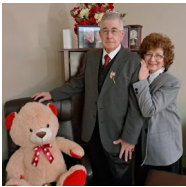


"Together We Strive In 2025"



FROM THE DESK OF:

GERALD B. COLLINGSWORTH, PASTOR



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The Resurrection

Matthew 28:1-20

INTRODUCTION: This chapter records the Resurrection of the King and forms the great climax to the Amazing Book of Matthew.

FIRST: THE PREEMINENCE OF THE RESURRECTION.

1. It proves He is the Son of God—*John 10:17-18*.
2. It attests to the truth of Scripture—*Acts 2:31* with *Psalms 16:10*.
3. It assures us of our own future resurrection if we die—*I Thess. 4:14*.
4. It is a proof of future judgment upon the wicked—*Acts 17:30-31*.
5. It is one of the central truths in the Gospel—*I Corinthians 15:1-6*.
6. It is the basis for our future inheritance—*I Peter 1:3*.
7. It is the foundation for Christ's heavenly priesthood—*Hebrews 7:23-28*.
8. It gives power to the Christian life—*Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 1:18-20*.

SECOND: THE PROOF OF THE RESURRECTION.

MATTHEW 28:7-15

1. The resurrection of Christ is an accepted historical fact, and the person who questions or denies it must offer the proof that He did NOT arise from the dead. The same Satan who tried to destroy Christ on the cross now wants men to believe that He is still dead! It was Satan, the liar, who was the author of the conspiracy between the Jews and the soldiers in *Matthew 28:11-15*.
2. Christ's PERSON demands that He be raised from the dead. As the Son of God, He could not be held by death (*Acts 2:24*).
3. Christ promised he would be raised from the dead. His virtuous life proved that he always told the truth, and even His enemies could find no fault in Him. Either He came out of the tomb, or He was a liar.
4. Eyewitnesses testified that they had seen Christ (*Luke 24:33-36; John 20:19,26; Acts 1:3,21-22*). At one time, over 500 people saw Christ alive (*I Corinthians 15:6*). Some unbelievers say that these early witnesses were "hypnotized" or that they suffered from "self-imposed hallucinations." But it would be impossible to fool 500 people at one time!
5. The change in the early believers proves He arose from the dead. When you stop to think that Peter and the other apostles did not expect the resurrection, the remarkable change in their lives proves that they must have met Christ. Peter was a frightened coward one day, and a mighty preacher the next!
6. Paul's conversion (*Acts 9*) proves that Christ was alive. No "delusion" or "myth" could change this dedicated Jewish rabbi into a fiery Christian preacher.
7. The existence of the New Testament, the continuation of the church, and the significance of the Lord's Day, are all proofs that Christ is alive.
8. Of course, the best proof is the conversion of a sinner. "You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!"

We must admire these women for their devotion to Christ. God rewarded their love by allowing them to see the empty tomb and hear the message of the resurrection from the angel. The stone was not rolled away to allow Christ to come out; it was rolled away to allow men to look in and see that He was gone! The true message is "Come and see... Go and tell!" Every Sunday is resurrection day for the

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**Dr. Jack
Hyles**

The Resurrected Saviour **Hebrews 9:11-26**

Now, you listen to me. Jesus as the sacrifice is not the total Saviour. Unless Jesus is at the right hand of the Father pleading our case tonight as our high priest, we're still not saved. There are three parts to the Gospel. First is the what? Death. Then the...? Burial. Why was the resurrection necessary? Because the high priest, Jesus, had to be raised from the dead so He could become our high priest and take the blood into the holy of holies.

When Jesus was raised from the dead, He saw Mary Magdalene. She said, "Rabboni," which means, "Master." He said, "Don't touch me. Touch me not!" Why? Because nobody could touch the high priest from the time he took that blood from the altar and walked to that mercy seat. If anybody did touch him, the sacrifice was invalid.

Jesus died on the cross as our Lamb. That's all that preacher in his letter says is necessary, but he's full of prunes! I mean, if he's right, then the lamb on the altar is all that is necessary, but, blessed be God, we've got to get that blood on the mercy seat! To get that blood on the mercy seat, we've got to have a resurrected Saviour because He is our High Priest!

