

"Restore in 2024"



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**Pastor & Mrs. C
"Old-Fashioned
Sunday"**

The Genuine Christian

Acts 11:26

INTRODUCTION: Some apply the term Christian to all who have high moral standards and believe in the existence of God. There are others who would claim this title simply because they are members of a church. There are still others who claim the privilege of wearing this title because they have had a conversion experience. Ideally, they have a right to do so. However, the great test comes in what others think of our witness. When they see our lives, are they able to call us Christian? Do they see the evidences of the presence of Christ in our lives? If so, only then should we apply or claim this title for ourselves.

The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch. This was probably a term of derision because they were followers of the crucified Galilean. Evidently they thought and talked and acted in a manner that reminded their contemporaries of the Christ. What would your neighbors say about you? Is it possible for them to see features and characteristics in your life that resemble Jesus Christ? A government official in India once said to some Christian leaders, "If Christians would act like Jesus Christ, India would be at His feet." It is time for us to cease being satisfied with a low level of Christian living. We must demonstrate that genuine Christianity is something more than cushioned pews, enjoyable music, a comforting sermon on Sunday, and business as usual during the week.

What are the characteristics of a genuine Christian?

FIRST: HAS BEEN SAVED.

ROMANS 10:9

It is absolutely impossible for one to be a Christian who does not have a personal redemptive relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus said to Nicodemus, *"Ye must be born again."* (John 3:7). An individual must repent—change his mind—about the nature of God, the nature of sin, about self, and about others. Inseparable from genuine repentance, sincere faith must be placed in Jesus Christ as the Lord of Life (Acts 20:20-21). As man responds to the Gospel with repentance and faith, the Spirit of God brings about the miracle of the new birth within the soul. The believer becomes a child of God (Galatians 3:26). He is now a new creation (II Corinthians 5:17).

The new birth alone does not produce Christ-likeness. The new birth makes possible a growth and development into Christ-likeness. It is impossible for one to be genuinely Christian who has not first had an experience of commitment and conversion.

SECOND: CHOSEN TO SURRENDER.

MATTHEW 4:19

Jesus was surrendered completely to the will of God. *"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."* (John 4:34). His surrender led to Gethsemane and Calvary. *"Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."* (Luke 22:42). Jesus spoke to the Galilean fishermen and said, *"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him."* (Matthew 4:19-20). As they forsook their nets they began the journey that would lead them to the place where others would be able to bestow upon them the title of Christian.

In order to be considered Christian the convert must be identified with Christ through baptism. This is a visible symbol of an institutional relationship to Christ in which the individual accepts the demands and discipline of His lordship. In order to be genuinely Christian the convert must be

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John R. Rice

The Sabbath

I. The Sabbath Given As a Special Sign to Israel

That matter was quite clear to Israel. On Mount Sinai the Lord revealed to Moses that this command was given to Israel as a special covenant between God and that nation. In *Exodus 31:12, 13, 16, 17* the Lord says, *"And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. IT IS A SIGN BETWEEN ME AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL FOREVER: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed."*

Ezekiel 20:12 repeats that explanation of the meaning of the Sabbath. It was a sign between God and Israel.

It becomes clear then by the plain and repeated teaching of God's Word, that the Sabbath is a command to Israel under Mosaic Law as a special sign or covenant between them and God and was never commanded to Gentiles in any dispensation.

When we speak of the Sabbath, then we speak of the seventh day, Saturday, as the Old Testament command of ceremonial law to Jews.

II. New Testament Christians Plainly Warned Against Keeping the Sabbath

Now when we turn again to the New Testament, we find that instead of being commanded to keep the Sabbath, the keeping of the Sabbath is discouraged. In *Colossians 2:14* we are told that Christ blotted out the handwriting of ordinances, since that was against us, *"and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross."* Then we are plainly commanded in the verses *16 and 17: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, OR OF THE SABBATH DAYS: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."*

Let no man judge you concerning the Sabbath days! That was a shadow which was all right until the coming of Christ, but now He is come and the shadow is fulfilled! Therefore no Seventh-Day Adventist nor Jew has the right to pass judgment on any Christian concerning the Sabbath day. The command about the Sabbath day was nailed to the cross with the commands about certain meats and with the other ceremonial laws. God does not want Christians to observe the Jewish Sabbath and plainly says so.

