

"Together We Strive In 2025"



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The Sacredness Of Marriage

Matthew 19:1-12

INTRODUCTION: Marriage is sacred! Marriage is for as long as the couple lives. Many books, movies, and magazines make a mockery of marriage. They encourage adultery and premarital sex. Sex outside of marriage is sin. If man repents God forgives the sin of adultery. However, it is a sin that man never forgets. In America we have a 50% divorce rate; one out of every two that gets married gets a divorce.

FIRST. THE PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE.

MATTHEW 6:33

- A. Prepare mentally. Maturity is a must. A marriage is not on a trial basis (**Mark 10:9**). Not only do you make the vows to each other, you make them to God. He will hold you responsible.
- B. Prepare spiritually (**Amos 3:3**). Both people should be of the same faith.
- C. Prepare financially (**1 Timothy 5:8**). It's a shame and a sin to marry and bring children that you cannot support into this world.

Illustration: I have known young people that have decided to get married with getting counsel one time, or reading so much as one book on how to have a good marriage. That is insane!

SECOND. THE PLAN FOR MARRIAGE.

MATTHEW 19:5

- A. Sharing (**Genesis 2:18-23**). Man could not live alone so God created a woman. Marriage brings two people together and makes them one!
- B. Surrender (**Genesis 2:24**). Both husband and wife work as a team. "Me," "mine," and "my" become "ours."
- C. Submission (**Ephesians 5:22-24**). Wives should submit to their husbands.
- D. Showing (**Ephesians 5:25-32**). Love your wife as you love yourself. The wife should respect the husband.

THIRD. THE PRACTICE IN MARRIAGE.

EPHESIANS 5:25

- A. Control (**1 Corinthians 13:5**). Real love will overlook mistakes and failures.
- B. Co-operation (**Amos 3:3**). The husband and wife must agree and work together. They should sit down and discuss differences without anger.
- C. Character (**Ephesians 5:23**). The husband is the head of the house. To be an effective leader the husband needs wisdom from God.
- D. Conflicts. Talk things over. Learn to "give and take."

FOURTH. THE PROBLEMS IN MARRIAGE.

EPHESIANS 5:33

- A. The Attitudes.
 - 1. Lack of love.
 - 2. Lack of trust
 - 3. Lack of respect, and
 - 4. Lack of understanding will cause problems in marriage.
- B. The Adultery
 - 1. Start—begins with lust (**Matthew 5:27-28**). Adultery begins in the heart.

Continued



Jack and
Beverly
Hyles

FIGHT FOR THE BIBLE

I will tell you something else that it took. When I knelt there as a little lad in 1937, it took a message, a plan, and an institution. Fourthly, it took a Book. That Bible that you hold, the King James Bible, is as much a part of the faith as the cross of Calvary. Somebody has got to give us a word-for-word description of it. God has given us a Bible and has preserved that Bible for us. That means that the King James Bible is a part of the faith. I do not care what denomination or what fellowship says otherwise. Brother, you are looking at a man who has given his life to fight for the King James Bible. You may say, "I use the NIV. What's wrong with that?" Using the NIV is just as wrong as using anything that comes out of Hell. Whatever it took to get me saved as a little boy is a part of the faith, and I am supposed to fight for it.



**Hear Ye!
Hear Ye!**

Heritage
Baptist
Academy

Commencement
Sunday, June 15th, 7:00 PM

An optimist is one who thinks the preacher is nearly through when he says, "Finally..." —Vance Havner

There are at least five Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and the Gospel according to you!
—M. R. DeHaan



*Far away
From all they knew,
With hearts of pride
And courage true,
Vowed to serve
As freedom's light,
And through their strength
Our nation's might,
They gave all
Our brave defenders
Where poppies lie,
We will remember.*



**I HATE HOW EVERY 'MISSION IMPOSSIBLE' MOVIE
ENDS WITH THE SAME STUPID TWIST WHERE THE
MISSION TURN OUT TO BE POSSIBLE.**