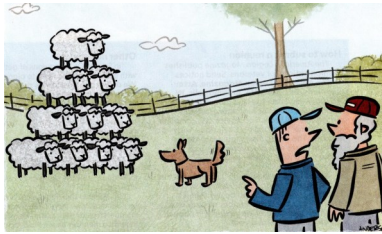
Why couldn't Mary Magdalene touch Jesus? Because He was on His way with the blood to Heaven to sprinkle His blood on the heavenly mercy seat in the presence of Jehovah God Himself in the heavenly tabernacle not made with hands. Mary could not touch Him.

Wait a minute. He came back a little while later when the disciples were in the upper room. Thomas came in and said, "I won't believe it until I see the nail prints." Jesus said, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side." Why did He tell Thomas to touch Him? Because since He said to Mary Magdalene, "Don't touch Me," He had been to Heaven, sprinkled the blood on the mercy seat and had come back; now He could be touched. So He was our atonement.



**"I'd like to invent the
concept of a vowel."**

***I USED TO PLAY PIANO BY EAR, BUT NOW
I USE MY HANDS. IT'S MORE EFFICIENT.***



**"I gotta tell ya, that dog of
yours is one in a million."**



**Too Cute Not
To Put In**

***"I USED TO THINK THE SECRET TO HAPPINESS WAS
FINDING THE PERFECT JOB, BUT NOW I REALIZE
IT'S ABOUT FINDING THE PERFECT COUCH.
COMFORT IS EVERYTHING." - RAY ROMANO***

***I'VE BEEN BORED RECENTLY, SO I DECIDED TO TAKE UP
FENCING. THE NEIGHBORS KEEP DEMANDING I PUT IT BACK.***



Dr. Tom Neal

The Resurrection Is Part Of The Faith **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

In Jude verse 3, the Bible says, that ye should earnestly contend for the faith... Earnestly means with some effort or working with diligence. In the context of this little book, Jude is speaking to you, to me, and to every Christian. He is speaking to those who have experienced the common salvation. He is not saying that salvation is just a common thing, but he is saying that everybody that has ever been saved has been saved the same way. It ought to stir you to think that when Peter said like precious faith, he was talking about the faith you and I have. Hence, Jude says to those who have been saved, you are supposed to be contending for the faith. You should not just contend, but earnestly contend for the faith. Contending should be a priority at the top of the list. I am afraid that many people do not understand what the Bible is saying when it says contend for the faith.

If the Bible tells us that we ought to do something earnestly, we should find out what God expects from us. As I began to study what the word contend means, it became a word that I love. I realized the word contend means "to strive, to judge, or to enter into judgment." People should strive and learn to judge regarding the faith. I am told by God to enter into judgment about the faith and to judge differently. We are to judge our faith differently than we would judge the color of a carpet, the color of a building, or anything else that really does not amount to anything with eternal value. I discovered that this is the same word that is used in Nehemiah Chapter 13. Nehemiah said, "I contended with them and cursed them." I have never cursed people publicly, but I have contended for issues of the faith. God wants us to earnestly contend for the faith. Contending is not only my responsibility but also the responsibility of everyone who is saved. Every preacher, layman, soulwinner, and child of God is responsible to earnestly contend for the faith.

believer. Keep in mind that the empty grave-clothes in the tomb were lying there in the shape of the body of Christ Like an empty cocoon. This proves his body was not stolen, but that He arose THROUGH THE CLOTHES and left them behind. If His body had been stolen, it was stolen by either friends or enemies. If by enemies, they would have produced it and silenced the disciples. If by friends, they would not have willingly given their lives for a lie.

THIRD: THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION.

