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*“Keep that which is committed to thy trust...”*

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## SPURGEON’S CARE IN RECEIVING MEMBERS ~ By David Cloud

Charles H. Spurgeon began pastoring the Metropolitan Tabernacle of London, England, in 1854 at age 20, and was the senior pastor until his death in 1892. His superlative preaching drew massive crowds, and the church grew from “a handful” to a membership of over 5,300.

The church was cautious and wise in receiving members. Many applied for baptism and membership, and the church wanted to be as sure as possible that the individuals were saved. A group of elders and deacons assisted Spurgeon in counseling prospective members.

They looked for certain evidences of salvation. They looked for undivided trust in the blood of Christ and in the grace of God with zero confidence in one’s goodness or works. They looked for a changed mindset, a change of direction, a change in the individual’s loves. They looked for a change in attitude toward the wicked things of the world, and they looked for a change in attitude toward the



church and faithfulness thereto. “Their new Christian instinct should be seen--to assembly together whenever possible.”

The thing that stands out was that they were patient. They were not in a hurry to pronounce individuals saved and to

baptize them. It was the opposite of the methodology I call “quick prayerism.” They wanted things to be clear. They wanted to have confidence in the individual’s profession and testimony. If they counseled someone and things were not clear, they tried to help the individual by assigning him or her to get further counsel, to read certain selections from the Bible or certain sermons, or to attend a certain Bible class.

By being cautious, they were not keeping anyone from Christ. They never discouraged anyone from trusting Christ as Saviour. In fact, that’s exactly what they constantly urged the people to do. That’s what they wanted to see. They weren’t keeping people from Christ; they were simply trying to ascertain if they did indeed know Christ savingly, which is God’s own standard and requirement for baptism and church membership. See Acts 2:41-42.

As in our day, there was a lot of confusion about salvation in London in the last half of the 19th century. There was Romanism with its sacramental gospel and priestcraft. There was Anglicanism with its sacramentalism and nominalism and theological liberalism. There was Quakerism with its heresy of “inner light.” There was humanistic skepticism. There was Darwinism. There were the budding cults. There was Methodism with its infant baptism and confusion about security in Christ and perfectionism.

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As today, Metropolitan Tabernacle in Spurgeon’s day was Calvinistic in theology, but Spurgeon preached a “whosoever will” gospel, called all sinners to Christ, and was very aggressive in evangelism. For this he was sharply criticized by those who have been called “hyper-Calvinists.” For ourselves, we aren’t any kind of Calvinist, believing that John Calvin was an unsound and misguided theologian who, by his own testimony, leaned heavily on Augustine, an even more misguided theologian. Calvin was a persecutor of Baptists, and we don’t understand why any Baptist would want to name his name or have anything to do with him.

God’s election is in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the gospel is to be preached to every creature (Mark 16:15). We don’t believe that God is playing games with sinners (e.g., by commanding that all sinners hear the good news of salvation while knowing that only the sovereignly elect can actually be saved). Whatever we believe about election, and there is a Bible doctrine of election, the same Bible teaches that God *wants* every sinner to be saved and that Christ “gave himself a ransom for all” (1 Timothy 2:3-6), and any sinner therefore *can* be saved. This is God’s sovereign will, and that is the “sovereign grace” that I believe in. Preaching the gospel is not merely fishing for the elect. The gospel is *the instrument of election*. “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” (Romans 1:16).

There are other areas in which we would disagree with Charles Spurgeon, but we appreciate the man and his boldness for Christ, his extremely fruitful ministry that has brought much glory to God. We have learned a lot from him and look forward to meeting him in Glory.

Following is an account from *WONDERS OF GRACE: ORIGINAL TESTIMONIES OF CONVERTS DURING SPURGEON’S EARLY YEARS*, compiled by Hannah Wyncoll, copyright 2016 by Wakeman Trust. It contains 138 select testimonies of salvations from the early part of Spurgeon’s ministry at Metropolitan.

“On a weeknight evening each week church elders would see enquirers at the Tabernacle. For each one they would write an account of their spiritual journey. Often the discernment they exercised can be seen in the advice given, and in further visits over weeks or months until they were sure that the enquirer was truly saved.

“The core of the testimony would need to show that the person was relying only on the blood of Christ for salvation. They would also be asked if they understood the need for the imputed righteousness of Christ. They would talk about the doctrines of grace and whether the would-be member was looking only to Christ rather than their own merit. If the applicant was not quite clear on some things, the elders might give further questions to be answered, Bible passages to be read and prayed over, or as one elder put it, he ‘prescribed her some pills of precious promise with a little draught of sympathetic experience to wash them down.’ They might be given the *Baptist Confession of Faith* to study, or be directed to attend one of the Bible classes to help them further. ...

“*The Sword and the Trowel* of 1865 says that elders look for four things:

Tenderness of conscience  
Attachment to the means of grace  
Desire to come out of the world  
Deep interest in the unconverted.

“If satisfied, an interviewing elder would give a card, with the number matching the report, for the enquirer to see C.H. Spurgeon...

“Spurgeon would spend several hours every Tuesday afternoon seeing many such people, taking a brief interval to compare notes with his elders. He would then appoint an elder or deacon to visit to ensure the applicant was living a consistent, godly life at home. Attendance at as many meetings as possible on Sundays and during the week was seen as a sign of true Christian life. Many were in service and had very little free time away from their work, but their new Christian instinct should be seen--to assembly together whenever possible. ...

“[A] theme which shines out distinctly in the vast majority of records is the forsaking of worldliness at conversion. All is changed for the convert. Worldly pleasures are given up and the life devoted to Christ and his people from that time on. Pursuits such as the penny theater, public houses, music parties, the use of popular songs, and gambling are spoken of repeatedly as holding no pleasure for the new believer. The markedly different life of believers is often mentioned as instrumental in bringing others to enquire into Christian things. The change was not limited to church attendance, but extended to all areas of life” (*Wonders of Grace: Original*

*Testimonies of Converts During Spurgeon’s Early Years*, 2016).

This type of conversion experience with accompanying change of life is exactly what we see in every example of salvation in the New Testament, with *zero* exceptions.

Following is one of the 138 testimonies in *Wonders of Grace* as written down by Thomas Moor, the counseling elder:

### **John Charles Samuel**

This man until eight months ago was an infidel and blasphemer, a tavern lounge, and mocker of religion and religious people, a hater of Baptists more than any other denomination, and of the people of New Park Street [former name of Spurgeon’s church] more than any other Baptist. No name seems to have been too bad either for them or their pastor.

He does not appear to have been favoured in his parentage, for his father was a confirmed gin drinker and died raving mad from its effects. His mother, who is still alive, is both a gin drinker and blasphemer, so also are his brother and sister. This is bad enough but not all, for he has a wife and six children whom he was making as much like himself as he possibly could. He never attended a place of worship for 26 years until about eight months ago, and this is the account he gives of the way he was first induced to attend and the result--

I have, said he, a friend who has been a regular attendant at New Park Street for three or four years, and though an unconverted man, he is a great admirer of Mr Spurgeon and often speaks about him. We had been having a pint of ale together one Thursday when he began to talk a good deal about Mr Spurgeon, until holding my glass up and looking through the liquor that was in it, I said carelessly, ‘Well, it’s no use, I suppose I must go and hear him,’ not intending to do so and not thinking any more about the remark.

A short time afterwards my friend said to me, ‘Did you mean what you said just now?’ ‘Said what?’ I answered, for I had forgotten it. ‘Why, that you would go and hear Mr Spurgeon.’ ‘Oh well,’ I said, ‘I don’t think it will do me any harm.’ But I felt sorry that I had given the promise, and the idea of going to New Park Street in the evening made me uncomfortable all the afternoon.

A short time before the usual hour to leave off work, a job came in that required my immediate attention. At this I rejoiced, for here was a legitimate way to get off my engagement, but my friend asked how long the job would take. 'Quite an hour,' I answered. 'Well,' said he, 'if one can do it in an hour, two can do it in half an hour.' So he set to, and it was done in that time, leaving me, much to my sorrow, no excuse whatever for not keeping my promise. I started with him to New Park Street, thinking as I was going along that if I could get an opportunity, I would give him the slip by running down some passage or bye place, but he seemed to suspect as much for he stuck close to me all the way there.

I went in. Service soon commenced, and I must say I greatly admired the form of worship and especially the exposition of Scripture before prayer. But I would not bend down my head in prayer as others did because I was not at all interested in it myself. This peculiar position differing from all others around me made me feel uncomfortable. I liked the sermon, and thought I would go and hear Mr Spurgeon again so, at the invitation of my friend, I went to the Music Hall the following Sunday. This made me desire to hear him again, but as I was ashamed to tell my friend this, I determined to go alone in the evening to New Park Street. I did go, but preferred going into the School room.