**DON'T STAND AROUND DOING NOTHING. PEOPLE
WILL THINK YOU'RE THE BOSS.**

**IF A WORD IN THE DICTIONARY WAS MISPELLED
HOW WOULD WE KNOW?"**

Congratulations,
Mr. & Mrs.
Gunzenhauser

**MY HUSBAND LIKES TO PLAY THIS GAME CALLED "YELL FROM FOUR ROOMS
AWAY," THEN GETS UPSET WHEN I CAN'T HEAR HIM.**

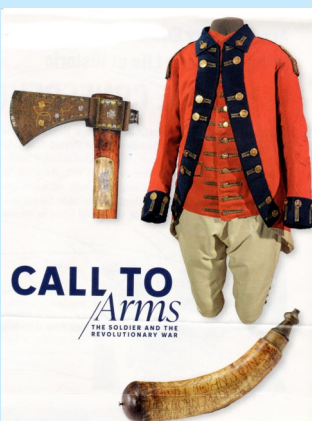
Lest We Forget

SPECIAL EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS SOLDIERS OF THE REVOLUTION

The National Museum of the United States Army, with the support of The Army Historical Foundation, will unveil a special exhibit this summer to commemorate the 250th Birthday of the U.S. Army and next year's 250th anniversary of the nation's founding. "Call to Arms: The Soldier and the Revolutionary War" will tell the story of America's first Soldiers who answered the call to defend the independence of the American colonies from one of the world's greatest militaries.

The exhibit will showcase rare American, English, and French artifacts, presented together for the first time in one space. It will also retell the events of the time through the experiences of those Soldiers who helped give birth to a new nation that now stands as the world's oldest democracy.

The exhibit will be included with the Museum's free admission and will remain open through 2026. To learn more about the stories and artifacts that will be displayed, visit the Museum's website at theNMUSA.org, click on the Exhibits tab, and select the Special Exhibition Gallery.



2. Scars (*I Samuel 12:1-9*). God forgives, but man suffers from guilt.
 3. Sorrow (*I Corinthians 6:9*). Adulterers who do not repent cannot enter heaven. Those committing adultery destroy their souls (*Proverbs 6:32*).
- C. The Answer (*Ephesians 5:33*). Stay in love after marriage. In marriage the "we" comes before the "I." A couple was married for sixty years. When asked the reason for their successful marriage, the wife said, "I fell in love often." She paused, then said, "With the same man." Remember, love + trust + prayer + understanding will make any marriage a success. Marriage can be heaven on earth, but you must work at it—and don't forget to ask God for help.

CONCLUSION: If you have a successful, loving marriage, it will not be a result of chance, yet many marry like visiting a fast-food restaurant.

The second most important decision you will ever make is who you will spend your life with. The most important decision you will make is where you spend eternity.

Reader! Make sure you know Christ as your personal Saviour and that you know the person you're marrying.

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)

People are judged not only by the company they keep but also by that which they don't.

Sweet Potato Delight

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| 6 small sweet potatoes, peeled | 2 to 3 tbsp. Cajun seasoning | 2 tsp. chili powder or chili garlic sauce |
| 2 tsp. olive oil | 1 cup mayonnaise | 2 tsp. Dijon mustard |
| | 4 tsp. lemon juice | |

Cut each sweet potato lengthwise into eight wedges; place in two greased 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. baking pans. Drizzle with oil. Sprinkle with Cajun seasoning; toss to coat.

Bake at 400° for 30-35 minutes or until tender, turning once. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients; serve with potatoes. Yield: 8 servings.

Lord, make me humble; and when Thou hast made me humble, don't let me know about it.



Joseph
Collingsworth

Prayer

As we come to the beginning of our new program it is important to be reminded of what prayer can do for our God, Family, and Church. In the Bible we find that God says in *Luke 11:9-8*, *"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be open unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be open."*

Do you remember the Church's five prayer requests?

1. An open door that no man can shut.
2. A vision of what can be.
3. A faith that will not fail.
4. A drawing that cannot be explained.
5. The consuming presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer can make these things happen, but the problem is that too many of us are not praying. If we are praying for these things, we are praying for them in our will only, thinking that it's up to us to accomplish them. Yes, we must do our part, but the Bible says in *Matthew 19:26*, *"But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."* We must realize that in order to have a door that no man can shut we must first knock just like the Bible says. This means we are to not only be knocking on the very door of Heaven for God to answer our prayers, but to be out knocking on doors inviting other to church, and presenting the gospel to every creature as commanded in *Mark 16:15*.



