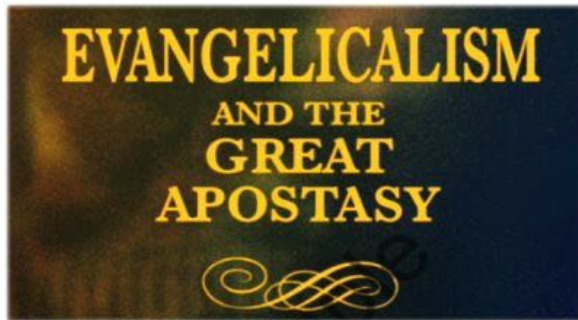


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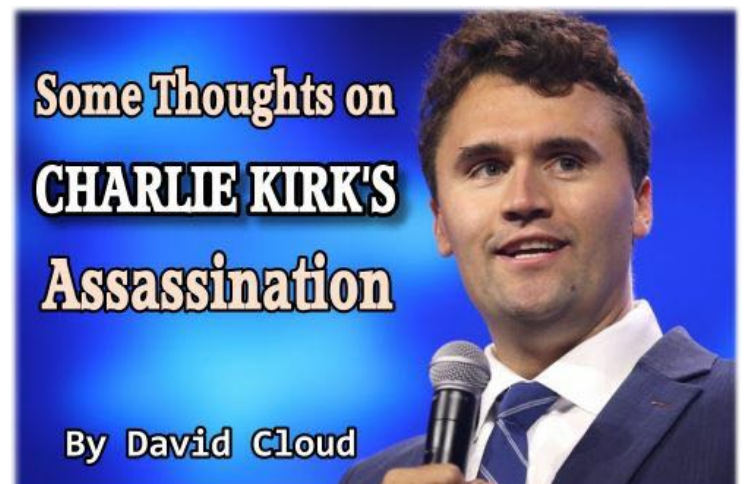
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SOME THOUGHTS ON CHARLIE KIRK'S ASSASSINATION ~ *By David Cloud*

Charlie Kirk, founder and president of Turning Point USA and Turning Point Faith, youth influencer, religious unifier, and conservative political activist, was assassinated while speaking at a large outdoor forum at Utah Valley University on Sept. 10. His death has produced a massive outpouring of attention, both negative and positive. His body was transported from Utah in Air Force Two accompanied by Vice President J.D. Vance. The U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution honoring Kirk. The American flag was flown at half staff across the nation. A memorial service at the State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, drew 100,000 and was attended by U.S. President Donald Trump and other government officials. Following are some of our thoughts on this:

We were deeply saddened by Kirk's murder. His calm, compassionate, conservative, unifying voice was silenced by a deluded man with a wicked agenda. Kirk was a remarkable young man.



We are reminded of the depravity of America's moral character. This is evident by the vicious murder itself, as well as by the many voices that were raised in support of the murder (including large numbers of men and women in the military). Nothing President Trump does will change the vile moral character of America or protect the

nation from God's judgment. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:17).

Charlie Kirk did not preach hate. It is widely stated among his opponents, especially by those who gloated in his death, that he preached hate. One student said, "A lot of my friends that day were like, 'Well, I feel like I'm happy that Charlie Kirk is dead, but then I also feel guilty that I feel that way.' I think a lot of it is just he was spreading so much hate, misinformation, encouraging violence, and so I think that in this scenario, a lot of people were not necessarily happy that he died but happy that his voice was silenced" ("Happy That His Voice Was Silenced," Washington Times, Sept. 23, 2025). This is false and dangerous thinking. To hold to traditional marriage, to a biblical view of male and female, to liberty of speech and liberty of religion, to law and order, to second amendment rights, is not hate. Those who think like this are brainwashed and deceived.

The spirit of sodomy is spreading globally. We see the same characteristics today as in Scripture (Genesis 18-19). Sodomy is vile, unreasonable, oppressive, angry, violent, and destructive. Kirk's assassin, Tyler Robinson, was the "lover" of a homosexual man "transitioning to a woman."