After I had sat a little while, I thought I would not stop and got up to go out, and as I got to the door, I said to myself, 'Well, I will just sit down behind this door and no one will see me.' I listened attentively to all. In the sermon Mr Spurgeon introduced a character he called Mr Slyboots--one who, he said, did not mind going to a Music Hall on Sunday morning to hear a sermon, but was ashamed to be seen in chapel, or if he did come would slink in and sit down behind the door. I felt that was me, so determined to go more boldly next time, and my friend, who has a sitting, enabled me to get a seat. I can't explain it but somehow or other Mr Spurgeon in his preaching took a view of me altogether, coming so closely and personally with his remarks.

The first Thursday after my determination to come more boldly (at least I think it was the first Thursday) I was rather late and stood in the aisle, the rest of the congregation being seated. Mr Spurgeon commenced his sermon and spoke very much about infidelity, exploring the infidel's motives, character and all concerning him. He looked at me a good deal as if he knew I was an

infidel. I felt he was preaching only to me, and thinking that the fact of my standing when the others were sitting had something to do with it, I determined never to stand in the aisle again. So next Thursday, being late from work, I went in and sat in a pew, but it was just the same. He seemed to know the thoughts that were passing through my mind. The sermon was again for me.

Thus it was until that sermon from 'The ungodly are not so.' Mr Spurgeon said those words over several times during his discourse--'the ungodly are not so.' I felt deeply, then it was I trembled and wept, and a good many more besides me did the same. After this I became very miserable. My infidelity had all vanished. I was willing to believe all I had previously denied, but I thought--how can I force myself to believe simply because I want to believe? Then it was that the sermon on the barrel of meal greatly encouraged me. But I did not know the way of salvation to my comfort until I heard the sermon from the text, 'Before, whom Christ is evidently set forth crucified among you,' and on Christmas Day when Mr Spurgeon preached from the text, 'Unto us a son is given,' Having put the question to each of us--'Has the Son been given to you?' I felt I could say yes! And since then I have gradually been getting more light and knowledge.

For more on this theme see:

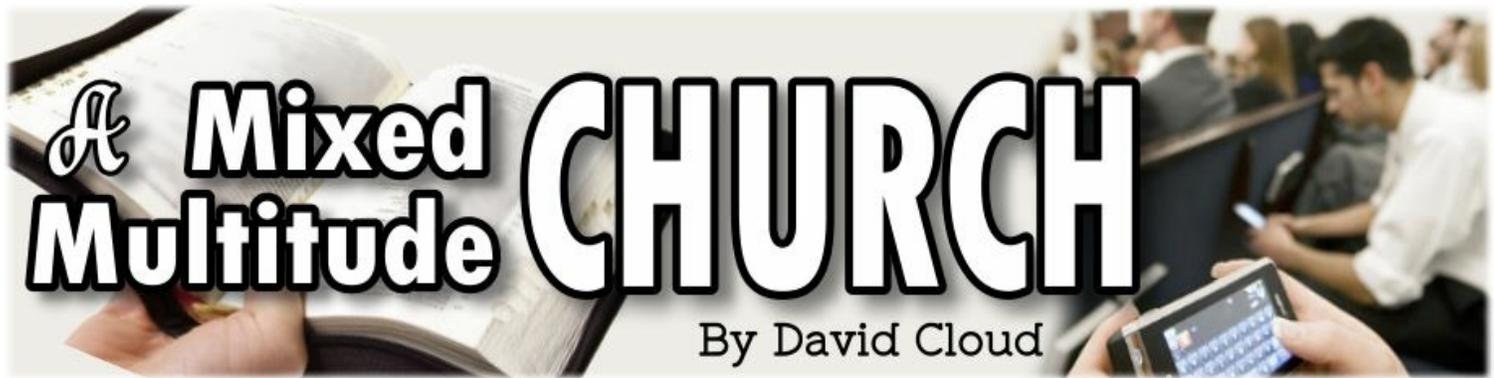
## **The Discipling Church**

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In many traditional Baptist churches today, disciples are rare, and it has become acceptable to have a mixed multitude membership filled with people who are half-hearted followers of Christ, at best.

Decades ago, Evangelist Fred Brown said that he feared that a high percentage of members of Independent Baptist churches were not born again. And Lee Roberson, pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church, said that he thought that not even 50% were saved.

There are many different types of mixed multitude churches, some much stronger than others. The percentage of the members who are true disciples of Christ as defined by Christ Himself (John 8:31; 10:27), might be 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, even 60%. But no mixed multitude church requires that a person give evidence of being a true disciple of Christ before baptism and membership.

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The discipling church is like fishing with a single rod under strict regulations. Each catch is examined for species, sex, size, weight, and quality. Again, we’re not talking about some kind of sinless perfection or 100% lordship or any such thing. We are simply talking about new life in Christ that results in New Testament discipleship. We’re talking about those who hear Christ’s voice and follow Him (Joh. 10:27).

R. Albert Mohler, Jr., observed: “No longer concerned with maintaining purity of confession or lifestyle, the

contemporary church sees itself as a voluntary association of autonomous members, with minimal moral accountability to God, much less to each other. ... Consumed with pragmatic methods of church growth and congregational engineering, most churches leave moral matters to the domain of the individual conscience” (“Church Discipline: The Missing Mark,” chapter 8 of *The Compromised Church*, edited by John H. Armstrong, 1998).

I don’t remember hearing the word “disciple” growing up as a Southern Baptist, and I have rarely heard it as an Independent Baptist, except in the context of a “discipleship” course.

The mixed multitude philosophy has been modeled by the vast majority of Independent Baptist churches since at least the late 1960s.

The mixed multitude philosophy was summarized to me by a pastor with 40 years of church planting experience. He said, “A church’s membership is typically composed of 10% who are with the pastor and the church’s program, 10% who are opposed, and 80% who could go either way.”

Even if you change the numbers to something like 40% for, 10% opposed, and 50% in the middle, this is still not a New Testament church.

Anything less than a vast majority of real disciples of Christ in a church membership is a mixed multitude.

### Marks of a Mixed Multitude

Following are some of the evidences and characteristics of a mixed multitude church. The bottom line is that in a mixed multitude church, true disciples of Christ are only a small percentage of the membership.

## A mixed multitude is evident in church attendance.

This has long been the situation in Southern Baptist churches. According to a 1997 study by Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, only 32.8% of the 16 million SBC church members even bother to show up on a given Sunday morning and only 12.3% participate in any further aspect of church life. “These figures suggest that nearly 90% of Southern Baptist church members appear to be little different from the ‘cultural Christians’ who populate mainline denominations” (*Founder’s Journal*, Feb. 7, 1999).

“Let me illustrate in rounded figures by looking at some of the churches where I have preached as a guest speaker. Each could be any Baptist church in any city. ... [One] church had 2,100 on the roll, with 725 coming on Sunday morning. Remove guests and non-member children and the figure drops to 600 or less. Only about a third of that number came out on Sunday evening, representing less than 10% of the membership. Yet another church had 310 on the roll with only 100 who attended on Sunday morning. Only 30-35, or approximately 10%, came to the evening worship service” (Jim Elliff, president of Christian Communicators Worldwide, in an article entitled “Southern Baptists, an Unregenerate Denomination,” [www.ccwonline.org/sbc.html](http://www.ccwonline.org/sbc.html)).

This has also been true in most large Independent Baptist churches. For example, in the 1970s and 1980s, Highland Park had a membership of more than 50,000, but it had about 4,000 in the Sunday morning services. The same was true of First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana.

In contrast, Baptist churches in the early 19th century typically had far more in attendance than in the membership.

“The children of members were present but rarely were seen as fit subjects for baptism and church membership prior to their teenage years. Moreover, many adults would regularly attend but not seek church membership because the standards associated with membership and a regenerate life were daunting to them. A church with 100 members might well have 200 to 300 attendees” (*Restoring Integrity in Baptist Churches*, Kindle loc. 209).

We must hasten to add that church membership itself is not an evidence that a person is a disciple of Christ. Multitudes of people are faithful to church services who do not give evidence of being a disciple of Christ in their daily lives. I personally know and have met hundreds of such people.

Some people enjoy church services almost as a form of entertainment, particularly when the church has an

excellent music program and good preaching, which is still true of a good number of churches.

## A mixed multitude is evident in the church members’ relationship with the Bible.

In a mixed multitude church, the average member does not have a passionate relationship with God’s Word. He doesn’t continue in the Word (Joh. 8:31). He doesn’t hear Christ’s voice (Joh. 10:27).

A large percentage of the members don’t even have a daily Bible study habit.

