

"Back To The Bible"



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Psalms 119:1-176

INTRODUCTION: We cannot emphasize too strongly how important it is to know and understand the importance of the Bible in our life, the church and society.

- A. The Bible is a Library of 66 Books. (The O.T. has 39; the N.T. has 27.)
- B. The Bible is Inspired by God. *I Timothy 3:15-16*
 - 1. The Lord breathed into approximately forty Holy men of God over a period of about 1500 years.
 - 2. They recorded exactly what He told them to write.
- C. The Bible is Profitable.
 - 1. It teaches us how to get to Heaven.
 - 2. It teaches us how to live until we get there.

FIRST: THE BIBLE IS TO BE GLORIFIED AND MAGNIFIED.

PSALMS 138:2

- A. We should pray that mankind would see the glory of *"the word of the Lord."* (Acts 13:48; II Thessalonians 3:1).
- B. The Bible says, *"holy and reverend is his name"* (Psalm 111:9) and that, *"From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised."* (Psalm 113:3)
- C. According to *Psalm 138:2*, we should give even more honor and respect to God's Word than we do to His name!

SECOND: THE BIBLE IS ETERNAL.

PSALM 12:6-7

- A. Notice that Psalms 12:6-7 are Memory Verses (See also: Psalms 119:89, 152, 160).
- B. Notice in the Gospels: Matthew 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33.
- C. Notice in I Peter 1:23-25.

THIRD: THE BIBLE GIVES COMMANDS ABOUT ITSELF.

PROVERBS 30:5-6

- A. We are commanded to study God's Word (II Timothy 2:15; John 5:39).
- B. We are commanded to memorize and live by God's Word (Proverbs 3:1-3; 4:20-21; 7:1-3; Psalms 119:11; Joshua 1:8)
- C. We are commanded to share God's Word (Deuteronomy 6:6-7; II Corinthians 5:19; II Timothy 4:2)
- D. We are commanded NOT to change God's Word.
 - 1. Like three royal guards over a King's valuable treasures, God warns us in the beginning, in the middle, and at the end of the Bible not to tamper with His Word (Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32; Proverbs 30:5-6; Revelation 22:18-19).
 - 2. For over 400 years, the King James Bible was the accepted, used, and proven Bible for the English speaking world.
 - 3. It brought salvation and revival to individual Christians, congregations,

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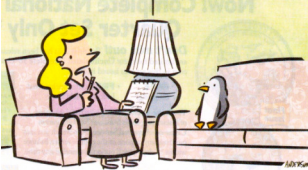


Dr. Lee Roberson

My Battle *Ephesians 6:10-12*

I speak from my heart. I want to be an overcoming Christian. I want to be a victorious Christian. I want to know the satisfaction and joy of daily victory. As a young preacher I had certain battles that I now recognize more than I did then. I was ambitious. I wanted to be great. I had a choice of certain things, and tried to make my choice, perhaps based upon myself and what I wanted. And, I discovered often that I was wrong, of course, and I made some sad mistakes.

When I got older, I still had to fight Satan. He is always with us. He never stops. He never relents. He never slows up. He never takes a vacation. I have to fight, but in a different way now. It is altogether different with my thinking now. He seeks to disturb my ministry, to weaken my effectiveness, my service for Christ. But he tempts, and I have to fight myself always. Now, the biggest battle I have at this present time in the ministry comes after the services of the church. That's Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night, or it may be tomorrow night when I speak in Orlando, Florida. It will come after a service. I am conscious of that time that I failed completely. I am resting upon what I have done, and that disturbs me. I know I am wrong, and God points it out to me after awhile. If I give the Word of God, if I preach truthfully and honestly and faithfully and as forcefully as I can, I can leave it in His hands. But, I am troubled. I am distressed. And sometimes I am sadly worried about things that I shouldn't worry about. The Devil is tempting. He is trying to make me think I have failed. "You are a failure; why don't you get out of the way and let somebody else do the job? Why, you are foolish. This is silly that you keep on going at it." That's the battle I fight.



"I wouldn't say 'flightless.'
I prefer 'unflappable.'"



"Must you bark at everything?"

"I wanted our street to have the prettiest decorations in the neighborhood so I strung lit colored balls from house to house, all the way down the block. I did all the electrical wiring myself. If you'd like further information, just drive down Moorpark Street in North Hollywood. We're the third pile of ashes from the corner." - Bob Hope



Sheri Berezne

Why I Love My Church

Before we became members of Heritage Baptist Church, Jeff and I went to Dean Miller for counsel.

