

"Together We Strive In 2025"



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Pastor & Mrs. C

The War Of Wars

Introduction: *The War of All Wars* was not the Revolutionary War, nor was it the Civil War. *The War of All Wars* was not WWI which was supposed to be the "War to end all Wars." No! *The War of All Wars* is the war against counterfeit religion. *The War of All Wars* is the war **against** that which is false and **for** that which is true.

Illustration: Jeroboam been instrumental in splitting the nation of Israel. He sees a problem. He realizes that he now must start another church. He has caused people to rebel against their former leader, told to start a new church if

you will. Jeroboam's religion was a man-made religion. God was not the author, but rather, it was conceived by a manipulator of people. Notice: **1 Kings 12:31-33.**

FIRST: THE PLACE WAS WRONG.

I KINGS 12:28-30

The perfect Will of God always involves a particular place for you. If it's at Heritage Baptist Church, then the church across town or down the street is not the place for you.

SECOND: THE PEOPLE IN LEADERSHIP WERE NOT QUALIFIED.

I KINGS 12:31

Look! It ought to be obvious to you that anyone who starts a false religion does not want those involved to be considered better than he is.

Illustration: In **III John, verse 9**; "...*Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence...*" In every church I've been in there has always been some big bull of the woods. In the church I was saved in, a doctor. In Grand Island, Nebraska, the last remaining founder of the church. In this church, money pockets.

THIRD: THE PRACTICES WERE NOT BIBLICAL.

I KINGS 12:32

The Day of Atonement had passed, then the Feast of Tabernacles. Jeroboam establishes his own feast the next month. He is fragmenting, distracting the people's focus.

Illustration: There is a reason for the famous lion tamers to use a chair and a whip. The lion is distracted by the four legs of the chair. The lion becomes confused, then the whip's noise is to further confuse, and that leads to control.

FOURTH: THE PROCLAIMING OF TRUTH.

I KINGS 13:1

Sooner or later, no matter where you go, there will arrive on the scene a real man of God. In almost every instance in the Bible a man of God showed up on the scene.

Illustration: There were false prophets, but the real man of God works for God, not the people, and not the king. **John 10:12-13.**

Point: God always has a man of God.

1. Seth
2. Noah
3. Moses
4. Elijah
5. John the Baptist

In this day of apostasy and abortion God has raised up His preachers. In this day when filth is being brought out of the closet and put on display, God has His preachers.

FIFTH: THE PERSISTENCE OF COUNTERFEIT RELIGION.

I KINGS 13:48

After a great presentation of the power of God, the altar is torn apart, the king's hand cramped and

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John R. Rice

Should Everyone Go To College?

Well, all your children ought not go to college, unless they are unusual. I think that half the people who attend college now do not much want to go to college. They go as a matter of prestige and because of the pride of Dad and Mother. In many, many cases a third of the freshman class and sometimes half, either drop out or fail the first year. Girls go to college with little aim but a good time and to meet the man they hope to marry. Many a boy would do better to take a good high school course, perhaps in a technical high school, and get into some business or job that his heart would be in and where he could make good and be prosperous and useful. Many a girl would be better to marry her high school sweetheart, learn to work to help make a living, learn to save, to use money wisely, and without the expensive tastes generated by four wild years in college so that she could not be happy and probably not be successful as the wife of a poor man.



Dr. Jack Hyles

I Love America By Dr. Jack Hyles

I love Thanksgiving when we pray,
And July 4th and Labor Day
With picnics, ants, and hungry flies,
And barbecue and hot French fries,
With Cokes and chips and apple pies
Beneath some hazy, lazy skies.

And Betsy Ross, and Orville Wright,
And dear Ben Franklin's flying kite;
And Thomas Jefferson's mighty quill,
And Alamo, and Bunker Hill,
And Paul Revere's midnight ride,
And Wilbur Wright's successful glide.

I love "My Country, 'Tis of Thee,"
Oh, blessed land of liberty.
Long may our glorious land be bright,
With freedom's wondrous holy light,
Protect us by Thy matchless might.

I love to stand with hand o'er heart
And think of those who did their part,
Who left a mom a lone gold star,
Whose bodies rest 'neath fields afar.

**TWO BEARS WATCHED AS A GROUP OF KNIGHTS
IN SHINING ARMOR APPROACHED. "OH, WELL,"
ONE SAID. "CANNED LUNCH IT IS."**

I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT QUICKSAND WAS GOING TO BE A MUCH BIGGER PROBLEM THAN IT TURNED OUT TO BE. YOU WATCH CARTOONS AND QUICKSAND IS LIKE THE THIRD BIGGEST THING YOU HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT, BEHIND THE ACTUAL STICKS OF DYNAMITE AND GIANT ANVILS FALLING ON YOU FROM THE SKY."