If they do read the Bible, it is more like a rote ritual, something to get out of the way as quickly as possible so they can check that box. They don’t have a real passion to learn it. They aren’t interested in obtaining and using study tools. They don’t make the effort to learn how to interpret the Bible. I think of a church member I talked to recently who told me that his daily Bible study consisted of reading a couple of verses.

In my experience, the biblical ignorance of the average church member is shocking.

We put together the “Bible Knowledge Test” as a tool that pastors can use to know the condition of their flocks. This is not a test of advanced knowledge. It is a test of basic knowledge, but in my experience, the average member of the average Independent Baptist church would fail it miserably.

See <http://www.wayoflife.org/free-ebooks/bible-knowledge-test.php>

## A mixed multitude is evident in the attitude of church members during the teaching and preaching.

In a mixed multitude church, a large percentage of the members show no sign of wanting to capture a message from God for their lives. They never write down anything. They treat the messages more like a ritual to be endured or an entertainment to be enjoyed. Many don’t even look at their Bibles.

In contrast, consider the following testimony from a true disciple:

“When I got saved at age 24, I realized that there was a lot missing from my childhood, since I grew up in a weak

church. When I found a good church, the strong preaching was like honey to me. Being in a church that preached the truth was just like the Bible says; it was like honey. I just ate it up and tried to apply it."

If a church has only a few people like this, it is a mixed multitude church rather than a church of disciples.

### **A mixed multitude is evident in the youth.**

In a mixed multitude church, only a small percentage of the youth are disciples of Christ. They don't hear Christ's voice and follow Him as Christ's true sheep (John 10:27).

They make a profession of Jesus as Saviour, but they aren't earnestly seeking God's perfect will, don't walk in sweet fellowship with Him, aren't serious Bible students, aren't making their decisions based on God's Word, and aren't diligently separating from the evil things of the world from the heart.

### **A mixed multitude is evident in the prayer meetings.**

In a mixed multitude church, only a small percentage of the members show up for prayer meetings. I have seen this in the vast majority of churches I have preached in.

Prayer is the heart of a church, and it *shows* the heart of a church. Real disciples of Christ continue in prayer (Acts 2:42), and I don't believe that a real disciple would dream of skipping prayer meetings.

### **A mixed multitude is evident in the church members' passions.**

In the mixed multitude church, a large percentage of the members love the things of the world as passionately as unbelievers do (e.g., music, music videos, movies, professional sports, video games, worldly literature, sensual social media, the world's clothing fashions).

What people are passionate about is witnessed by the content of and use of their cell phones.

It is witnessed by the content of their social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter).

It is witnessed by what they spend their money on, and what they do with their free time, and what they do when they are alone.

A mixed multitude is evident in the church members' conversations.

"O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Mt. 12:34).

"The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness" (Pr. 15:14).

In a mixed multitude church, a large number of the members don't naturally talk about Christ and the things of God. They talk about foolish things (not wise) and vain things (no eternal value) and out-and-out worldly things.

One man described his church as follows: "Most of the men stand around and talk about sports, going on cruise ships, going to Disney, etc. and when I walk up and want to talk about things of the Lord Jesus Christ, they stand there and have no idea what I'm talking about and normally walk off. I can only think of two men who will talk to me about things of the Lord."

In contrast, disciples of Christ are described by Malachi:

"Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name" (Mal. 3:16).

A mixed multitude has become the status quo. A great many pastors are content with it. Few seem to be concerned enough to re-evaluate tradition to see why the typical church is so weak and whether there is a better, more scriptural path.

But this is exactly what we must do. The flood tide of compromise and worldliness and apostasy is sweeping down upon us from every direction, enhanced by end-time technology, a sensual global pop culture, and social media, and only a thorough-going New Testament church will stand.

### **A New Testament Church Is a Church of Disciples**

Everywhere in the New Testament we see a church membership composed of disciples. We see the true Christian described as a born again disciple. We see an emphasis on evidence of salvation. We see warnings about Christians who do not show clear evidence of salvation. We see the church as a discipling institution.

If need be, I had far rather have a membership composed of ten disciples than 500 lukewarm. Ten disciples is a powerful start to a strong church, whereas 500 lukewarm are nothing.

Again, we're not talking about any kind of perfect Christian discipleship or any kind of "100% lordship."

And we are not forgetting the issue of spiritual growth. A new Christian is a babe in Christ and must grow (1 Pe. 2:1-2), and growing is a process that continues throughout the entire life (2 Pe. 3:18).

But even a babe in Christ is a new creature who has been spiritually raised from the dead, brought out of darkness into light, and has new life in Christ, and this is a powerful transformation that can be seen.

The bottom line is what kind of church do we see in the Word of God?

### The Church at Jerusalem

A church of disciples is described in Acts 2:41-47:

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness *and* singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

This is the first church, and it is the pattern for all churches throughout the age.

Some of the characteristics of that church, such as apostolic signs and having property in common (verses 43-33), were temporary.

The permanent characteristics are found in verses 41-42 and 47.

The members were saved (Ac. 2:41). There was a clear new birth conversion experience. The *before* and *after* of their conversion was dramatic. Before Pentecost, they

rejected Jesus as Christ and were fearful to confess His name, but now they gladly and publicly received Him as Lord and Saviour, and they were willing to bear before the Hebrew nation the reproach of being a follower of "Jesus of Nazareth." This is what we look for in our church work. We don't look for anything more or less than life-changing salvation.

The members were committed and faithful (Ac. 2:42). They "continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." This was serious Christianity. These were real disciples *from day one of their Christian lives*. They were faithful, zealous, persistent.

The church's membership continued to grow through regeneration (Ac. 2:47). The members are described as "saved."

This is what happened to me in the summer of 1973. I had a dramatic conversion experience. My life was turned around and my feet were set on a different course.

In contrast, many churches today are mixed multitudes of saved and unsaved, hot, cold, and lukewarm, faithful and unfaithful. Pastor Bob Kirkland says,

"Two thousand years ago when someone was baptized, publicly professing their faith in Christ, they were willing to die for the Lord. We don't have that situation today [in North America]; however, no one should be considered a member of the Lord's local church today who is not willing to live for Him. At our church we require all members to be faithful to the services. Potential members are taught that they have the same responsibility to the church that the pastor has. If the pastor misses a service to watch some sports activity on television or to visit family, the people should find a new pastor. If a church member skips church for something like that, the church member should be instructed to get in line or find a church that allows a cheap membership. **If the church that Christ 'purchased with his own blood' is no more than an add-on in life, it is an insult to the Lord.**"

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# AMOS'S PRAYER for the nation

By David Cloud



The following is an excerpt from a new [Advanced Bible Studies Series](#) course, which is scheduled for publication later this year or early next year.

In Amos 7 we see the power of intercessory prayer.

God's people need to learn from Amos and pray fervently and persistently in the most desperate, wicked times.

When Amos saw the first two visions of coming judgments (a locust invasion and a great fire), he beseeched God to withhold judgment, and the Lord repented (Am. 7:3, 6).

There can be no doubt that a chief lesson of this passage is that prayer changes things. Only the Lord knows how many things have been changed in this world, how many times judgment was withheld, because of believing prayer.

"We may debate endlessly how this incident reflects on the issues of predestination and human responsibility, but clearly we are left with the impression that the plague either came or was held back based on the prophet's prayer" (David Guzik).

**Amos's prayer issued from a heart of concern.** Amos could have said nothing, but he was moved with compassion for Israel; he was concerned about the matter. We will not pray effectually until we care about something. We must care about our own spiritual lives, our families, our churches, our nations, our unsaved neighbors, and when we care, we are moved to intercessory prayer, and God always answers.

**Amos's prayer was fervent.** Observe the passion. "O Lord God ... I beseech thee..." He beseeched God. This is effectual fervent praying (Jas. 5:16).

**Amos's prayer consisted of reasoning with God.** Prayer is talking with God, reasoning with God on the basis of His character and His promises. Amos called Israel "Jacob" to remind God of His promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Amos reminded God that Israel was small and helpless in the midst of her enemies. Amos reminded God that He was Israel's only help. What wonderful reasoning with God.

**Amos's prayer was based on his right thinking and outlook.** Unlike the average Israelite in that day, Amos knew that Israel was small and helpless without God's protection and intervention.

He knew that except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain (Ps. 127:1). He knew that Israel's wealth and military strength could not protect her if God was against her. This wisdom comes only by God's Word.

**Amos's prayer sought mercy.** Amos was not asking for justice but for mercy. He didn't say, "Lord, Israel is good." Amos knew all about Israel's "mighty sins" (Am. 5:12).

**Amos's prayer was based on his knowledge of God.** Amos was asking God for mercy, because he knew that God is merciful. The better we know God, the more we know of His character through the study of Scripture, the more effectual our prayers.