The internet is gravely dangerous, as is the online gaming world. The internet is an unprecedented

communication tool that is an instrument for much good, but it is also a jungle of error, heresy, and nuttiness and a cesspool of moral depravity. "Markings on [Robinson's] bullet casings point to a dark movement in meme culture--where young people fantasise about disrupting and destroying the world through chaos. ... Many perpetrators of modern violence are young men embedded in intense online communities such as Twitch and 4chan--where many memes originate" ("The sinister role of 'black pilling,'" *Independent UK*, Sept. 19, 2025). Robinson's family said he changed over a short period of time through depraved, nihilistic internet influences. Utah Governor Spencer Cox warned of Robinson's links to gaming and the "dark internet," which he called "poison." He said the "radicalization began amid video games, Discord chats, Reddit forums, and obscure memes" ("Reddit culture," *El Pais*, Sept. 16, 2025). By social media, skillful recruiters of various persuasions actively seek to propagandize young people and lead them into hateful, violent views. They have their own in-house terminology and memes. They dehumanize their enemies. They use "dark and sarcastic humor." "At the same time, social media algorithms function to shunt users into ever more sensational content" ("Kirk shooting suspect," *The Conversation*, Sept. 16, 2025). This is a loud wakeup call for churches to take effective measures to protect their members from the grave dangers of the internet.

From a political conservative viewpoint and even a general religious viewpoint, Kirk's assassination might result in the growth of conservative thinking among young people and some element of "spiritual" awakening (though probably not biblical regeneration). Charlie's wife, Erika, said in an interview that since the assassination they have received tens of thousands of requests to form Turning Point ministries on campuses across America.

We would warn that Charlie Kirk's memorial service featured Christian rock, which is ecumenical, charismatic, mystical, immodest, and conformed to the world. The music went on for about two and a half hours! One song, "The Blessing," consisted largely of the word "amen" sung repeatedly for many minutes. We've heard of "7/11 music," which refers to seven words sung 11 times, but this was 1 word sung 35 times! If this is not "vain repetition," I don't know what is (Matthew 6:7). This empty-minded, hypnotic type of thing creates the emotional experience sought by

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charismatic worshipers. There were 100 million streams in the first 24 hours, so there is no doubt that this event will increase the influence of contemporary Christian music. Unsaved people can be attracted by it because it is the world's music and the lyrics typically don't deal with "negative" Bible truths such as repentance, judgment, testing, discernment, contending for the faith, or separation.

We must warn about the Kirk's Christianity and Turning Point's broad tent ecumenism. "TPUSA Faith exists to unite the Church around primary doctrine..." The doctrinal platform is so narrow, in fact, it encompasses the Roman Catholic Church. "Kirk's wife is Catholic and for the last few months of his life he had been attending Mass with her" ("Charlie Kirk and the Catholic Church," *The American Catholic*, Sept. 14, 2025). Erika Kirk was educated at Notre Dame Preparatory High School in Scottsdale, Arizona. The Catholic News Agency said "Charlie Kirk was 'this close' to becoming Catholic" (Sept. 19, 2025). There is a photo online of him attending mass ("Charlie Kirk showed deep respect toward Catholic faith," *Catholic Vote*, Sept. 11, 2025). The Catholic mass is a heretical abomination whereby the blessed wafer, the host, allegedly becomes the actual body and blood of Jesus Christ by the instrumentality of the priestly ritual. The host is kept in a tabernacle or a monstrance and worshiped as Christ. The mass is called "a re-sacrifice of Christ" by the Second Vatican Council. "For in it Christ perpetuates in an unbloody manner the sacrifice offered on the cross, offering himself to the Father for the world's salvation through the ministry of priests" (*Vatican Council II*, The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Instruction on the Worship of the Eucharistic

Mystery, Introduction, C 1, 2). Kirk wore a "Saint Michael the Archangel Pendant," which is now worn by Erika (*Breitbart*, Sept. 21, 2025). Charlie was associated with Dream City Church in Phoenix, a rock & roll congregation that is part of the Assemblies of God, a Pentecostal denomination that believes a born again child of God can lose his salvation, the baptism of the Holy Spirit is an experience to be sought subsequent to salvation and is evidenced by tongues speaking, and physical healing is promised because of Christ's atonement. Charlie allowed for theistic evolution and the days of Genesis as long ages ("Charlie Kirk educating Bible haters," *Daily Dose of Wisdom*, YouTube). Erika Kirk has been appointed the head of Turning Point, though the Bible forbids her to teach men (1 Timothy 2:12-19).