Our Church Ministries

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| 1. Fishermens' Club | 8. Counseling Ministry | 15. Teen Club |
| 2. Phoster Club | 9. Grounds & Maintenance | 16. Junior Church |
| 3. Bus Ministry | 10. Heritage Baptist Academy | 17. Ladies' WMS Ministry |
| 4. Sunday School | 11. Nursery | 18. Ushers |
| 5. Welcome Wagon | 12. Boys Bible Club | 19. Altar Workers |
| 6. Bookstore | 13. Girls Highlander Club | 20. Greeters |
| 7. Music Ministry | 14. Cleaning Ministry | 21. Pulpit Productions |

DURING A BLIZZARD, ALL THE LOCAL HIGHWAY SIGNS WERE COVERED WITH SNOW. THE FOLLOWING SPRING, THE STATE DECIDED TO RAISE ALL THE SIGNS 12 INCHES AT A COST OF \$6 MILLION.

"THAT'S AN OUTRAGEOUS PRICE!" A LOCAL FARMER EXCLAIMED. "I GUESS WE'RE LUCKY THE STATE HANDLED IT AND NOT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT."

"WHY'S THAT?" ANOTHER FARMER ASKED. "KNOWING THEM, THEY'D DECIDE TO RAISE ALL THE HIGHWAYS."



My Favorite Pasta

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| 1 lb long pasta, such as fettuccine, linguine or bucatini | 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese |
| 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil | 4 cups coarsely chopped ripe tomatoes |
| 8 cloves garlic, sliced (1/2 cup) | 1 cup chopped fresh basil |
| 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper | 8 oz. Burrata or fresh mozzarella cheese |
| 1 lemon, zested and juiced | Freshly ground black pepper |

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add pasta; cook according to package directions until al dente. Reserve 2 cups of the pasta cooking water; drain pasta.

While pasta is cooking, in a large, deep skillet, heat olive oil over medium-low. Add garlic and crushed red pepper; cook until garlic is pale golden, about 3 minutes. (Do not let the garlic brown.)

Add drained pasta to pan with garlic; toss to coat. Gradually add 1 cup of the reserved pasta cooking water while tossing pasta until it is glossy and most of the liquid has been absorbed. Add lemon zest, lemon juice and Parmesan to pasta; toss to combine. Add more pasta cooking water as needed to reach desired consistency.

Transfer pasta to a large serving bowl. Let cool until pasta is still warm but no longer hot or steaming, 5 to 7 minutes. (If the pasta is too hot, it will melt the cheese and wilt the basil.)

Add tomatoes and basil to pasta; toss to combine. Tear Burrata and place on pasta. Season with several grinds of black pepper.

sincerely committed to the task of living God's holy law. The Sermon on the Mount will be something more than just a beautiful passage of Scripture.

Commitment to the will of God will express itself in the home, throughout the community, within the business, and in every other area of life.

THIRD: WILLING TO SERVE.

ACTS 10:38

Jesus said, *"My father worketh hitherto, and I work."* (John 5:17). *"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day. The night cometh, when no man can work."* (John 9:4). Someone has said that the best biography of Jesus is that which describes Him as One, *"who went about doing good."* (Acts 10:38). There are many inactive church members, but an inactive Christian is a contradiction of terms, for when we cease to serve, we cease to be truly Christian.

The genuine Christian deliberately gives himself to the task of doing good and does so with humility, with gratitude, and without display. *"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."* (Galatians 6:10).

CONCLUSION: Who is sufficient for this ideal? It is impossible for the convert to be fully surrendered and graciously serving without the leadership and the assistance of the Holy Spirit of God. A part of the wonder and the miracle of the new birth is the coming of the Holy Spirit to dwell within the heart of the believer (Galatians 4:4-6). The Holy Spirit dwells in the heart to produce the fruit of a Christ-like spirit and a Christ-like life (Galatians 5:22-24). Are you genuine?

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)



**Fall
In
America**



A Thirst For Sin

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Matthew 5:6

It is amazing. They seek after it. They scour the Internet trying to find more of it. They speak of it to others every chance they get. They mock it and make humor about it. They think about it every waking hour and often awake in the night with thoughts of it. They have an unquenchable thirst to find more and more of it all the time. They are consumed by their need for more of it.

Who are these people? Are they pedophiles seeking to fill their wicked minds with their devious sins? Are they sex addicts who are seeking to find their next fix of porn to satisfy their lusts? Could it be those who are seeking their filthy lucre and will do whatever it

takes to get more money? Perhaps it is the drug addict who is consumed by thoughts of from whence the next fix is coming.

No, those are not the ones I am referring to here. This is not a chapter about individuals who are caught in the grasp of the obvious vices about which we all are very aware.