**Amos's prayer was persistent.** He didn't stop praying after the first answer.

As a result, God was moved by Amos's plea and withheld His hand. God did eventually judge Israel, but He withheld *those particular judgments at that time* in answer to prayer.

Amos's prayer reminds us of Abraham's intercessory prayer for Sodom (Ge. 18:23-32) and Moses' intercessory prayer for Israel (Ex. 32:7-14).

This prayer situation is an example of how that prayer can bring some respite, some divine help, even when a nation is heading toward ultimate judgment. It is a perfect prayer for America today. If God's people will pray effectually for the nation, there will probably not be a great Awakening after the fashion of the First and Second Awakenings, but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't pray and shouldn't expect God to do something. God can bring much mercy to bear for the nation. He can give

more wisdom to its leaders, more protection against its enemies, more unity to the people, calming the fierce divisive passions. He can withhold devastating "natural disasters." I am convinced, for example, that prayer caused hurricane Irma to reduce dramatically in power in September 2017 before it hit the U.S. mainland. The destruction was great, but it was nothing compared to what it would have been had it hit the mainland with category 4 or 5 strength as had been forecast.

Note that Amos did not pray after the third vision. There comes a time when no prayers can avail against coming judgment. Compare Jer. 7:16; 11:14; 14:11.

**THE FINCH'S NIGHTLIGHT** (Friday Church News Notes, October 6, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, August 9, 2017:

Have you ever tried to get a bottle in a baby's mouth in a dark room? It would be handy if the baby had a glowing target on its mouth. God has given the Gouldian finch, a native of Australia, a unique solution to this problem.

The Gouldian finch sports bright, parrot-like colors. A single bird may carry feathers in up to six brilliant colors, including sky blue, dark blue, yellow, green, purple and black. The finch's face may be red, orange or black.

Found mostly in the grasslands of northern Australia, the finches usually build their nests of loosely woven dried grass. These nests are usually built in a tree hollow, a termite mound or in the grass itself.

Consequently, finches often find themselves having to feed their young in low-light conditions. But God, knowing the behavior He built into these birds, has provided a solution for this problem.

You might put a night light in the baby's room so you can find her mouth at night. God has done about the same for the Gouldian finch. Their young have two pairs of iridescent nodules marking the margin of their beaks. These nodules don't generate light. Instead, they



are highly efficient reflectors that glow purplish-blue in all but total darkness.

Lest anyone question whether these nodules were specially designed to help the parents feed their young, we note that the nodules disappear as the young birds mature into adulthood.

God can claim ownership over all living things because He made them. Because He made you and me He has not only claimed ownership over us, but even though we ruined His perfect creation with our sin, He sent His Son to save us.

Notes: Carl Wieland, 'Purple Pearls of Creative Wisdom,' *Creation* magazine, 21(3) June-August."

# Philippines Training Course - January 2018

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- 3:00 p.m. - Introduction, First Session
- 4:30 p.m. - Second Session
- 7:00 p.m. - Preaching

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- 8:30 a.m. - Third Session
- 10:30 a.m. - Fourth Session
- 1:30 p.m. - Fifth Session
- 4:00 p.m. - Sixth Session
- 7:00 p.m. - Preaching

#### Wednesday, January 17

- 8:30 a.m. - Seventh Session
- 10:30 a.m. - Question and Answer Session

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## DIGGING IN THE WALLS

*God commanded the prophet Ezekiel to dig in the walls of Israel's temple and observe the evils being done in secret by apostate religious leaders of that day. "Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall ... And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and saw. ..." (Ezek. 8:7-10).*

*Ezekiel was then instructed to preach against the errors of the leaders and to tell the people the things he had witnessed.*

*"Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man. ... Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the Lord had shewed me" (Ezek. 11:4,25).*

*The hour in which we live is very similar to that of Ezekiel's day. Many of those who profess to be the people of God are apostate. It was prophesied in the New Testament Scriptures that such would be the case in the closing hours of our age. This will culminate in the brief worldwide rule of an utterly apostate Harlot "church" (2 Tim. 3-4; 1 Tim. 4; 2 Pet. 2-3; Jude; Rev. 17).*

*As in Ezekiel's day much of the apostasy of our hour is hidden from the view of the average Christian. We intend by God's grace to "dig in the walls" of modern ecumenism and to expose and cry out against the things we find. In this section we also report on secular events which are relevant to Christians. May God give us ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to obey. Is the truth of God not worthy of defense?*



### NOTE FROM A DALLAS COWBOY'S FOOTBALL FAN

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- We received the following interesting email on September 25, 2017: "I have read your professional sports article and it is very convicting. I have been a Cowboys fan for nearly my entire life. Even after reading your article I find myself overly enthused with watching and keeping up with 'my team.' I am glad that Trump called for a boycott of the NFL. These players wouldn't be making millions if it were not for the soldiers that fought and died for the freedoms we have (that were given by God). But above and beyond all that is Jehovah God who hates the forsaking of the assembly and all the filth associated with professional sports. What is more convicting is that so many fans, including myself, are willing to boycott over not standing during the National Anthem but not willing to boycott over all the evil associated with professional sports. The fact is (as you have pointed out so thoroughly) that pro sports for the most part hates the Lord who saved me. God help us!"

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### NETANYAHU SAYS ISRAEL BRINGING SALVATION TO THE WORLD THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

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- In his speech before the United Nations General Assembly on September 19, Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu made a loose reference to Isaiah 52:10, saying Israel would be "a light to the nations" and "bring salvation to the ends of the earth" ("Netanyahu Lauds Israel's Prophetic Contributions to World at UN," BreakingIsraelNews, Sep. 20, 2017). Netanyahu cited Israel's influence in "the food you eat, the water you drink, the medicines you take, the cars you drive, the cell phones you use, and in so many other ways that are transforming our world." Modern Israel is indeed a sign and her inventions are marvelous, but Isaiah 52:10 points, rather, to the coming of the suffering Messiah described in chapter 53. "The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God" (Isa. 52:10). God's salvation is the atoning work of Christ on Calvary, and all the ends of the earth have seen it through the preaching of the gospel. Understanding that Jesus is the fulfillment of prophecy is the key to understanding Scripture. "And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while



I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things” (Luke 24:44-48).

**SYRIAN BEAR SIGHTED IN LEBANON** (Friday Church News Notes, September 29, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The Syrian bear was thought to be extinct in Lebanon, Israel, and Syria, but a mother and cub were sighted in Lebanon’s Bekaa Valley in December 2016 (“Extremely rare Syrian bear and cub spotted in Lebanon,” Independent, Jan. 13, 2017). The Syrian bear (*Ursus arctos syriacus*) is one of 16 types of the brown bear clan that includes the North American grizzly. While not as big as the grizzly, the Syrian bear is still a monster weighing up to 550 pounds. This is the type of bear that is mentioned eight times in the Bible. It is the bear that David killed (1 Sa. 17:34). The Bible teaches us to learn spiritual lessons from creation, and the mother bear’s ferocity in protecting her cubs is often used as an illustration



(2 Sa. 17:8; Pr. 17:12; Ho. 13:8). Few things in nature are more fearful than a mother brown bear that is defending her cubs. She lies in wait (La. 3:10) and then attacks quickly and unexpectedly, running 35-40 miles an hour (50 yards in a blazing 3 seconds), and tearing her opponents apart with her sharp claws and terrible teeth. In Hosea 13:8, God warns Israel that He would be to her in judgment as a bear bereaved of her whelps, and in the next verse He says, “in me is thine help.” Like the mother bear, God is a wonderful protector and a terrible enemy. “I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them. O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help” (Hosea 13:8-9).

**U.S. ESTABLISHES FIRST PERMANENT MILITARY BASE IN ISRAEL** (Friday Church News Notes, September 29, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - America has established its first permanent military base in Israel. Located inside the Israeli Air Force’s Mashabim Air Base in the Negev, the U.S. base is an air defense unit that will accommodate dozens of American soldiers. It is near Dimona, where Israel’s nuclear research center is located and where a U.S. military radar installation tracks ballistic missiles. The U.S. base will be run by the U.S. military’s European Command (EUCOM). In the opening ceremony, Maj. Gen. John Gronski, deputy commander of U.S. Army National Guard in Europe, said the base “symbolizes the strong bond that exists between the United States and Israel” (“In first, US es-



tablishes permanent military base,” *The Times of Israel*, Sep. 18, 2017). Brig. Gen. Tzvika Haimovitch, head of the Israeli Air Force’s Aerial Defense Command, said the presence of the U.S. base sends a “message to the region and our surroundings that our partnership with our friend the United States is important.” Israel has the world’s most effective missile defense system and probably the best air force.

