 After July 4th picnic
Saturday July 13
 Soulwinning

Proverbs 30:8
Romans 10:13

Saturday July 20
 God's Will
Saturday July 27
 How to Treat Others

Hebrews 10:36
Phil. 2:2

I KEEP LOOKING AT MY PAYCHECK, WONDERING WHEN THE GOVERNMENT WORKED THOSE 40 HOURS WITH ME.



Dr. Bob Gray

The Pastor's Job
II Timothy 4:2

The job of the pastor is threefold: to warn you through preaching and teaching, to reclaim you through preaching and teaching, and to build you through preaching and teaching. When tragedy comes into the life of a Christian, the job of the pastor is to salvage. A pastor would rather build than salvage. The pastor often preaches about God being a second-chance God. All of us should be glad that God is a second-chance God. *I John 2:1* says, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." Our God is a recycling God!

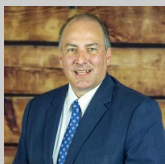
However, I am fearful that we flippantly come in and out of serving God without realizing that when you are away from God and wasting your life, there are serious consequences. In forgiveness, God washes you whiter than snow in His sight; but in man's sight, you never end back at the same place where you left God. When you waste a part of your life, you lose ground and a part of your life. On the other hand, when you do not waste a part of your life, you do not lose ground and a part of your life.

Something to “CROW” about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 34 years.
2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 34 years—including two years of COVID.
3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 11th Annual “Old-Time Religion” Conference on June 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, 2025.



4. Scheduled Meetings in 2024.



Dr. Greg Neal



Dr. Tom Neal



Joseph
Collingsworth



July 21st
Dr. Bob Gray

Best Conference Yet

AN OLD MAN HEARD ABOUT SOME PILLS THAT WOULD RESTORE HIS YOUTH. HE BOUGHT A BOX, BUT INSTEAD OF TAKING ONE EVERY DAY, HE SWALLOWED THE WHOLE BOX ONE NIGHT AT BEDTIME. THE NEXT MORNING, THE FAMILY HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY WAKING THE OLD MAN. AT LAST, HE ROLLED OVER AND RUBBED HIS EYES.

“ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT,” HE GRUMBLED, “I’LL GET UP, BUT I WON’T GO TO SCHOOL.”

A MAN ASKED HIS NEIGHBOR FOR HELP MOVING A SOFA AFTER HE GOT IT STUCK IN THE DOOR. AFTER 20 MINUTES OF PUSHING AND MANEUVERING, THE MAN SAID, “THERE’S NO WAY WERE GETTING THIS INSIDE.” THE NEIGHBOR LOOKED AT HIM SLOWLY. “WAIT. YOU WANT THIS INSIDE?”

Our Forefathers



James A. Garfield became the 20th President of the United States. What some historians brush over is that he was a devout Christian.

As a fact of history, he personally preached a revival meeting in which he preached 19 different messages, with 34 people receiving Christ as their personal Saviour and 31 of them following in believer's baptism by immersion. He also became President of Hiram College and attained the rank of Brigadier General.



Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Story founded the Harvard School of Law. Notice his views on the first amendment to the Constitution:

“We are not to attribute this prohibition of a national religious establishment to an indifference to religion... especially Christianity... at the time of the adoption of the Constitution and the first amendment... the universal sentiment in America was, that Christianity ought to receive encouragement.”



John Jay was a founding member of the American Bible Society as well as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He said of his belief in Christianity:

“By conveying the Bible to people... we certainly do them an act of kindness... The Bible will also inform them that our gracious Creator has provided a Redeemer... that this Redeemer made atonement for the sins of the World.”



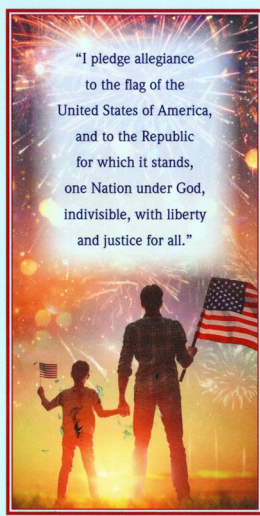
Dr. and
Mrs. Hyles

Jack Hyles On Separation

Is it possible that we have forgotten that God was not looking for ten saved people in Sodom; He was looking for ten righteous people in Sodom. We face a peculiar kind of Christianity where a professed, born-again quarterback gives an interview to Playboy Magazine and implies that Jesus would do the same thing if He were here.

A famous singer who is a professing Christian appears at night clubs, and at giant rallies he testifies concerning his love for Jesus. A publisher of a pornographic magazine says he has been born again yet continues to publish his illicit material. A famous evangelist says that he is not sure if Hell has fire and now we have sodomites preaching that they believe in Jesus.

Genesis, 18:25, "Shall not the judge of the whole earth do right?"