At that time, we were living in Streetsboro and planning to move to Cleveland. We asked him about three churches—one in Elyria, Cleveland and Heritage Baptist Church.

He expressly warned us about Cleveland and Elyria, as they had become watered down. Then said, "If you're anywhere northeast of the Mississippi, go to Heritage Baptist. It is the only place would raise my children and serve."

So, to Heritage we went.

Did we love this church the moment we walked through the doors? No.

But by the end of that very first service, we absolutely did.

It wasn't because of the people, their kindness, or 'loving spirit' shown toward us. It was because we loved Christ—and we saw the love of Christ through Pastor and through the preaching of God's Word.

I come from a large family of Baptists. Each one claiming to be saved, Bible believing and awful life styles.

Outside of my parents, we didn't allow our children to have a deep relationship with family. My parents were the only ones that supported our lifestyle 100%. And they cultivated an atmosphere in their home to support that.

So, if you ask me why I love my church, it's not a simple answer. It's an answer that's been built and cultivated through years of God's faithfulness—through His Word, Pastor's preaching, and church family.

Heritage Baptist Church is not just where we attend or a habit we do. It's our family. It's where we've grown, served, laughed, and cried, and why I love my church.

countries, and continents.

4. It was not until the late 1800's and early 1900's that the new versions began to be copyrighted. (NOTE: The KJB text is not copyrighted.)
5. The New Testament of almost all of the modern day translations was translated from the perverted Greek Text of two spiritually perverted men named Brooke Foss Westcott and Fenton John Anthony Hort.
 - a. These men were both members of occultist groups.
 - b. They believed in Infant Baptism and the worship of Mary.
 - c. They did not believe in the Authority nor the Infallibility of the Scriptures. NOTE: Infallible means dependable, reliable, and incapable of error.
 - (1) In his biography, Westcott is quoted as saying, "I reject the word infallibility of Holy Scriptures overwhelmingly." (The Life and Letters of Westcott, Vol. 1, p. 207)
 - (2) Mr. Hort once said, "Evangelicals seem to me perverted... there are, I fear, still more serious differences between us on the subject of authority, especially the authority of the Bible." (The Life and Letters of Hort, Vol. 1, p. 400)
 - d. Westcott and Hort were certainly not godly men, and they certainly did not hold to the truth that God's Word is the final authority.

FOURTH: THE BIBLE IS ABSOLUTE.

I PETER 1:23

Without an incorruptible word, there can be no eternal life. To be born again means to be gened by the word of God. You cannot be born again with a corrupted gene.

CONCLUSION:

- A. The Bible is God's Word and therefore it must be our only rule for Faith and Practice, or our only rule for what we believe and how we live.
- B. Since the Bible is our Final Authority, we should love it, study it, memorize it, live by it, glorify it, and share it with others.
- C. There is a curse on anyone who would alter its sacred pages.
- D. Therefore, we should not accept any so-called Bible that has been changed.
- E. We must stay with the OLD KING JAMES BIBLE!

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)

Two car owners talked while waiting for repairs to be completed at a body shop.

"I've been watching that mechanic for the past 15 minutes," one said. "He didn't spill a drop of oil on the ground. He put the hood down gently, fastened it securely, left no fingerprints on it. He wiped his hands on a rag before opening the driver's door, spread a clean cloth over the upholstery, meshed the gears noiselessly and drove carefully out into the street."

"Of course he did," the other replied. "That's his car."



Yvonne
Smith

I Love My Church

Thirty three years ago today I stepped into Heritage Baptist Church. Scared out of my mind and not knowing what to expect. Little did I know, God would change my life forever that day Today I celebrate my 33rd Spiritual birthday!! Thank you Pastor & Mrs. C for your dedication, faithfulness, friendship, and unwavering faith for all these years. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed. Were it not for God's grace... and both of your examples, I don't even want to begin to think of where I'd be today Thank you both so much for putting up with me for all these years!! I love you both soooo much. Love,
Yvonne Smith

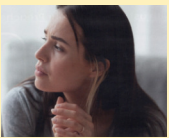
Something to "CROW" about!

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 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 2026.



A job applicant asked, "Before I accept the offer, I have a question: Are the hours long?" "Well," the boss replied, "we do our best to keep them to 60 minutes."