**DISCOVERY OF SECOND TEMPLE CAPITAL POSSIBLY FROM SOLOMON’S PORCH** (Friday Church News Notes, September 29, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The Temple Mount Sifting Project has discovered a capital that dates to the second temple and could be from one of the pillars that formed Solomon’s Porch (“A Capital from Solomon’s Porch on the Temple Mount,” [www.ritmeyer.com](http://www.ritmeyer.com), Apr. 5, 2017). The porch, which dates to the Hasmonean or Maccabean era, ran along part of the eastern side of the Temple Mount in Jesus’ day.



Solomon's Porch was formed by a double column of 20-foot-high pillars. This was probably where Christ overthrew the money sellers, and it was where the apostles did sign miracles (Acts 3:11; 5:12). The Temple Mount Sifting Project began in 2005 and is dedicated to recovering artifacts from 400 truckloads of rubble that was removed from the Temple Mount by the Waqf during construction of an underground mosque in the last half of the 1990s. The rubble was dumped in the Kidron Valley. Many articles dating to the Second Temple period have been discovered, including coins, arrowheads, floor tiles, and bulla (hardened clay with a seal impression).

**IRAN BOASTS THAT IT TRICKED THE WORLD AND CAN NOW START MAKING NUCLEAR BOMBS** (Friday Church News Notes, September 29, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from "Iran Boasts," *Israel Today*, Sept. 7, 2017: "Israel warned former US President Barack Obama that Iran wouldn't honor the nuclear arms deal he brokered with the Islamic Republic. The ayatollahs and their elected puppets went through the motions, but never truly fulfilled the stipulations of the agreement. The West, fearful of escalating tensions, turned a blind eye to numerous



violations. But that only kicked the can down the road, as the Americans say. Now, top Iranian officials are openly boasting of successfully playing the West, while retaining the ability to restart their nuclear arms program at a moment's notice. In an August 22 interview on Iran's IRINN TV, the head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, Ali Akbar Salehi, revealed that his people had poured cement into a few external pipes at the Arak nuclear reactor in order to fool international inspectors, but had not disabled its core. 'If we want to, we can start enriching uranium to 20% within five days, and that is very significant,' said Salehi."

**ANGLICAN CHURCH BOOKS FACILITIES TO SATANIC FASHION SHOW** (Friday Church News Notes, September 29, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- Last week, an Anglican church was the venue for a fashion show featuring immodest models wearing satanic horns and upside-down crosses. St. Andrew Holborn Church has long been one of the London Fashion Week venues, but this year the show featured the work of Dilara Findikoglu who told *Vogue* magazine that she is fascinated with the occult and magic ("Bishop's blast at 'satanic' London Fashion Week," *Daily Mail*, Sep. 23, 2017). Michael Nazir-Ali, former bishop of Rochester, rightly called it "not acceptable" and "blasphemous." The church issued a statement saying, "We took this booking in good faith and were not aware of the content or design before the show took place." But to host any kind of modern fashion show in a church is not only unacceptable, it is wicked. Recently the Wells Cathedral in Somerset



hosted the filming of the latest occultic *Hellboy* movie. The Church of England is a nest for every kind of heresy and unclean thing. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Ephesians 5:11).

**ONE GENERATION AFTER THE FLOOD** (Friday Church News Notes, September 29, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- The following is from CreationMoments.com, December 22, 2016: "Many listeners will recall the volcanic eruption that rocked Washington State as Mount St. Helens exploded in May of 1980. Fortunately, there was plenty of warning and the event was recorded in detail. Since that time, many studies have been made by the Park service and by creationists, including Creation Moments, on the rate of recovery. In 2005, a generation after the eruption, scientists took a close look at the area to get an idea of how the earth might have recovered a generation after Noah's flood. See David Williams, "Phenomena and



Curiosities: Rising from the Ashes,” *Smithsonian*, May 5, 2016. The volcano destroyed 230 square miles of forest. Much of that area was literally sterilized by hot pyroclastic flows. Twenty-five years later, 150 species of plants had established themselves in this area. This included five species of conifers such as the Western hemlock and Pacific silver fir. This was contrary to current ecological theory since these trees are supposed to sprout only after generations of other plants had improved the soil. Many trees were already 15 feet tall. In addition, birds, frogs, toads, mammals and even elk had returned. Again, many of these species were not expected to have returned to the area for a long while yet. The Bible mentions the appearance of green plants within two months of the rain stopping at the end of the Flood. Mount St. Helens illustrates such a speedy recovery after the Flood.”

**ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BEERSHEBA** (Friday Church News Notes, October 6, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - This month is the centennial of the Battle of Beersheba which saw the British capture of this strategic town from the Ottomans. It opened the way for the defeat of the Ottomans at the Battle of Megiddo the next year, which sounded the death knell of 700



years of Muslim control of “Palestine.” The way was thus paved for the Jews’ return to the land in significant numbers and the founding of the modern state of Israel 30 years later. In the Battle of Beersheba, October 31, 1917, a force of 800 Australian light horse made a frontal assault against roughly 4,000 Ottoman forces who were well dug in and led by German officers. (Light horse are different from cavalry in that they are mounted riflemen, using their horses as transportation rather than attack.) The 4th Light Horse Brigade had already ridden 60 miles across the desert that day, but in the late afternoon they attacked, riding more than two miles across desert in the face of artillery, rifle, and machine gun fire. They rode their horses at a walk the first mile, then charged at a full gallop, supported by British artillery. The defenders wrongly expected them to dismount and attack with rifles, since they were not cavalry. Though sustaining many killed and wounded, they broke through the defenses, jumped two trenches, then dismounted and engaged in hand-to-hand fighting with the Turks, using handheld bayonets. Lieutenant Colonel R.M.P. Preston described the charge: “In front, the long lines of cavalry swept forward at racing speed, half-obscured in clouds of reddish dust. Amid the deafening noise all around, they seemed to move silently, like some splendid, swift machine. Over the Turks they went, leaping the two lines of deep trenches, and, dismounting on the further side, flung themselves into the trenches with the bayonet.” The city was captured before nightfall. This gutsy Australian cavalry charge is considered the last successful one in military history.



**NFL PLAYERS ARRESTED EVERY SEVEN DAYS, ON AVERAGE** (Friday Church News Notes, October 6, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is from “Who Needs Rules? NFL Players Arrested Every 7 Days on Average” by Joseph Curl, *Daily Wire*, Sep. 25, 2017: “The National Football League is in a golden age right now: It’s been 23 days since one of its players has been arrested. The average time between arrests is just seven days, while the record without an arrest is slightly more than two months, at 65 days, according to NFLarrest.com, which ‘provides an interactive visualized database of National Football League player Arrests & Charges,’ the site says. Players get arrested for a variety of crimes: drunk driving, drug offenses, domestic violence, assault and battery, gun violations, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, theft, burglary, rape and even murder. The NFL virtually embraces players who abuse women. Take this report in the *Chicago Tribune*: ‘In the first round [of the 2017 draft], the Oakland Raiders drafted Gareon Conley, who has been accused of rape. In the second round, the Cincinnati Bengals selected Joe Mixon, who in a much-viewed video punches a woman so hard that she falls down unconscious. In the sixth round, the Cleveland Browns selected Caleb Brantley, who was accused of doing pretty much

what Nixon did.’ ... The top team--at least in arrests--is, weirdly, the Minnesota Vikings, according to NFLarrest.com. Rounding out the Top 5: Denver, Cincinnati, Tennessee and Jacksonville. ... The most arrests: Adam Jones, with 10. Jones has played for both Tennessee and Cincinnati, and he’s been accused of poking a hotel worker in the eye, punching a woman, spitting in a woman’s face at a nightclub, and was ‘charged with felony coercion in connection to strip club shooting that paralyzed a man’ ... So, maybe--just maybe--NFL players aren’t the best ones to be preaching to America about the perils of police brutality.”