Broad tent evangelical ministries such as Turning Point do some good, but in the end they are building the one-world church and are bridges to every heresy that exists in our day. Christ has already assigned the business of His redeemed people for this age, and it is the Great Commission and the New Testament church (Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Timothy 3:15). **It is impossible to obey Christ's Great Commission ("teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you") while pursuing a broad tent agenda. While appreciating any good thing in ministries such as Turning Point, we are going to obey God's Word and mark and avoid error (Romans 16:17) and give our full attention to proclaiming and obeying the whole counsel of God. We refuse to join hands with any remnant of the apostasy, even if it is labeled "evangelical," for a political agenda or any other purpose.**



Kirk's memorial service at the State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, drew 100,000

EVANGELICALISM AND THE GREAT APOSTASY



The doctrine of apostasy
is necessary for
spiritual and doctrinal protection.

By David Cloud

E*vangeli**calism and the Great Apostasy*, a new book and Bible course, has two major themes: *apostasy* as taught in the Bible and as seen through the age and *evangelicalism* as the broad sphere of apostasy in the last hours of the church age. We document how the apostasy developed in the first 1800 years of church history, how it exploded in the 19th century, how it reached new heights in the 20th century, and how it is nearing its apex in the 21st century. **It is evangelicalism, with its profession of biblical faith yet lack of real boundaries, that is destroying the black and white of truth and error and creating the gray of compromise. Everything is changing, moving, merging, blending, homogenizing.** In dramatic fulfillment of Bible prophecy, the stage is being set for the day of the Lord and the rise of Mystery Babylon.

The doctrine of apostasy is a doctrine that is clearly taught in God's Word, and it is no small matter. In brief, the doctrine of apostasy is the Bible's teaching that there will be a falling away from the New Testament faith beginning even in the days of the apostles and progressing in strength throughout the church age, ending in an explosion of apostasy at the end of the age. That's where we are!

The doctrine of apostasy is necessary for a right understanding of church history. The doctrine of apostasy explains the Roman Catholic Church and Greek Orthodoxy. It explains the appearance in church history of gnosticism, Montanism, Cerinthianism, adoptionism, Sabellianism, Arianism, Manichaeism, infant baptism, baptismal regeneration, priestcraft, the papacy, transubstantiation, sacramentalism, auricular confession, Mariolatry, the cult of the saints, purgatory, pilgrimages, holy bells, holy water, holy relics, scapulars, rosaries, monasticism, asceticism, cathedrals, iconography, inquisitions, amillennialism, the crusades, antinomianism, enlightenment theology, unitarianism, transcendentalism, theological liberalism, documentary

theories, form criticism, textual criticism, soul sleep, and sabbath keeping.

The doctrine of apostasy is necessary for a proper understanding of the times in which we live. It is necessary for a proper Christian worldview. Why are there so many different types of denominations and churches? Why are there so few churches that take the Bible seriously? Why is Christianity so divided? Is the ecumenical movement a good thing? Why are there so many disgraceful scandals in Christianity?

The doctrine of apostasy is necessary for spiritual and doctrinal protection. The doctrine of apostasy instructs God's people to have a testing mindset: to be serious Bible students and to measure everything by the Bible, to "prove all things" (1 Th. 5:21), to be Bereans (Acts 17:11). The doctrine of apostasy instructs churches to be serious Bible training institutions in order to disciple and protect the people in an evil time. The doctrine of apostasy tells us that every preacher and Bible teacher must have a "warning ministry" as a matter of protecting the sheep (Col. 1:28).