Sarah Chapman

Materialism is rampant in our country. The insatiable desire for more corrupts morals and steals joy. This tragedy plays out in some Christian homes too. Unrealistic expectations put a mountain of pressure on a godly husband who wants to please his wife and family. God calls His people to a better way of life.

Contentment is a balm to the soul and a protection from Satan's devices.

True joy can only be found in contentment with God.

Our Lord began to teach me this lesson at a young age. I was privileged to grow up in a Christian home.

My Dad was in Bible College during the years I was three to nine. Though he worked incredibly hard, money was scarce. My mom worked miracles to provide all of our household needs. Things were tight, but we were blessed!

Dad started to pastor a church when I was nine. I lived in a preacher's home until I started Bible college.

Although the church took good care of us, no Independent Baptist goes into the ministry to earn money.

Don't get caught up in the buzz to have the newest, nicest, biggest, and best. Christians should have a different standard of living than the lost world. Today, I live in a bed of sickness with a body that imprisons me in pain. I don't worry about possessions as much as I fret that life is passing me by while I can't live it normally.

Year after year the kids grow older. Week after week life passes me by. Moment by moment my body is racked with pain. What can I do? Strive to be content with the lot God has given me. Only contented faith can allow true joy.

Choose to be happy with what God gives you. You (and your family) will be glad you did.

Here are five simple truths that will help:

1. GOD KNOWS BEST. Let God be God. Don't doubt His provision. He knows when to bless us with abundance and when to challenge us with trials. Trust Him in every case.
2. PEOPLE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THINGS. I say this phrase often in our house. There is way too much emphasis on possessions in our culture. Hold tightly to people and loosely to things.
3. RELATIONSHIPS ARE GREATER THAN MONEY. Countless people have ruined relationships in the pursuit, saving, and spending of money. Don't be one of them.
4. CHOOSE TO BE HAPPY. To rejoice is a choice. You can be grumpy in the midst of plenty and you can be happy in the midst of need. The choice really is yours.
5. GOD IS ENOUGH. This is not a slogan. It is the truth.

withered. The king even cries out for the man of God to pray for him. Now, here is the danger, and you see it everywhere. Instead of repentance, the king now wants to embrace the man of God to get the man of God on his side.

The King's Request:

1. Return with me.
2. Refresh yourself at my house.
3. Rewards are awaiting you.

CONCLUSION: Lee Roberson said, "Men who have moved the world are men who would not be moved by the world." You see, running with the wrong crowd is the number one reason people get away from the true God.

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)

A STRUGGLING AUTHOR CALLED A PUBLISHER TO INQUIRE ABOUT A MANUSCRIPT HE HAD SUBMITTED A FEW WEEKS EARLIER. "IT'S WELL-WRITTEN," THE PUBLISHER SAID, "BUT WE REALLY ONLY PUBLISH WORK BY WELL-KNOWN NAMES." "GREAT!" THE AUTHOR EXCLAIMED. "MY NAME'S SMITH!"

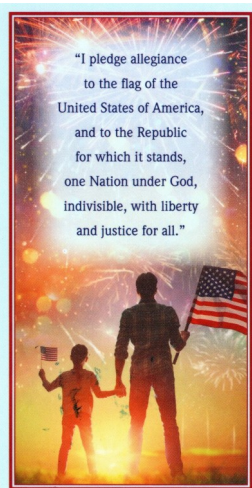
AN OLD MAN WAS COMPLAINING ABOUT HOW COLD IT WAS AT THE BOARDINGHOUSE WHERE HE WAS STAYING. "IT'S BAD ENOUGH IN THE DAYTIME," HE SAID, "BUT AT NIGHT I WAKE UP TO THE SOUND OF MY TEETH CHATTERING ON THE DRESSER."



August 3rd
Dr. Bob Gray



"I'M NOT MUCH OF A PERSON CAT MYSELF."



Separation

II Cor. 6:14-17

Separation from worldliness is not an end in itself; it is a means to an end. Separation is refraining from doing that which keeps us from doing what God intended for us to do. Separation is fixing the car, not so it can sit attractively in the garage, but so it can run and be useful. Separation is putting yourself into a position so you can do what God wants you to do. If all you do is dot every fundamental i and cross every fundamental t, and you do nothing of a positive nature for Christ, then God calls you a wicked and unprofitable servant.



Dr. Bob Gray

Ladies who do not wear shorts, pants, mini-skirts or slits in their dresses can still be considered wicked and unprofitable servants, according to God. Men who do not wear long hair, drink, smoke, go to movies, rent movies, buy movies, or listen to bad music can still be considered wicked and unprofitable servants, according to God. If you never bring a profit to God, then you are a wicked person. Some of the most wicked Christians sit in Bible-believing churches; God says they are wicked because they will stand before God and be judged by their works, and they will stand empty handed. Being an independent, King James Bible-only, separated, Baptist Christian does not preclude you from being deemed wicked and unprofitable to God.