**PRIESTS AND SCHOLARS CHARGE POPE WITH HERESY**

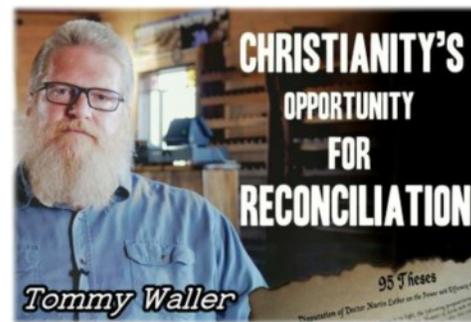
(Friday Church News Notes, October 6, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - For the first time in 684 years, a pope has been charged with heresy. On August 11, Pope Francis was presented with “A Filial Correction Concerning the Propagation of Heresies,” which was signed on July 15 by 62 “clergy and lay scholars.” It accuses the pope of holding seven heretical positions on “marriage, the moral life, and the reception of the sacraments” (“Clergy and Lay Scholars Issue Filial Correction,” *National Catholic Register*, Sep. 23, 3017). The heresies include allowing some divorced or remarried Catholics to receive the eucharist and calling for



the acceptance of “non-traditional lifestyles” (homosexuality). The document blames the influence of “modernism.” It also expresses concern that the pope has expressed “explicit and unprecedented praise” for Martin Luther. This is the first “filial correction” to be issued since Pope John XXII was charged in 1333 for saying that those who “died in grace” do not see God face-to-face until the Last Judgment. We would agree that the pope is a heretic and it is high time he were charged with such. We would highlight the heresies of a sacramental gospel, baptismal regeneration, infant baptism, papal supremacy, the Catholic priesthood, prayers to and for the “saints,” indulgences, purgatory, Mariolatry, and a host of others.

**CHRISTIAN ZIONIST LEADER CALLS FOR END TO “MISSIONIZING” JEWS**

(Friday Church News Notes, October 6, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) -Tommy Waller, founder of the Christian Zionist organization Hayovel, has condemned the “missionizing” of Jews. He calls on “the Christian community to totally and completely replace anti-Semitism and replacement theology with unconditional support for Israel and the Jewish people without trying to change who they are” (“Christian Zionist Leader Calls for End to Missionizing,” *BreakingIsraelNews*, Sep. 25, 2017). John Hagee is another example of this confusion. Hagee says, “I’m not trying to convert the Jewish people to the Christian faith. ... trying to convert Jews is a waste of time. The Jewish person with his roots in Judaism is not going to convert to Christianity”



(*Houston Chronicle*, Apr. 30, 1988). We would remind Hagee that Paul did. Christian Zionists support the Temple Institute and fund the building of Israel’s third temple, though it will not be occupied by Christ but by the antichrist. All of that is blatantly unscriptural. We love Israel and denounce replacement theology in no uncertain terms, but the gospel of Jesus Christ is for both Jew and Gentile. The Lord’s apostles were not Christian Zionists. They preached the gospel to the Jews and suffered greatly at their hands because of it. “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” (Romans 1:16). “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

**OPRAH MAGAZINE SAYS GOD APPROVES OF ABORTION**

(Friday Church News Notes, October 6, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) -The May issue of *Oprah* magazine, namesake of Oprah Winfrey, includes an article claiming that God is “in” abortions. The article is “Parker’s Choice: How a doctor’s Christianity led him to perform abortions” by Natalie Beach. She quotes Willie Parker, MD, as follows: “Alleviating needless suffering is a Christian’s sacred responsibility. If God is in



everything, and everyone, then God is as much in the woman making a decision to terminate a pregnancy as in her Bible.” Thus Parker holds to a panentheistic view of life, that God is *in* everything and thus He is *in* a woman’s decision to kill her baby. This conforms to Oprah’s New Age views, but it would make God the author of evil and would produce utter fatalism. Oprah’s female fans need to think this through. If God is in you when you “terminate” your unborn child, then God is in the thief who steals your purse and the rapist who defiles your daughter and the murderer who takes your best friend’s life. If God is *in* everyone in the sense that He is in everyone’s decisions, that would mean that whatever man decides, is God’s will, which is nonsense. For a Bible believer, the issue of abortion is not a complex one. Consider some clear Bible truths: **First, God is in control of conception (Genesis 20:18; 29:31 30:22) and forms the child in the womb (Psalm 139:13-16).** The Bible says children are the heritage of the Lord (Psalm 127:3). The child in the womb does not belong to the mother; it belongs to God. **Second, the law of God demanded punishment if an unborn baby was harmed (Exodus 21:22-23).** The injury or death of an unborn child was treated as a serious crime. **Third, twenty times the Bible forbids the shedding of “innocent blood” (e.g., Deuteronomy 19:10-13; 2 Kings**

**21:16).** This refers to killing a person without a just cause (1 Sam. 19:5). To put a murderer to death, for example, is a just cause, but to kill an innocent person is unjust. God hates those who shed innocent blood (Prov. 6:16-17). What person is more innocent than an unborn child?

**KENNETH COPELAND’S FALSE PROPHECY ABOUT HURRICANE IRMA** (Friday Church News Notes, October 13, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - On September 9, charismatic preacher Kenneth Copeland prayed a “word faith” prayer to stop Hurricane Irma, which was approaching the U.S. mainland. Speaking before a crowd at a Living Victory conference, Copeland said, “God is *not* in control. That comes from religious brainwashing. He is *not* in control. ... The earth doesn’t belong to God; it doesn’t belong to Jesus; he gave it to men. If you study the Scripture, you will realize that God is pretty well bound up to whatever we ask Him to do. He can’t just come butting in here and stop that storm [Irma]. Somebody on earth is going to have to start speaking to this storm” (“Kenneth Copeland delivers a special message about Hurricane Irma,” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1f3gzbYU01I>). After uttering that bit of blasphemous heresy, Copeland then pretended to do what God allegedly can’t do, which is take power over the storm: “Father, in the name of Jesus we pray over all in the path of this storm, we curse this thing in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth. We stand before you in faith. We stand before you in the name of Jesus. We stand before you, declaring before you, that Irma the



hurricane is dead! Turned! Die, saith the Lord! ... We stand together as a Holy Spirit gang [Copeland’s prayer partners]... we bind you, Satan” (Ibid.). Within days it was obvious that Copeland had again proven that he is a false prophet and that he and his Holy Spirit gang’s words don’t have creative power. Irma hit the Florida mainland as a powerful category 3 storm and caused widespread wind and flood damage. The storm was not as strong as had been predicted, but it was far from “dead”! The Bible teaches that God is in direct control of “nature.” “The LORD *is* slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit *the wicked*: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds *are* the dust of his feet” (Nahum 1:3).

**KENNETH COPELAND CLAIMS AMERICA IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING BORN AGAIN AND TRUMP IS THE EVIDENCE** (Friday Church News Notes, October 13, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Speaking before a crowd at a Living Victory conference on September 9, Kenneth Copeland claimed that America is in the process of being born again and that President Donald Trump is evidence thereof. Copeland said, “But hear me, judgment against the United States ended on January 20, 2017 [with Trump’s



inauguration]. ... How long has it been since a man has prayer people coming into the oval office on a regular basis and laying hands on the president and praying for him *in tongues*. I don't know if it has ever happened. Donald Trump don't know no better [sic]. He's been born again for a long time, but he just recently totally, absolutely committed his life to Jesus. ... The word of the Lord came to me, and he said, 'All the trouble you are seeing in these United States, these are birth pangs for the rebirth of this nation.' America is in the birth process right now of being born again" ("Kenneth Copeland delivers a special message about Hurricane Irma," <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1f3gzbYU01I>). It's difficult to know where to begin in analyzing these goofy statements by this false prophet. The fact that people pray over Trump in "tongues" is actually a fearful thing for those who know the Bible. Gibberish is not "biblical tongues"; it is fleshly, demonic heresy. The president isn't going to get true wisdom from this kind of spiritual counsel. He is being led even farther into darkness and confusion than he has been heretofore. By any biblical measure, America is most definitely *not* being born again, I am very sad to say, and Donald Trump gives no evidence of being a saved man. "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know

him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:3-4).

**JASON ALDEAN'S COUNTRY ROCK PHILOSOPHY** (Friday Church News Notes, October 13, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- Country rock superstar Jason Aldean, whose Las Vegas concert was interrupted by the murderous rampage of a maniac named Stephen Paddock, is your typical country rocker. Aldean's filthy songs make a mockery of God's holy laws and encourage people to live as they please and thumb their noses at God's Word. Consider the song "Church Pew or Barstool." It's about wanting to get away from a "church pew" town. The country rocker moans, "Why do I hang around in this church pew or bar stool kinda town?" In "My Kinda Party," Aldean sings about partying with "a little tan-legged Georgia dream; she's rockin' them holey jeans." He's a married man, but his music glorifies drinking and fornicating. He sings about having a "one night rodeo" with the aforementioned "Georgia dream." In "Burnin' It Down," Aldean pursues the same filthy theme. He's in bed with his "baby," "sippin' on some cold Jack Daniel's" and getting "tangled up." The filthy country rock lifestyle can create a flame in the night, but there is no blessing. It's a fool's dream. It is the sound track for



broken hearts, ruined marriages, serial divorce, crashed cars, neglected children, sad and lonely people, domestic violence, suicide, raging jealousy, a drunkard's untimely death. The country rock crowd mocks God's holy laws, glories in every form of lasciviousness, ridicules Bible lovers, then calls out to God when they need help and sings "Amazing Grace" to spread a thin veneer of religion over their wickedness and to salve their conscience. Every preacher should be lifting his voice against these things which are destroying the moral fabric of society and sending America to hell, but the silence from most pulpits is deafening. Did I hear some preacher say, "It's not my business"? God says it is. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*" (Ephesians 5:11).