MATTHEW 28:16-20

Have you noticed the mountain scenes in Matthew? You have the Sermon on the Mount in *Matthew 5-7*; the Transfiguration in *Matthew 17*; the Olivet Prophecy in *Matthew 24-25*; the crucifixion on Mt. Calvary in *Matthew 27*; and now the final meeting with the disciples on a mountain in Galilee. Note the "universals" in this passage:

1. All power (authority)—This was no more the humble peasant of Galilee, but the mighty Son of God! In His death and resurrection He had conquered Satan, sin, and death; and God had given all authority into His hands. In Matthew 4:8-10, Satan had taken Christ to a mountain and offered Him all the kingdoms of the world. Here on this Galilee mount, Christ proclaimed that He now had all authority, and that Satan had been defeated!
2. All Nations—"Teach" is actually "Make disciples." This is a commission to take the Gospel to all nations, and is a definite change from where the commission was limited to the Jews only. Evangelism alone is not the commission; after people are won they should be baptized, which suggests a local church fellowship. They should also be taught, which suggests the teaching and preaching of the Word of God. Please keep in mind that our commission is not simply "to win souls." It is to "make disciples"—which includes winning them, bringing them into a Christian fellowship, and building them up in the faith. No group can do this better than the local church.
3. All things—A disciple is a learner, and he is to be taught "all things whatsoever I have commanded you." This includes the whole Word of God. Man is to live "by EVERY word of God." "ALL Scripture... is profitable..." The church that fails to teach people the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27) is not obeying the Great Commission.
4. "Alway"—What a tremendous promise: "I am with you alway!" In *Matthew 1:23*, He was called "Immanuel"—God with us; and here He reaffirms that Name. He is with us through His Spirit, in His Word, by His providential care, and with his divine presence. This is the promise that carried Livingstone into the heart of darkest Africa, and that encouraged and enabled messengers of Christ down through the years.

CONCLUSION: Matthew ends his Gospel with a responsibility on the part of the Christian—to take the Gospel to all men. Not all will be saved, but deserve a chance to hear the Gospel at least once, but remember it was the resurrection that changed everything.

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)



Dr. Greg Neal

Alone With God *Deuteronomy 34:5-8*

Even in his final words to the people, Moses kept reminding the people from where they had come and to where they were going. He admonished them to obey the Lord fully so that they could enjoy all of His blessings. Most of all, he reminded them of the wonderful graciousness of God toward them and of His perfect love. Moses was not bitter even though he had been through many trials in his one hundred twenty years. He was not bitter at the people, nor was he bitter at God. Many Christians get bitter as they get older because they become disillusioned by people or even feel let down by God. If any man had a reason to feel that way, it was Moses; however, he did not let himself forget how good God was. We, too, must remind ourselves throughout our lives of the goodness and graciousness of our God.

It is very interesting to note that Moses spent his final moments on this earth, not with family or friends, but alone with God. That was how he had spent nearly two thirds of his life. Perhaps Moses sat on a rock at the top of Mount Pisgah and thought of his life and remembered all that God had done through him in his long and fruitful life. It must have been a moving time as he realized just how good God had been to him. No final words are recorded for Moses. Perhaps they were too sacred for our ears, or perhaps God decided to keep them just between Him and His faithful servant. It is impossible not to wonder at what all transpired between God and Moses in those final moments of his life.

Something to “CROW” about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 35 years.
2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 35 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 2025.



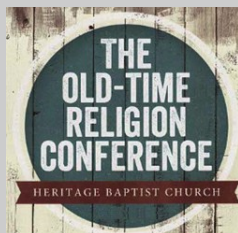
Dr. Greg Neal



Dr. Tom Neal



Joseph
Collingsworth



August 3rd
Dr. Bob Gray

June 22, 23, 24



Heritage Highlanders April 2025 Schedule

Saturday April 5
Prayer

Saturday April 12
Soulwinning

James 5:16

John 3:36

Saturday April 19
Resurrection Rolls
Saturday April 26
Trust

John 11:25

Proverbs 3:5-6



From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

Last month (March) I celebrated my spiritual birthday! How I rejoice in God's grace and mercy in my life! As a little girl I was brought up to have a belief in God. I was raised Catholic and did all the religious ceremonies that were required. I even thought my Italian heritage was going to get me preferential treatment in God's sight, but as I grew older I began to question whether there was really a God.

I had been witnessed to in the graveyard at the West Point Cemetery at the military academy at West Point, New York. The young man asked me if I knew Jesus loves me. I replied no, thinking he was asking me if I knew the words to the song. He spent some time witnessing to me, but I remembered nothing but the question, "Do you know Jesus loves you?"