Separation is not simply getting right with God. It is making yourself available to work with God to cause others to become right with God. Getting right with God is serving God. Separation only puts you in a position to be able to serve Him.

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 12th Annual “Old-Time Religion” Conference on June 21st, 22nd, and 23th, 2026.



FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

- The Bible is one of the interesting books in the world, for where is the child who does not understand and enjoy its stories?
- The Bible is the most profound book in the world, for it contains absolute facts in the fields of science, history, astronomy, etc.
- The Bible is the cheapest book in the world for its size; yet, hundreds of millions of dollars are spent annually for its distribution.
- The Bible is the most important book in the world, printed in more languages and dialects than any other book.
- The Bible has had the greatest moral influence in the world, enlivening men's conscience, elevating womanhood and sanctifying family life. It condemns falsehood, covetousness, hatred, impurity and idolatry in all its forms.
- The Bible is the most quoted book in the world. All across the world, men are impacted by its wisdom, knowledge and influence.
- The Bible is the most hated book in the world, for so many men have sought to destroy it and to forbid its possession.
- The Bible is the most loved book in the world among all nations in all lands. Some have sold their all to obtain a copy and walked long distances to obtain it and hear it read.
- The Bible is the most unique book in the world, for it is divinely inspired, totally inerrant and positively infallible,
- The Bible is the one source of full information about the crucified and risen Christ Who forgives sin, saves sinners and prepares a place in Heaven for all who trust in Him.



*Mrs. C with
Jarrod in
Colorado,
1984*

From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth His Love Endures ... Forever. *Luke 4:18*

It does not take us long as we visit with friends and relatives, or even upon meeting perfect strangers, that behind a smiling face may be someone who is carrying a heavy, heavy heart.

Oftentimes, people look to comfort their broken hearts with alcohol and drugs. This balm may bring momentary comfort and relief, only to leave you even far more devastated.

Some may look for comfort in a relationship with a friend, family member, husband or wife. These relationships may be good and wonderful in themselves, but they are made of human, fallible flesh, and in this we can find no lasting

comfort. However, there is one who never fails; one who never leaves you or forsakes you; one who understands your thoughts afar off. He is one who can bind up the broken hearted.

Do not be one who says I will lock my heart away, not to be hurt again today, but rather carry 'heart insurance', and when the heartbreaks come, go to Jesus who can and will, if you ask him, bind up our broken hearts.



Dr. Tom
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The Prayerless Person

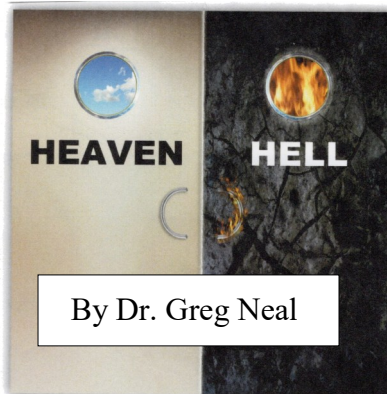
There is no joy or triumph in the life of a prayerless person. When a person is not what he should be, it is because of prayerlessness. Sometimes we look at a person and say, "That is the result of being with the wrong person at the wrong place." Actually, it is the result of being somebody who does not spend time with God, who does not walk and fellowship with God, who does not call upon God, and who does not depend upon God. That is the reason we sin. That is the reason we fail. If we have no spiritual walk with God, we have no strength. When a person is not what he should be, it is most often because of prayerlessness. That person is doing an injustice to himself, to God, and to those around him who need his help. There are people who need your help but who will never get it because you do not pray. Buy all the toys and games you want. Go on all the vacations you want, but if you cannot pray for your family, you are not doing anything for them. Oh, how sad that the fury of God is blowing through our houses and lives only because we refuse to have the prayer life that we are supposed to have with God!

A MAN WAS WALKING ALONG A COUNTRY ROAD WHEN HE SAW A FARMER WORKING IN HIS FIELD. THE MAN CALLED OUT TO THE FARMER, "HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE ME TO GET TO THE NEXT TOWN?" THE FARMER DIDN'T ANSWER. THE MAN WAITED A BIT AND THEN STARTED WALKING AGAIN. AFTER HE HAD GONE ABOUT A HUNDRED YARDS, THE FARMER YELLED, "ABOUT 20 MINUTES!" THE MAN SAID, "THANK YOU. BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT WHEN I ASKED YOU?" THE FARMER REPLIED, "I DIDN'T KNOW HOW FAST YOU COULD WALK."

The Choice

WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?

1. JOY
2. BEAUTIFUL
3. NO DISEASE
4. NO DEATH
5. NO WEEPING
6. NO PROBLEMS
7. PRESENCE OF GOD
8. HEAVENLY REWARDS
9. STREETS OF GOLD
10. ETERNAL



Is Your's

WHAT IS HELL LIKE?