Actually, this is about a far more dangerous and maybe more wicked group of individuals who are consumed by the sins of another and just cannot absorb enough. They are "hate" addicts. They are consumed by a hunger and thirst to discover as much bad as they can about someone they have deemed to be evil.

Now I am certain that this will elicit harsh responses from many who have never really stopped to consider this sin as a dangerous and damaging sin, but stop and really take a spiritual look at it and I think you will reconsider. Since when is it righteous to want to discover more sin in another's life?

More sin means more people involved, more hurt and more dishonor to God. Then, since when do we delight in another's sin? Never, never is it right for a true child of God to relish in the news of sin in anyone's life, much less another brother or sister.

The real issue is that these who love to publish the sins of others and taunt them before the very face of God are guilty of the same thing. **John 8:1-11**



Dr. Bob Gray

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.



Food



Treasure Hunt



Fall Program—2024
“Doing Your Part”
October 13th to November 24th

Wow!
Games



Fun

HORSES



Hayrides

Welcome

You came here from there because you didn't like there, and now you want to change here to be like there. We are not racist, phobic or anti whatever-you-are, we simply like here the way it is and most of us actually came here because it is not like there, wherever there was.

You are welcome here, but please stop trying to make here like there.

If you want here to be like there you should not have left there to come here, and you are invited to leave here and go back there at your earliest convenience.



From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth

Communication - A Key to Every Relationship

We live in a day and age that has so many technical advances in communication. We can easily pick up our cell phone to call, text or e-mail. And yet in this age of convenience we still find a lack in communication. What is it? It is your voice!

I love the ability to quickly text or e-mail, but how often has your phone auto corrected your message, or you wondered about what they really meant by the text, (angry, mad... don't really care etc.)

Why? What was missing? It's your voice! Today people's social skills are lacking because they can text, but they don't know how to properly answer the phone.

In every area of life (home, work, church) we need to work on our communication. Here are some steps to help us:

1. **Communicate with God in prayer and in His Word.** Don't leave this out for any reason. Ask the Holy Spirit to direct your thoughts, speech and actions. *Psalm 5:2-3, Psalm 66:19*
2. **Think before you speak.** This is not always easy. My mom would tell me, “You have one mouth and two ears think twice as much as you speak.” *James. 1:19*
3. **Don't assume.** Don't assume people know or understand what you're trying to say. Be willing to not only talk, but to listen.
4. **Don't trust your feelings.** *Proverbs 12:15* Seek godly counsel. The pastor looks at all sides of the issues and has wisdom and discernment to see the consequences down the road. Be open minded, with a surrendered heart. Don't manipulate in your conversation to get your way. *Proverbs 19:20-21*
5. **Pray for wisdom.** Sometimes our words are misunderstood because we don't consider how they're said. *Illustration:* A teenager answers a parent and the parent replies, “Do not answer me in that tone of voice.” and the teenager says, “I didn't mean it that way.” But it was the flippant way, or the tone in their reply, that caused the reaction. God warns us about the dangers in not bridling our tongue. *James 3:5-6, Psalm 32:9, Psalm 39:1*
6. **Give patience and understanding realizing that people are human.** People may be carrying a burden or heartache that you are not even aware, so we certainly need God's help in every area of communication, every day of our life.



Dr. Al Lacy

Purified And Preserved

Psalm 12:6

God's Holy Bible is as perfect in ENGLISH as it was in Hebrew and Greek BECAUSE it is just as inspired! If the King James Bible is the word of God (which I have even heard Alexandrians call it!), then it has no errors in it. If, on the other hand, it is NOT fully the Word of God but only contains PORTIONS of the Word of God, then we expect to find errors in those parts that are not the Word of God.

In regard to the first proposition... my reader should keep in mind that in spite of all its critics, NO ERROR of any kind has ever been proven within the text of the AV1611 King James Bible. This cannot be said of ANY other English "bible"!

The most popular one of all today is the New International version. Let me quote from its Preface. On page 2 of the Preface, it says, "There is a sense in which the work of translation is never wholly finished. This applies to all great literature and uniquely so to the Bible. In 1973 the New Testament in the New International Version was published. Since then, suggestions for CORRECTIONS and REVISIONS have been received from various sources. The Committee on Bible Translation carefully considered the suggestions and adopted a number of them."

I have capitalized a couple of words in order to draw your attention to them. Do you see what the NIV's own translation, committee says about what they have produced and called a "bible"?

New Testament that they put out in 1973 had ERRORS that needed CORRECTING AND REVISING... so they took suggestions from advisors and "adopted a number of them." They CORRECTED and REVISED "a number" of the errors. Hmpf! Wouldn't you say by this that they purposely left some of the mistakes? One thing you HAVE to agree on is they admit their 1973 new testament had errors. From their own mouths, we hear that CORRECTIONS and REVISIONS were necessary... and were MADE.