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Evangelicalism and the Great Apostasy is available from Way of Life Literature, www.wayoflife.org.



SPURGEON'S PASTOR'S COLLEGE Yesterday and Today

By David Cloud

With the announcement on August 1, 2025, that Spurgeon's College is closing, we would like to recount the history of the institution.

The following is enlarged from the chapter "Metropolitan Tabernacle, London" of *The History and Heritage of Fundamentalism and Fundamental Baptists*, <https://www.wayoflife.org/publications/all.php>



The Pastors' College began in 1856 with one student named Thomas Medhurst. He was a rope maker who was saved under Spurgeon's ministry and began preaching in the open air. Some complained to Spurgeon about Medhurst's poor English, and when Spurgeon talked with him, Thomas admitted that he probably made mistakes, but said, "I must preach sir; and I shall preach unless you cut off my head." Spurgeon decided, "I must do what I can to get him an education that will fit him for the ministry." At first, Spurgeon himself taught Thomas two or three hours per week.

The school grew quickly. By 1861, there were 20 students, and by 1864, there were 100. About 900 preachers were trained in Spurgeon's lifetime.

The entrance requirement was the new birth with a clear salvation testimony, doctrinal soundness, a good Christian character, a demonstrable call to preach, two-years' preaching experience, and the ability to do the course work. Spurgeon alone decided which applicants to accept.

The students paid what they could and the rest was supplied by Spurgeon and the Metropolitan Tabernacle.

The two-year Institute was not shallow. The students studied Puritan writings, which are of great theological depth (though they also err in Reformed theology). Eventually a third year was added. Spurgeon himself taught one afternoon a week (Friday), and some of his teaching on those days were published in *Commenting and Commentaries* and the two-volume *Lectures to My Students*, which is still widely used.

Spurgeon emphasized the practical. He wanted to produce evangelists, pastors, and church planters. The students either participated in the life and ministry of Metropolitan Tabernacle or they pastored churches within commuting distance.

Spurgeon also conducted evening classes for men who could not attend the regular classes of the Preacher's College. In 1890, he said, "Besides the students for the regular ministry, several hundreds of street preachers, city missionaries, teachers, and workers of all kinds have passed through our evening classes, and a band of 250 such men are now with us, pursuing their callings by day and studying in the evening."

Spurgeon strongly emphasized the importance of reading and continued learning. He exhorted his preacher boys, "Sell your shirt and buy books." He advised the men to read the entire multi-volume Matthew Henry commentary set in the twelve months after they graduated from Pastor's College. The book *Commenting and Commentaries* contains lectures that Spurgeon delivered to the students of his college, and it reveals the serious nature of his own study habits and the manner in which he trained his students.

Some 200 churches were planted or revived by the graduates, both in the U.K. and overseas. They recorded 100,000 baptisms. By 1891, one in five pastors of Baptist

churches in England were graduates of the Pastors' College. When a graduate started a new church, Metropolitan Tabernacle would pay the rent for a meeting place for the first year.

There were bi-annual Bible conferences at Metropolitan Tabernacle for the Pastors' College graduates. Spurgeon's messages at these conferences from 1872-1890 were collected into *An All-Round Ministry*. One was "The Evils of the Present Time, and Our Object, Necessities and Encouragements." One evil Spurgeon dealt with was the "entertainment-driven church." He warned, **"Within suitable bounds, recreation is necessary and profitable; but it never was the business of the Christian Church to supply the world with amusements. ... By the solemnities of death, and judgment, and eternity, I beseech you, keep yourselves clear of the follies, the inanities of the day. ... The preaching of Christ usually ceases when these frivolities come in. These things are so opposed in spirit, that one or the other will have to be dropped; and we know which it will be."**

Spurgeon was at the forefront of a great spiritual revival. "During Charles Spurgeon's ministry tens of thousands were converted to God under the preaching of the Word" ("Brief History of The Metropolitan Tabernacle," MetropolitanTabernacle.org). There were 14,000 additions to the Tabernacle during his pastorate. As we have seen, the graduates of the Pastors' College started or revived 200 churches and saw thousands converted. And these were not empty numbers. As we have seen, this was no Quick Prayerism program. The largest percentage of the numbers that were reported represented genuine, life-changing conversions produced by the power of God through the preaching of the gospel.