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

The monument I want after I am dead is one with two legs going around the world—a saved sinner telling about the salvation of Jesus Christ.
—D. L. Moody

Tell me what the young men of England are doing on Sunday, and I will tell you what the future of England will be.
—Gladstone



From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth Remembering My Memorial Day

Just a few days ago our nation celebrated Memorial Day. This day is not just picnics and family fun. Memorial Day is not just another holiday to me. It is a special day for which we set aside to honor those who have been killed in war. This day carries much meaning in our family.

My husband's brother, Delano Billy Collingsworth, served in the Army Special Forces and was killed in Vietnam on Memorial Day. It is very fitting that we remember him (and others) who have given their lives - what a great price they paid for others.

My father, David Thomas, also served in the Marines during WWII and The Korean War. He passed away in 2004, and though his memory is with me everyday Memorial Day is a special day since this was his birthday. My father was a very quiet, strong man. I always thought he was so handsome and his military picture was one of my favorites.

Last, but of course, not least I think of Jesus, as I do everyday, but on Memorial Day, as I remember those who have given their lives for others, I remember Jesus who laid down His life willingly on the cross and shed His blood for the sins of the world. What a price He paid so that we could be made free from the wages of sin and death!

As we consider Memorial Day, please consider Christ. Please trust Him for your eternal salvation, for He paid a price that no one could pay for you.



Delano Billy
Collingsworth

My husband, Staff Sergeant Gerald B. Collingsworth, was awarded the Outstanding Soldier of the Year Award in 1972 for exceptional leadership.



My husband was only 19 years old when this picture was taken. He is the soldier on the left. On the right is Major Dan Callihan of the Army Combat Engineers.



David Thomas



Dr. Greg Neal

The Conversion of Mary Magdalene

Luke 8:1-2

"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him, And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils."

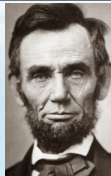
Scripture describes Mary Magdalene as a woman possessed with seven devils; she was a lost person. We can only imagine what she looked like when she had those devils in her. She was probably labeled by the psychologists as unstable. Yet, she was not mentally ill; she was possessed. There is a spiritual world in which the Devil is a real adversary of man. Before Mary Magdalene met Christ, she could not have had much joy or peace in her life. She probably lacked companionship or comradery. People would have been afraid to be around her.

As Jesus went through the villages teaching and healing, many called on Him for help. Mary Magdalene received His help when she had an encounter with the Son of God. Jesus cast out the devils, and she was converted. She believed on Jesus Christ for salvation. Being freed from such bondage would be a good reason to believe on Jesus as the Son of God. Jesus is willing to save anyone; there is nobody who cannot be saved.

We read the account of her conversion in ***Luke 8***. When Jesus cast out those devils from her, she had no idea what the future held. Other than her conversion, every time she is mentioned in Scripture, she is mentioned in a positive light as a follower of Christ. She had no idea that one day she would be standing at the Cross as the Son of God paid the sin debt for the world.



Why We Fight!



Observations of Abraham Lincoln AMERICA

All the armies of Europe, Asia, and Africa combined with all the treasure of the earth in their military chest, with a Bonaparte for a commander, could not by force take a drink from the Ohio River, or make a track in the Blue Ridge Mountains in a trial of a thousand years.

Nowhere in the world is (there) presented a government of so much liberty and equality. We are now a mighty nation; we are about thirty millions of people; and we own and inhabit about 1/15th of the dry land of the whole earth.

We shall prove in a few years that we are the treasury of the world.

HOPING FOR A SUMMER JOB, AN 18-YEAR-OLD SET UP INTERVIEWS AT SEVERAL DAY-CARE CENTERS. AT ONE MEETING SHE SAT DOWN ON ONE OF THE KIDDIE SEATS - NO SIMPLE TASK FOR MOST PEOPLE. THE INTERVIEW WENT WELL, AND AT THE END, THE CENTER DIRECTOR ASKED, "WHY SHOULD WE HIRE YOU?" "BECAUSE I FIT IN THE CHAIRS." SHE GOT THE JOB.

MY WIFE SAYS ROMANCE IS BETTER ON VACATION. I WISH SHE HADN'T TOLD ME VIA POSTCARD.

A compromiser is one who endorses a policy of serving God in such a way as not to offend the Devil.