My doctor told me my sugar is too high. So I went home and moved it to a lower shelf.



*Sarah
Chapman*

The Godly Wife

A godly wife wants nothing more than to please the Lord and her husband. She longs to help her husband reach his potential and accomplish what God created him to do.

She dreams of building a good life, serving Christ, and growing old together if the Lord carries His return.

However, in order to realize that desire, her marriage must endure testing and trials. The stresses that test your marriage will come from without and from within. Only marriages built on God's Word will survive and thrive.

Labor to have a relationship strengthened by godly principles. Determine that each storm will drive you closer together and not farther apart. By God's grace, you can stand strong with your husband through it all.

Here are a few practical ways to stand by your man.

BELIEVE IN HIM.

Say it often. Convince him that you believe in him. Any man can endure great trials and accomplish amazing triumphs when he knows that his wife believes in him.

RESPECT HIM

A man receives love as respect. If you don't respect him in word and deed, nothing else matters to him. Never criticize him publically. Don't even do it jokingly.

Respect him in private and require others to respect him in your presence.

FOLLOW HIM

Submission is the highest form of respect. If you won't follow him, he won't feel respected or believed in.

LOVE HIM

Be affectionate with words and actions. Be kind. Be available. Your physical love can relax and rejuvenate him like nothing else.

HELP HIM

Lend him your mind and expertise. Learn to give him your thoughts, concerns, and recommendations without doubting or challenging him.

PROTECT HIM

Protect his privacy. Never share inappropriate personal details with others unless for counseling purposes with his knowledge.

Defend his name and character. Don't allow people to criticize him to you.

PREPARE FOR HIM

Make home a haven for him. Create an atmosphere of cleanliness and happiness that will make him hurry home.

PRAY FOR HIM

No one will pray for him like you. Take his needs to the Lord often. Pray specifically for his needs and deficiencies. Pray for God to mold him into the image of Christ.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

NO CHURCH OR BIBLE ALLOWED BY COURT ORDER

Ava is 12 and will turn 13 in January. Her mom...has not been allowed to take her to church since December 2024! Ava 's non-custodial father hates Christianity, so he got a judge (who was a former ACLU president) to issue a custody order that is the most hostile to Christianity I have ever seen. It forbids Ava from associating with any of her church friends or attending church or Christian events.

The custody order even prevents Ava from studying the Bible, "religious philosophy," or discussing her faith with her own mother! No Christmas events are allowed for Ava either!...

The judge found that Emily is a fit parent EXCEPT for the fact that she is a Christian.

The judge mocked Ava and Emily's faith by purposefully refusing to capitalize the word "God."... The judge even chastised Emily for allowing the church pastor to pray for Ava. And the judge ruled that Emily could not take Ava to ANY church unless Matt approves. And Matt has steadfastly refused to approve ANY church.

I wish this were not real, but sadly it is...

We now await the Maine Supreme Court's decision... *Mat Staver, Liberty Counsel*

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

My wife says I'm the cheapest person she knows. I'm not buying it.

A woman drove a minivan filled with a dozen screaming kids through a parking lot, looking for a space. Frazzled, she blew through a stop sign.

"Hey, lady, have you forgotten how to stop?" yelled an irate man.

The woman rolled down her window and said, "What makes you think they're all mine?"

What's the best way to watch professional fishing? Live stream.



Dr. Bob
Gray

"Be There"

Exodus 24:12, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there..."

Why did God say, "**Come up to me...and be there...**"? Once Moses was there, he would "**be there.**" That statement does not make sense to me. Once He had told Moses to come up to the mount, why did He tell Moses to "**be there**"?

When you attend church, make sure you are there mentally. While you are there, "**be there.**" If church members would "**be there**" mentally, they could be helped spiritually. While I am preaching, I often see a faraway look come across some faces; I worry about those people. If you are not physically and mentally in church, you will miss what God has for you through His man.

When you sing the songs of God, sing in the choir, sing in a special singing group, or play in the orchestra, make sure you are "there." The songs we sing have powerful words that can change people's lives. However, if we sing the words without paying attention to what we are singing, the words will not have the effect that God intended for them to have on us. Be there while you sing! Every song in that church songbook is filled with words that will warm the heart. The next time you sing a song in church, make up your mind to "**be there**" while you are singing. While the preacher is preaching, "**be there.**" These two little words will enrich your life beyond words. However, they cannot be heeded if they are not heard, and they cannot be heard unless you decide to "**be there.**" You need a preacher who will tell you what you will not tell yourself. Quit wearing your feelings on your sleeves! Start paying attention and respond to the preaching of God's Word.