Two years later my sister invited me to a Bible study in her apartment. I argued with her about the very existence of God, yet all the while in my mind I was saying, "You know there's a God, why are you arguing?"

As I had no Bible, my sister encouraged me to buy a King James Bible. I went to the local mall bookstore and stood in front of their tiny section of Bibles. I was there for a long time, picking up and putting back the Bibles. As I debated whether or not to go forward with a purchase I know the Lord spoke to my heart and said this book has every answer to all your questions.

I did purchase a King James Bible and went to the Bible study that evening at my sister's apartment. Several people were there. The man in charge asked me why I had come. I told him I came because I was ignorant about the Bible. He opened the Bible and took me from Genesis to Revelation. As he showed me the Scriptures I saw my sin and I knew that if I was the only person on earth Jesus would still have had to shed His sinless blood as payment for my sins.

I was so bothered about my sinful condition I almost got up and left, but thank God I did not! That night I trusted Jesus as my Saviour. I no longer put my trust in myself, my heritage, a church or religious ceremonies. I put my faith and trust in Jesus, and Jesus alone!



John R. Rice

The Influence Of The Bible

Hebrews 4:12

Christian morality comes only from the historic Christian faith, the old-time religion. It comes from knowing and loving the Word of God.

More than a century ago religious convictions and influence had so declined in England that the country seemed about to follow the convulsions of the French Revolution. The Gospel was rarely preached in the state churches—the Anglican church. The clergy themselves were usually Deists, unconverted, unbelievers in the historic Christian faith and given to gambling and drunkenness and bribery. The government was corrupt on nearly all levels. Laborers were exploited. Little children were sometimes compelled to work twelve hours a day in the mines and elsewhere. Prisons were disgraceful. There were almost no hospitals, no homes for orphans and very little public education. Unrest and wickedness seethed everywhere.

And then John Wesley and his helpers were used of God to bring about a great revival. He preached to thousands in the fields. He was stoned, slandered, abused, shut out of the churches, yet thousands were saved, and a conscience of England revived. Those influenced by the Wesleyan revival helped lead in abolishing slavery and making decent laws in caring for the orphans and for the sick.

Lest We Forget



Major Bruce Crandall

The three-day battle, Nov. 14 to 16, left 79 infantrymen and one Air Force pilot dead and another 130 men wounded, some of them horribly, Galloway said. It happened in a space no bigger than a football field. It was followed a day later, 14 miles away, by the battle at LZ Albany, during which 154 American troops were killed in an ambush. The two battles were part of the 34-day Pleiku Campaign, which lasted from Oct. 23 to Nov. 26, 1965. Counting the skirmishes before and after the two major battles, 305 Americans died - more than in the entire first Gulf War, Galloway said.

According to the Medal of Honor citation: "Major Crandall's bravery and daring courage to land under the most extreme hostile fire instilled ...in the ground forces, the realization that friendly wounded would be promptly evacuated. This greatly enhanced morale and the will to fight at a critical time." The citation further reads:

"He completed fourteen landings on medical and re-supply missions under intense enemy fire and retired from the battlefield only after all possible service had been rendered to the infantry troops."

Of 31 helicopter loads of ammunition and supplies brought into the LZ after it was closed, Crandall's helicopter flight brought in 28. And of the approximately 78 wounded in action who were evacuated, Crandall's flight took out 70. Crandall's courage is depicted in the movie "We Were Soldiers," adapted from the book "We Were Soldiers Once...And Young," by Moore and Joe Galloway, a United Press International war correspondent who experienced the battle at LZ X-Ray with Moore's men.