Dr. Bob Gray

The Old-Time Religion is Better Than the New-Time Religion

There was a day when Presbyterians used the King James Bible with its preserved inspiration; they stood firm on these issues of immorality. The Methodists, Nazarenes, Lutherans, and most of the Protestants stood staunchly on the King James Bible as the very Words of God. They preached strong sermons for right and against wrong. In case you do not like the old-time preaching, I would quickly point out that America was a whole lot better off in the old days than in these new days! America did not have all of the complicated problems we have now. The problems with drugs, abortion, AIDS, divorce, homosexuality, etc., were almost nonexistent in the old days of America. When America was filled with preachers who would stand up and let it rip from the pulpits of this nation, we did not have these problems in the epidemic proportions of today.

Our nation used to be a better society. Now, however, we have little puppets preaching little sermonettes to Christianettes who smoke cigarettes, drive Corvettes, listen to worldly quartets, watch half-dressed majorettes, watch Carol Burnett, wear their hair like Farrah Fawcett, and now have become stagnate. America does not need another Republican in the White House, or a Democrat in the White House; America needs a real man of God in God's house. The old-time religion is better than the new time religion.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

LEGOS ARE ANTI-LGBT SAYS SCIENCE MUSEUM

The toys have apparently been oppressing people for decades. The Lego toy sets beloved by children and adults have been revealed to be bigoted against members of the LGBT community, according to the Science Museum in London, England.

The revelation is explained on a self-guided tour at the museum entitled, "Seeing Things Queerly." The tour is intended to help listeners, "discover some of the objects on display at the Science Museum that tell stories of queer communities, experiences and identities." —Blaze News

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: Who knew? These Lego toys are the essence of innocence, but this queer crowd turns them into something ugly. They apparently intend to quantify everything and anything as queer to promote their wicked agenda. Shame on them!

CATHOLICS AIDING ILLEGALS TOO!

President Donald Trump's gutting of the United States Agency for International Development, more commonly known as USAID, cut off a vital financial spigot for one of the largest of these zealously open borders organizations.

"Catholic Relief Services is bracing for massive cuts - as much as 50% this year - because of draconian reductions in U.S. foreign assistance ordered by the Trump administration, according to an internal email from the chief executive of the international relief organization," leftist Catholic news site National Catholic Reporter glumly declared on February 5.

This is a huge development. Religious NGOs enjoying lucrative government contracts have been an instrumental cog in the illegal alien pipeline into America. And a U.S. Catholic church dominated to a dan-gerous degree by progressive activists, especially in the leading clerical ranks, has contributed massively to the crisis.

"Over the last five years, Pima County has received more than \$98 million in federal dollars to shelter 500,983 people as part of a partnership with Catholic Community Services in Tucson," The Tucson Sentinel reported.

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

A RETIRED MAN WHO VOLUNTEERED TO ENTERTAIN PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES WENT FOR A VISIT AND TOOK HIS PORTABLE KEYBOARD ALONG. HE TOLD SOME JOKES AND SANG SOME FUNNY SONGS AT THEIR BEDSIDES. WHEN HE FINISHED, HE TOLD THE GROUP, "I HOPE YOU GET BETTER."

AN ELDERLY MAN QUIPPED, "I HOPE YOU GET BETTER, TOO."

Some are judged by what they stand for, and and others by what they fall for.



Dr. Al Lacy

The Bible Is The Authority

While wicked religious leaders endeavor to make THEMSELVES the only and final authority on eternal matters, God says there ARE men who have His Word. He wants those of us who have His Word to preach it FAITHFULLY, for His Word is the only and final authority. From the very beginning, God has had His Word WRITTEN DOWN and RECORDED so His Words would not be forgotten by men. The first five books of the Bible were written by Moses, and God had PRESERVED the words Moses had written down to the time that Jesus was on the earth, even though the "originals" were gone. He said to the religious leaders of Israel,

"Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he WROTE of me. But if ye believe not his WRITINGS, how shall ye believe my words?" (John 5:45-47)

In our King James Bible, we STILL have the words that Moses wrote as well as the words written by ALL the God-inspired prophets and apostles. The entire Bible is centered on Jesus Christ, as well as the books of Moses. God's infallible, inspired Book is His absolute AUTHORITY about redemption ... which is His WRITTEN RECORD about His Son, the Redeemer.

"If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is GREATER: for this (Scripture) IS the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son ... And this (Scripture IS the written) record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." (1 John 5:9, 11)

When it comes to life, death, Heaven, Hell, eternity, redemption, and ANYTHING else having to do with God, Scripture points us to Scripture for authority on these matters.

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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