1. FIRE
2. FEAR
3. REGRET
4. WEEPING
5. WAILING
6. TORMENT
7. REMORSE
8. LONELINESS
9. DARKNESS
10. ETERNAL

John 6:47 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."

Unforgiven Sinners Go To Hell.

I realize that is a blunt statement, but God hasn't been able to get your attention with niceties. This subject demands your attention.

Your sin is an assault against God's Holiness. Sin must be punished. Unless you are forgiven, you will be tormented forever in Hell with no chance of parole or escape. That's what your sin has earned.

Jesus Paid For Your Sin On The Cross.

God loves you and made a way for you to go to Heaven. Jesus Christ, God's Son, paid for your sin when He died on the Cross. If you accept His sacrifice as payment for your sin, God forgives you and you go to Heaven. If you reject Christ, you will die in your sin and go to Hell.

Revelation 21:8b "...and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

You Will Exist In Heaven Or Hell For Ever.

Your soul will never die. It will dwell somewhere forever. Death is not the end. It is the doorway to eternity. Some will go to eternal torment in Hell, and some will enjoy eternal bliss in Heaven. It's up to you.

The Choice Is Yours.

Everyone is a sinner who has broken God's Law. Sinners cannot go to Heaven. You must trust in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in order to be forgiven. If you do nothing, your eternal damnation is sealed.

God gave you free will. You must choose whether to accept or reject Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

Romans 10:9 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

TOO FEW BABIES: A U.S.A. PROBLEM

Demographers have determined that the replacement fertility rate for a country's population to remain stable over time is at least 2.1 live births per woman. The U.S. is currently at 1.62.

The White House has reportedly been batting around ideas for how to improve that number, including...\$5,000 to every American mother after she gives birth.

Gary Bauer of American Values says he was tackling this problem back in the 1980s when he was working for the Reagan administration.

"Reagan supported...a doubling of the child tax credit," he recalls...

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt says President Trump is "proudly implementing policies to uplift American families" in a culture that pushes for exactly the opposite.

"There is an ongoing cultural effort to discourage childbirth, to encourage abortion..." Bauer observes.

Meanwhile, the birth rate in Muslim communities is somewhere between 2.9 and 3.1 — numbers Bauer says are high on purpose as certain prominent Muslim sects aim to take cities and countries for their faith.

—Steve Jordahl, *American Family News*

CHRISTIAN GIRL DENIED HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION OVER RELIGIOUS OBJECTION TO LGBTQ+ CURRICULUM

A Christian family has filed a lawsuit against a Maryland school district that isn't allowing the family's star student daughter to graduate over religious objections to a health class with LGBTQ+ curriculum.

The student...has a 4.76 weighted GPA and received a 1450 on her SATs, which is in the 96th percentile, according to school records.

Despite her excellent records, Montgomery County Public Schools isn't allowing her to graduate because she refuses to complete a mandatory health class with "LGBTQ+ affirming" and "religiously discriminatory" content, according to the family.

- *Blaze News*

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



The Baptists of Colonial America were men of iron, purified in the forge of adversity, and formed on the anvil of persecution. Thus, when the greatest danger threatened the nation, they sprang into action. Colonel Joab Houghton received news at Sunday worship of the British attack on Concord and Lexington. After the service, he addressed the people of Hopewell Baptist Church outside as they were about to disperse. Having told of the cowardly murder at Lexington by royal troops and the heroic counterattack that followed, he paused, then spoke with gravity: "Men of New Jersey, the red coats are murdering our brethren of New England! Who follows me to Boston?" At once, every man present shouted "I!" and stepped out into line! That quiet Sabbath bore witness that there was not a single coward or traitor among the Baptist men of Hopewell.

Lest We Forget

The Shot Heard Round The World



Many volumes have been published telling of the events leading up to the Revolutionary War, as well as the fighting on the first day, April 19, 1775 - some accounts more fictitious than true. However, using primary accounts, extant arms and archaeological finds and by studying battle damage left behind, today we have a much better understanding of what happened, along with the types of firearms that were being used by the men who fought on that pivotal day. On the night of April 18, 1775, about 750 British regulars began a march from Boston, Mass., to Concord, a town about 18 miles to the west, to destroy warlike stores being hidden there. They had been purchased by the Massachusetts Provincial Congress' Committee of Safety and Supplies to form and supply a provincial army once the inevitable war broke out. Colonel James Barrett of

Concord oversaw the supplies, and the lists of these stores still survive. From artillery, cannon shot, tents, musket balls, powder, cartridges and provisions to medical kits, wooden bowls, spoons and 15,000 canteens, it is very evident why the British felt they should go to Concord and destroy this materiel.

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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