"**Be there**" when you are with your wife, husband, children, parents, work, school, college, or church. "**Be there**" when you are singing the songs of God, taking the Lord's Supper, or listening to your preacher preach. If husbands, wives, parents, children, students, and employees would "**be there**" while they are there, it would revolutionize their lives. God wants our attention, our mind, and our thoughts. "**Be There.**"



Dr. Jack Hyles

Tips For The Soulwinner

Matthew 28:19-20

There are two or three things a soul winner ought to watch. A soul winner ought to always watch his odor. That is tremendously important. Not only watch about your body odor, but you ought to be careful about your breath. One thing that will hurt more than most anything else in soul winning is bad breath. I would suggest that you carry mints with you. We men have a little pocket on the inside of our pocket. Put some mints in there. I always put one in my mouth before I conduct the invitation on Sunday and meet folks at the altar. So keep some mints handy.

There are other ways you can help your breath. Gum is good if you chew it when no one sees you. Someone said the only difference between a gum-chewing flapper and a cudchewing cow is the intelligent look on the face of the cow! You can also use Sen-Sen. I used to get a bottle of Listerine to keep in my car and between each visit I gargled.

A soul winner should also be neat. Too often the world's at you saying, "You'd better get born-again or you're going to Hell." Don't you think God could use some folks who know how to dress neatly? Don't you think God could use somebody with a clean white shirt as well as a dirty shirt? Don't you think God could use somebody who knows how to comb his hair as well as somebody with messed-up hair? Don't you think God could use somebody who knows how to brush his teeth as well as somebody who doesn't? Now I thank God for everybody who witnesses. I appreciate the sign on the back of a car. I admire every fellow who stands up and says, "You'd better get born-again or you're going to Hell." I am grateful for every sign on a rock that says, "Jesus Saves." But I will say this: We need more people with some intelligence and a nice appearance, a nice personality, a good approach, to go into homes and tell people about Jesus Christ.

Pecan French Toast

PREP:	20 minutes	1 cup chopped pecans	1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon	1 tsp. vanilla
CHILL:	4 hours	3/4 cup granulated sugar	5 eggs	1/4 tsp. kosher salt
BAKE:	30 minutes	3/4 cup all-purpose flour	1 1/2 cups buttermilk	1 16-oz. loaf soft French bread
STAND:	10 minutes	6 Tbsp. salted butter, melted	3/4 cup heavy cream	
MAKES:	8 servings		1/2 cup pure maple syrup	Powdered sugar (optional)

For streusel, stir together pecans, granulated sugar, flour, melted butter, and cinnamon in a medium bowl. Cover and chill until ready to bake. Grease a 3-qt. baking dish. Lightly beat eggs in a large bowl. Whisk in buttermilk, cream, maple syrup, vanilla, and salt. Trim ends off loaf and discard; cut loaf into 1/2-inch-thick slices. Dip each slice into egg mixture then arrange in the baking dish, overlapping to make two shingled rows. Drizzle any remaining egg mixture evenly over bread. Cover and chill at least hours or overnight.



WHEN READY TO SERVE

Remove chilled French toast and streusel from the refrigerator; let stand, uncovered, while oven is preheating. Preheat oven to 350°F. Use a butter knife to break apart the streusel, then crumble streusel on top. Bake, uncovered, 30 to 35 minutes or until top is golden brown and center is set (180°F). Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Dust with powdered sugar (if using) and serve with additional maple syrup.

Lest We Forget

THE BEST QUOTE EVER



"If violent crime is to be curbed, it is only the intended victim who can do it. The felon does not fear the police, and he fears neither judge nor jury. Therefore, what he must be taught to fear is his victim."

Lt. Col. Jeff Cooper, U.S.M.C.

A man saw a restaurant sign that advertised fat-free fries. He went inside and ordered some, then watched as the cook pulled a basket from the fryer, dripping with oil. "Those don't look fat-free," the man said. "Sure they are," the cook replied. "We charge only for the potatoes."

My friend talked me into lending her money for plastic surgery. I've been trying to get it back for months, but I have no idea what she looks like now.

I tried to make a joke about retirement, but it didn't work.



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, I 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.

I Corinthians 15:3-4, I 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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