**YOM KIPPUR WAR 44 YEARS AGO** (Friday Church News Notes, October 13, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- Israel's Yom Kippur War began 44 years ago last week. On its highest holy day (the day of atonement), Israel was attacked by two massive armies, the Egyptian to the south and the Syrian to the north. These two Muslim nations were joined in a support role by Lebanon, Iraq, Kuwait, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Sudan, Uganda, Cuba, Morocco, and Pakistan, with the Soviet Union providing planes, tanks, and armaments of all sorts, including thousands of high tech missiles targeting Israel's air force. At the outset of the war, Syria's 50,000 infantry, 600 artillery pieces, and 1,260 tanks were opposed by Israel's



6,000 light infantry, 60 artillery pieces, and 160 tanks, while Egypt's 100,000 soldiers and 1,700 tanks were opposed by Israel's 450 soldiers and 290 tanks. In the first 24 hours of fighting, Israel lost 200 of those tanks. On the third day of the war, Syria was within a hairs' breadth of overrunning Israel. "[O]nly six Israeli tanks remained in action, defending a clear path into northern Israel. After the brigade's tanks were down to their last few rounds, they began to pull back. However, right then, a force of some 15 tanks which had been scrambled together arrived. Although the group was, in fact, a scratch force of repaired tanks which had injured men among their crews, the Syrians believed that the Israeli reserves were now arriving, and began to retreat" ("Yom Kippur War: When the Nation of Israel Was Judged and Nearly Failed," *BreakingIsraelNews*, Sep. 29, 2017). After being caught by surprise and nearly overwhelmed, Israel rallied her forces and counterattacked, coming within 60 miles of Cairo and within shelling distance of Damascus, before a cease-fire was arranged by the United Nations. Ezekiel 37 describes Israel's return to the land in two stages, first in a spiritually-dead condition, followed by a spiritual rebirth (Eze. 37:7-10). The modern state of Israel is the first stage, and she is setting the stage for the

fulfillment of the last week of Daniel's Seventy Week prophecy (Da. 9:27) and the second coming of Christ.

**ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY REFUSES TO SAY THAT "GAY SEX IS SIN"** (Friday Church News Notes, October 13, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

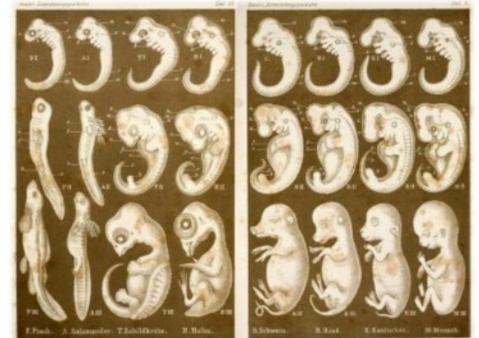
- In a recent interview, Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury refused to call homosexual sex a sin. The archbishop is head of the worldwide Anglican Church. *GQ Magazine* asked Welby, "Is gay sex sinful?" He replied, You know very well that is a question I can't give a straight answer to." When asked, further, "Why can't



you?" Welby replied, "Because I don't do blanket condemnation and I haven't got a good answer to the question" ("Archbishop Justin Welby," *GQ*, October 2017). We recommend that the archbishop consult the Bible on the subject. The apostle Paul had no problem saying that homosexuality is sinful. In Romans 1:26-28, he calls it "vile affections," "against nature," "unseemly," and "reprobate."

**A LINGERING MYTH OF EVOLUTION** (Friday Church News Notes, October 13, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, August 22,

2017: "Ernst Haeckel is famous for having produced diagrams of embryos, to show their similarity. His idea was that "ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny". In other words, the developmental stages, through which an embryo goes (ontogeny), are a sort of recapitulation of the evolution of that organism (phylogeny). I clearly remember being taught this, as an evidence of evolution, when I was in elementary school. As I remember which teacher taught this, I know that I must have learned this in 1971. Haeckel's famous drawings were published in 1874, but almost immediately criticized. Haeckel's theory has been known to be false since at least 1965 (Simpson and Beck, *An Introduction to Biology*, p. 241). His drawings were not just an error. The drawings were deliberately shaped, to support his recapitulation theory, even though the actual shapes of the embryos did not show such similarities. Yet, when I became a schoolteacher in 1983, teaching at a government school in England, I was handed a science curriculum, which included this very concept, 20 years after it had been shown to be false, and twelve years after I had been taught it. In my office, I have a copy of a number of high school science textbooks. One of the best known Biology textbooks is that published by Prentice Hall. My edition was published in 2002, nearly 40 years after Haeckel's ideas were debunked.



Yet, this book includes that concept as one of the main evidences for Darwinian evolution (Miller and Levine, *Biology*, p 385). One is forced to conclude that evolutionists mislead themselves, because they desperately want evidence for their ideas, and the evidence is simply not there.”

**ARCHAEOLOGISTS FIND WHAT IS PROBABLY THE OLD ROMAN THEATER IN JERUSALEM**

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- Excavations near the Western Wall of the old Temple Mount in Jerusalem have uncovered the remains of a 200-seat Roman theater (“Jerusalem archaeological dig,” UPI, Oct. 16, 2017). The theater was beneath 26 feet of soil. The archaeologists were exploring Wilson’s Arch, which is on the north side of the main prayer area at the Western Wall. The arch was part of a massive stone bridge leading to the Temple Mount. It was named in 1864 for explorer and surveyor Charles Wilson. who discovered it in modern times. A synagogue under the arch features a massive Torah Ark that can hold more than 100 Torah scrolls. Josephus said that Herod built a theater in the city for Greek drama and Dionysian music and a massive amphitheater “in the plain.”



**UNITED METHODIST LESBIAN PASTOR ACCUSES JESUS OF BIGOTRY**

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- Karen Oliveto, a practicing lesbian and a United Methodist pastor, claims that Jesus grew in His understanding of people and even of His own Messiahship. In a Facebook post on Matthew 15:21-28, Oliveto misses the point entirely that Christ, the infallible Son of God, was testing the Canaanite woman’s faith and instead says, “I can’t help but note how Jesus comes around. Too many folks want to box Jesus in, carve him in stone, create an idol out of him. But this story cracks the pedestal we’ve put him on. The wonderful counselor, mighty God, everlasting one, prince of peace, was as human as you and me. Like you and me, he didn’t have his life figured out. He was still growing, maturing, putting the pieces together about who he was and what he was supposed to do. We might think of him as the Rock of Ages, but he was more like a hunk of clay, forming and reforming himself in relation to God. ... In his conversion, by changing his mind and acting outside of tradition, by treating the woman as a person and responding to her needs, Jesus is willing to stand against culture and social norms and risk his status and power. ... Jesus finds greater intimacy with God” (“UMC Lesbian ‘Pastor,”

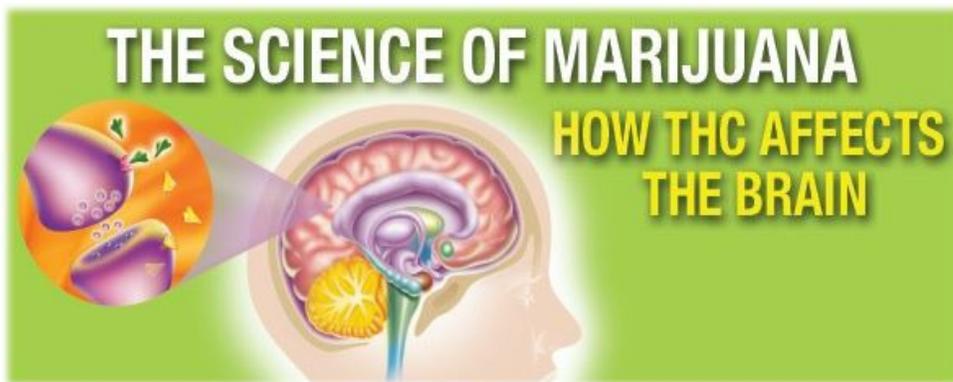
*Pulpit&Pen*, Sep. 30, 2017). This is a false christ, a christ that is “as human as you or me,” a christ that is not the eternal Son of God, a christ that needed “converting,” a christ that needed to learn how to treat people in a right way, a christ that grew in his intimacy with God. “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of” (2 Peter 2:1-2).