The NIV people themselves used the words "CORRECTIONS" and "REVISIONS." To be sure we are not misunderstanding these "godly" men, let us consult the dictionary...

- Correct:**
1. to make right
 2. to mark the errors of
 3. to punish or discipline
 4. to remove or counteract a defect
- Revise:**
1. to read over carefully and correct, improve, or update
 2. to change or amend

Under "correct," numbers one, two, and four apply. Under "revise," both definitions apply. The NIV committee readily admit that their 1973 new testament was WRONG, for it had to be "made right" ... that it had ERRORS ... that it had DEFECTS ... that it needed to be CORRECTED, IMPROVED, and AMENDED. And they had the unmitigated gall to call the thing a NEW TESTAMENT!



Mrs. C showing Pastor around West Point

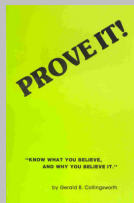
MOM'S FAVORITE SAYINGS

1. What part of no don't you understand?
2. I don't care who started it!
3. Money doesn't grow on trees.
4. Your face is going to freeze like that.
5. Your hands are not broken.
6. Beds are made for sleeping, not jumping.
7. No one said life is fair.
8. Eat your vegetables.
9. I don't know is NOT an answer.
10. Because I said so...That's why!

Books by Pastor Collingsworth



Straight To The Heart



Prove It!



**Help, I've Fallen.
But I Can Get Up.**

Available in the Fundamental Treasures Bookstore

Lest We Forget



What few even consider of West Point is it's hundreds of fallen soldiers buried there.

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

The Deep State Exists

"While the DOJ and FBI were doing their best to hide and spin the Biden corruption scandal, other members of the Deep State from the intelligence community were also running political interference. Fifty one intelligence officials, including four former cabinet secretaries from the Department of Defense, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the National Security Agency issued a public letter declaring that the Hunter Biden laptop "has all the classic earmarks of a Russian information operation" an absurd falsehood that the intel officials manufactured after admitting they had not even looked at the laptop themselves. Of course, these officials knew the media would run with headlines designed to convince the people that the laptop was some sort of Russian plant. When later confronted (sadly, after the election) with their lies, not a single one of them apologized. In fact, many have stated that they are proud they helped take down Trump."

Kash Patel, Government Gangsters

COURT RULES AGAINST YOUNG STUDENT'S RIGHT TO SPEAK THE TRUTH

In a disappointing ruling, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit ruled that a Massachusetts school had the authority to forbid student Liam Morrison from wearing a shirt to school that read, "There are only two genders." Liam's middle school actively promotes radical gender ideology through posters and school events, and yet it silenced Liam for expressing the truth.

—Alliance Defending Freedom

KAMALA HARRIS PROMISES TO IMPOSE ABORTION ON ALL FIFTY STATES

Kamala Harris promised to use the federal government to expand abortion nationwide, because Americans cannot "truly be prosperous" without abortion, and pro-life Americans are "out of their minds," said Harris while accepting the Democratic presidential nomination Thursday night.

Harris basked in the glow of the audience as she stood at the podium of the United Center in Chicago to deliver, an acceptance speech long on personal history but slight on policy specifics, aside from a vow to extend the abortion industry into all 50 states irrespective of each state's individual laws.

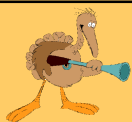
"When Congress passes a bill to restore reproductive freedom, as President of the United States, I will proudly sign it into law," Candidate Harris vowed ...

Although Harris did not name a specific bill, the Biden-Harris administration has endorsed the so-called "Women's Health Protection" Act, which goes far beyond the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling by striking down more than 1,300 state pro-life protections.

Ben Johnson, LifeNews

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

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! 2023 Turkey Shoot Champions



Fathers' 1st Place
Gerald
Collingsworth



Fathers' 2nd Place
Jeff Oswald



Sons' 1st Place
Ethan
Spencer



Sons' 2nd Place
Jacob Gregory

Top guns:

Pastor Collingsworth — 5 First Place and 5 Second Place
Ken Watson — 3 First Place and 4 Second Place
Jeff Berezne — 3 First Place and 1 Second Place



Who Will Be Top Gun in 2024? 29th Annual Father & Son Turkey Shoot And Chili Supper

Saturday, November 9th
From 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM



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 in England
- **John Franklyn Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year and might be the greatest Baptist pastor

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