**IF I HAD TO DESCRIBE MYSELF IN ONE WORD, IT WOULD BE,
"NOT VERY GOOD AT FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS."**

**IT'S ALLERGY SEASON AGAIN? YOU'VE
GOT TO BE POLLEN MY LEG.**

Healthy Breakfast Cookies

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| 1 1/4 cups certified gluten-free rolled oats (not quick-cooking) | 1 tsp ground cinnamon | 2 tbsp ground flaxseed |
| 1/2 cup mashed ripe banana (about 1 large banana) | 1/2 tsp baking soda | 3 tbsp liquid virgin coconut oil |
| 1/2 cup smooth almond butter, stirred | 1/2 tsp fine sea salt | 1 tsp pure vanilla extract |
| | 1/2 cup almond flour | 1 cup add-ins of your choice (I like a mix of dried blueberries, pumpkin seeds, and chopped walnuts) |
| | 1/4 cup brown rice flour | |
| | 3 tbsp pure maple syrup | |

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In a large bowl, stir together the rolled oats, cinnamon, baking soda, sea salt, almond flour, and brown rice flour until combined.

In the bowl of a food processor, combine the mashed banana, almond butter, maple syrup, ground flaxseed, coconut oil, and vanilla. Process on high until the mixture is smooth.

Scrape the almond butter mixture into the large bowl with the oats and flour mixture. Throw your add-ins into the bowl. Stir the mixture with a spatula until you have a unified and very stiff cookie dough.

Drop 2 tablespoons of dough per cookie onto the prepared baking sheet. Flatten each mound of dough with the palm of your hand. Slide the baking sheet into the oven and bake until lightly golden brown, about 15 to 17 minutes. Cool cookies completely before storing in an airtight container. These will last on the counter for 5 days. You can also wrap each cookie individually with plastic wrap and freeze them.



Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

Boston University Offers Class On 'Genderqueer Monks'

A graduate-level course at Boston University called "Medieval Trans Studies" is being mocked and criticized for claiming the modern-day transgender movement can be traced back to the merry old days of knights, kings, and castles.

The course description states the class will explore the "deep histories of transgender embodiment by exploring literary, historical, medical; and religious texts from the Middle Ages."

The famous public university, founded by Methodists in the 1800s, has approximately 37,500 students.

According to the university website, the person teaching "Medieval Trans Studies" is Assistant Professor Micah Goodrich. The professor calls himself a "trans literary scholar" and refers to himself with illogical "they" pronouns.

BIDEN AWARDS PRESIDENTIAL MEDALS TO FAR-LEFT RADICALS

In one of the final acts of his 55-year political career, outgoing President Joe Biden distributed prestigious awards to a bevy of left-wing activists. At a ceremony on (Jan. 2), Biden awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom—the nation's highest civilian honor—to longtime Democrat Hillary Clinton, and billionaire George Soros, as well as pro-abortion rock star Bono, LGBT activist Tim Gill, and climate change activist William Sanford Nye, best known as "Bill Nye the Science Guy." Biden also awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal to pro-abortion radical Eleanor Smeal and LGBT activists Mary Bonauto and Evan Wolfson.

In comments to The Washington Stand, Mary Szoch, director of the Center for Human Dignity at Family Research Council said, "President Biden's current recipients of these various medals worked the majority of their careers to undermine true freedom and advance the culture of death."

On "Washington Watch," Family Research Council president Tony Perkins said that the billionaire Democrat mega-donor Soros, "has done more to undermine democracies around the globe with his funding of leftist policies, pro-abortion, radical policies that he pushes than just about anyone else. Rep. Erin Houchin (R-IN) agreed, observing that giving the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Soros is "a slap in the face to crime victims across the country, to "conservative Americans," because Soros, "has made it his mission to undermine every American city that he can by funding the campaigns of soft-on-crime prosecutors who will not prosecute even property crimes, let alone other crimes." She said that granting the award is a way for Biden "to poke the American people in the eye on his way out of office, and it's sad."

S.A. McCarthy, The Washington Stand

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

A man visited his doctor, and the doctor checked him over before commenting,

"You look like you get a fair amount of exercise."

The man replied, "Oh yeah. In fact, just the other day, I walked five miles over rugged terrain.

Then I waded along the edge of a lake, going through thistles and sliding down sandy slopes."

The doctor was impressed. "Well, you are certainly a dedicated outdoor enthusiast."

The man replied, "Not really, doctor. I'm just a really bad golfer."

Spring Program—2025

April 13th to May 25th

HORSES

Food



Treasure Hunt

Wow!
Games



Fun



Hayrides

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 Franklin 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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