**CONNECTION FOUND BETWEEN MARIJUANA USE AND VIOLENCE**

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- The following is from “Smoking cannabis does make people more violent” by Steve Doughty, *Daily Mail*, Oct. 5, 2017: “Study Yields Shocking Results,” *FaithWire*, Oct. 5, 2017: “Canadian researchers claim to have uncovered ‘a possible causative role for cannabis use on violence,’ a potentially noteworthy finding that warrants further study. A new analysis published in the journal of *Frontiers in Psychiatry* found that psychiatric patients who smoke weed regularly are more than two times more likely to turn violent than those who don’t





use the drug. The potential theory, based on research conducted by five experts from Montreal, Canada, is that ongoing use of weed could lead those with mental illness to commit violence and assaults, *The Times* reported [‘Scientists find link between cannabis, psychosis and violence,’ Oct. 5, 2017]. ‘Violence is a major concern and is prevalent across several mental disorders,’ a description of the study reads [‘Persistence of Cannabis Use Predicts Violence following Acute Psychiatric Discharge,’ *Frontiers in Psychiatry*, Sep. 21, 2017]. ‘The use of substances has been associated with an exacerbation of psychiatric symptoms as well as with violence.’ The text continues, ‘Compared to other substances such as alcohol and cocaine, existing literature on the cannabis--violence relationship has been more limited, with most studies being conducted in the general population, and has shown controversial results.’ So, researchers explored the lives and behaviors of 1,136 psychiatric patients who were recently discharged from hospitals located in Missouri, Pittsburgh and Massachusetts. In the end, they found that there’s a higher chance that those using marijuana after they are discharged will become violent as time goes on. And rather than finding that violent people are drawn to weed, they discovered that the drug

‘predicted future violent behavior,’ as *The Daily Mail* noted [‘Smoking cannabis does make people violent,’ Oct. 5, 2017] ... Meanwhile, other reviews have shown that cannabis use among the general public could have an increase on ‘car accidents, psychotic symptoms and short-term cognitive impairment,’ as *CNN* noted [‘Marijuana and the Brain,’ Aug. 14, 2017] ... The newest data about psychiatric patients comes as U.S. states have been increasingly decriminalizing marijuana and as debate over marijuana legalization forges on.”

**HUMAN BRAIN CAN CREATE STRUCTURES IN UP TO 11 DIMENSIONS** (Friday Church News Notes, October 20, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is from “The Human Brain,” ScienceAlert.com, Jun. 13, 2017: “Neuroscientists have used a classic branch of math in a totally new way to peer into the structure of our brains. What they’ve discovered is that the brain is full of multi-dimensional geometrical structures operating in as many as 11 dimensions. ... the results of this new study could be the next major step in understanding the fabric of the human brain--the most complex structure we know of. ... This latest brain model was produced by a team

of researchers from the Blue Brain Project, a Swiss research initiative devoted to building a supercomputer-powered reconstruction of the human brain. The team used algebraic topology, a branch of mathematics used to describe the properties of objects and spaces regardless of how they change shape. They found that groups of neurons connect into ‘cliques’, and that the number of neurons in a clique would lead to its size as a high-dimensional geometric object (a mathematical dimensional concept, not a space-time one). ‘We found a world that we had never imagined,’ says lead researcher, neuroscientist Henry Markram from the EPFL institute in Switzerland. ‘There are tens of millions of these objects even in a small speck of the brain, up through seven dimensions. In some networks, we even found structures with up to 11 dimensions.’ ... Human brains are estimated to have a staggering 86 billion neurons, with multiple connections from each cell webbing in every possible direction, forming the vast cellular network that somehow makes us capable of thought and consciousness. ... ‘Algebraic topology is like a telescope and microscope at the same time,’ says one of the team, mathematician Kathryn Hess from EPFL. ‘It can zoom into networks to find hidden structures, the trees in the forest, and see the empty spaces, the clearings, all at the same time.’ ... ‘It is as if the



brain reacts to a stimulus by building [and] then razing a tower of multi-dimensional blocks, starting with rods (1D), then planks (2D), then cubes (3D), and then more complex geometries with 4D, 5D, etc,' says one of the team, mathematician Ran Levi from Aberdeen University in Scotland. 'The progression of activity through the brain resembles a multi-dimensional sandcastle that materialises out of the sand and then disintegrates.'"

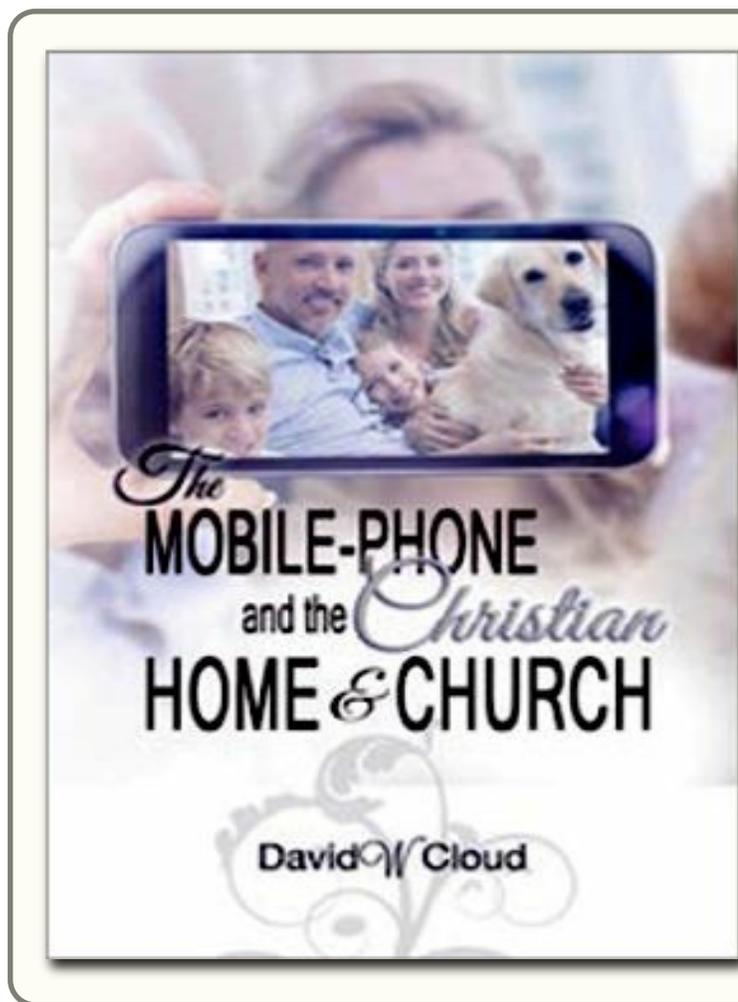
**SMARTPHONES AND CHILDREN** (Friday Church News Notes, October 20, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Our Toxic Smartphone Addiction,"



*National Review*, Oct. 12, 2017: "It's damaging American mental health, and unless we do something about it things will only get worse. ... According to the latest data from Apple, smartphone users check in compulsively, averaging around 80 times a day. ... American adults eat, sleep, and breathe media, according to a recent eMarketer survey, consuming an average of twelve

hours a day. ... If adults can't handle smartphone technology, how could kids possibly stand a chance? Despite this, and despite the fact that it seems highly questionable to hand an immature young person what is essentially a very expensive portable Internet porn finder/social-media stalking system/mean girls text center, American kids are getting smartphones at earlier and earlier ages. The average age of acquisition, in fact, is currently ten years old."

For advice about the safe use of computers and smart phones in families see [\*The Mobile Phone and the Christian Home and Church\*](#), available for free online viewing and as a free eBook download from [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).



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- "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. (Ga 3:28). The context of this verse is salvation, not the woman's ministry in this present world. In Christ, the woman has a spiritual standing that is equal with the man. Both male and female in Christ are described in Ephesians 1-3. The saved woman is redeemed by Christ's blood, forgiven, justified, the recipient of all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ, is seated in the heavenlies with Christ. The woman's spiritual equality is seen in



that she is baptized in the same way as the man and participates equally in the Lord's Supper. There is no teaching like this in any other religion. "Everywhere but in connexion with the Christian religion, woman has been degraded. She has been kept in ignorance. She has been treated as an inferior in all

respects. She has been doomed to unpitied drudgery, and ignorance, and toil. So she was among the ancient Greeks and Romans; so she is among the savages of America; so she is in China, and India, and in the islands of the sea; so she is regarded in the Koran, and in all Mohammedan countries. It is Christianity alone which has elevated her; and nowhere on earth does man regard the mother of his children as an intelligent companion and friend, except where the influence of the Christian religion has been felt. At the communion table, at the foot of the cross, and in the hopes of heaven, she is on a level with man; and this fact diffuses a mild, and purifying, and elevating influence over all the relations of life." (Barnes).

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