Heritage Baptist Academy



Chris, Benjamin and Ann Baker

***A CUSTOMER AT THE SEAFOOD
COUNTER ASKED THE CLERK TO THROW
HIS SELECTION TO HIM.
"WHY?" THE OWNER ASKED.
"SO I CAN TELL MY WIFE I CAUGHT IT."***

***A PATIENT WAS RECOVERING FROM SURGERY WHEN A NURSE ASKED HOW HE WAS FEELING.
"I'M OK, BUT I DIDN'T LIKE THE FOUR-LETTER WORD THE DOCTOR USED IN SURGERY," HE REPLIED.
"WHAT DID HE SAY?" THE NURSE ASKED. "OOPS!"***



Dr. Greg
Neal

You Should Be Ashamed Jeremiah 6:15

On September 25, 2012, in New York City, there were many different individuals who addressed the United Nations. This statement was made in our country this week, "The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam." Since when is Allah God? Since never! How can we have the slogan 'Tn God We Trust' printed on our money; and also have this statement made, "The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam?" Do we not know what that statement means?

It was not Ahmadinejad who made that statement. It was Barack Obama who made that statement. To be quite honest, if someone has defended him by saying he is not a Muslim, he should be embarrassed. The President of the United States stood in front of the world and condemned anyone who would dare speak against Islam. He also made this statement, "Muslims have suffered the most at the hands of extremism." I would think that the families of the victims of 9/11 and the family of our murdered ambassador would disagree with that statement. Basically, what he said was that those people who dragged our U.S. Ambassador's body out in the street, murdering him, were justified because somebody spoke against the prophet of Islam.

Muslims have suffered most at the hands of extremists? This same week it came out that Muslims in Egypt are targeting US missionary women; but our President warns that no one dare speak against or slander the prophet of Islam! Islam is a false religion. It is an abomination against God. Allah is not God. Allah is the figment of somebody's imagination. There is only one God.

America is in a precarious situation and she does not even realize it. We do not even get embarrassed when these statements are made. We do not even get alarmed when these statements are made. It is not just some reporter on the street saying these things. The President of the United States declared that the Almighty God is not the One True God.

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

PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S DISGRACEFUL REPORT

The Planned Parenthood Corporation (the nation's largest abortion mill) released its annual report in April. The report reveals that they ended the lives of 392,715 unborn babies in 2023.

From the U.S. Treasury, the Biden Administration gave them \$699,300,000 of taxpayer's money. That is the largest amount ever awarded to them.

Planned Parenthood brags about a few other "services" they provide for women but it is glaringly obvious that their main business is the "unplanning of parenthood."

The abortion racket is a shame and disgrace to our nation's name and legacy.

NYC TO PAY OUT \$17.5 MILLION FOR MAKING MUSLIM WOMEN REMOVE THEIR HIJABS FOR MUGSHOTS

New York City has reportedly agreed to pay out \$17.5 million after a class action lawsuit, spearheaded by two Muslim women, claimed that their religious rights were violated after police forced them to remove their hijabs to take a mugshot photo after they were arrested.

... The report mentioned that more than 3,600 people are eligible for payouts under the deal.

...Hijabs are generally worn by Muslim women in observance of the Islamic religion....

—Collin Jones, theblaye.com

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL INVESTIGATES DISTRIBUTION OF AI-GENERATED NUDE PHOTOS OF STUDENTS

A California high school is investigating reports of students sharing nude or inappropriate photos created with artificial intelligence only one month after another Southern California school district expelled five students for distributing AI-generated nude photos of classmates.

Laguna Beach High School, part of the Laguna Beach Unified School District, is the latest school to be involved in an incident surrounding the distribution of inappropriate images generated by AI.

—Samantha Kamman, christianpost.com

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

COMMENTS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

SHOT

"I've spent more time in the Bethel AME church in Wilmington, Delaware, than most people I know black or white, have spent in that church because that's where I started a civil rights movement."

-Joe Biden 1/8/2024. He has previously claimed he got involved due to civil rights, voting, environment, Vietnam war, redlining, opposition to white supremacists, stopping a highway, being a public defender, watching Bull Conner dogs, and more.

CHASER

"I was not an activist. I was not marching. I was not down in Selma. I was not anywhere else!"

-Joe Biden in 1987.

WRONG AGAIN, JOE

"I made it clear to the Israelis - Don't move on Haifa."

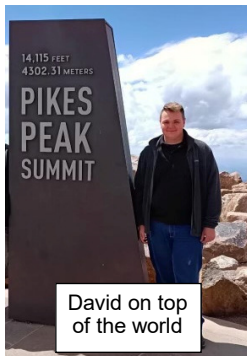
-Joe Biden 4/17/2024 Haifa is a major city in Israel.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

"Are you ready to choose freedom over democracy? Because that's America!"

A cognitively impaired Joe Biden 4/18/2024, making no sense as usual.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DEATH AND TAXES? CONGRESS DOESN'T MEET YEARLY TO MAKE DEATH WORSE.



Delno Billy Collingsworth gave his life on the battlefield in Vietnam on May 30th, which is Memorial Day. May we never forget.



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

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 Franklin Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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