Eleven graduates of the Pastors' College became presidents of the Union. This was in spite of the fact that the Union has continued down the path of the theological apostasy that caused Spurgeon to separate from it.

In the 1920s, 30s, and 40s, H. Wheeler Robinson, pastor of Baptist Union churches and principal of Regents Park College, denied the infallibility of Scripture, considered the Old Testament a product of religious evolution, and denied the historicity of Adam and original sin. He blasphemously claimed that Jesus was not right in everything He said. "[T]he language and the thought of a particular generation [are] stamped upon His sayings" (Robinson, *Ancient and English Versions of the Bible*, p.

287). In 1971, Michael Taylor, principal of the Baptist Union's Northern Baptist College, addressed the London Baptist Assembly on the theme, "How much of a man was Jesus?" He denied that Jesus Christ is God. Though many protested the man's heresy, the Baptist Union refused to discipline him or remove him from office.

The Pastors' College was renamed Spurgeon's College in 1923. By then it was no longer associated with the Metropolitan Tabernacle. The college was led by George Beasley-Murray from 1961-1977. He claimed that Jesus was wrong about the timing of the Second Coming, that John's Gospel was not written by John but by a community of John's followers, and he taught that salvation is not complete without baptism. Beasley-Murray participated in the apostate World Council of Churches and praised its "general theology" and "deep spirituality" ("The Rise and Fall of Spurgeon's College," *Standing on Shoulders*, Jan. 19, 2010). The theology of the WCC includes every type of heresy and blasphemy, including universalism, and its "spirituality" includes idolatrous Hindu dances, mindless Buddhist chants, and North American Indian spirit sacrifices. (See the free eBook [World Council of Churches](http://www.wayoflife.org), available at www.wayoflife.org.)

Along the path of its great compromise, Spurgeon's College began training female pastors. Lynn Green, the first female president of the Baptist Union (2013), was a graduate. She received a standing ovation for her inaugural sermon. She proclaimed, "I believe that our union is ready for generational change ... It is time to ... embrace a new way of being for the 21st century." This is the philosophy of the emerging church: a new church for a new time.

In May 2023, Rick Warren of Purpose Driven fame was appointed chancellor of the Pastor's College. Upon accepting the chancellorship, Warren stated, "[M]y understanding of the meaning of ordination and conviction from Scripture on ministry leadership are identical to Charles Spurgeon's published views" ("Rick Warren named," *Baptist News Global*, May 16, 2023). That is a ridiculous statement! Consider just a few major differences: Warren preaches an incredibly shallow, unscriptural gospel with no hint of repentance, whereas Spurgeon preached repentance and a full-bore regenerating gospel. Warren's shallow gospel bloated his church's membership with the unregenerate religious, whereas Spurgeon made a great effort to maintain a

regenerate-membership. Warren's ecumenical principle embraces theological liberals and Roman Catholic priests, whereas Spurgeon renounced such a practice. Warren practices friendship with the world, whereas Spurgeon practiced separation from the world. Warren ordains women to the pastorate, where Spurgeon renounced this.

Spurgeon's College is in the process of closing its doors, having been killed by liberalism, but the Metropolitan Tabernacle is doing well.

By 1970, the Tabernacle was almost dead. The hall that could seat many hundreds was almost empty. Under the leadership of Peter Masters, the church has been revived and today the building is nearly full during Sunday services. Dr. Masters stands on the same doctrinal platform as Spurgeon. He is an "evangelical Calvinist" who believes in preaching the gospel to all sinners, and the church is still aggressive in evangelism, with Sunday evening gospel services and Sunday Schools. Metropolitan uses the same sacred music it used in Spurgeon's day, with additions representing the same theological depth and sacred style, avoiding the

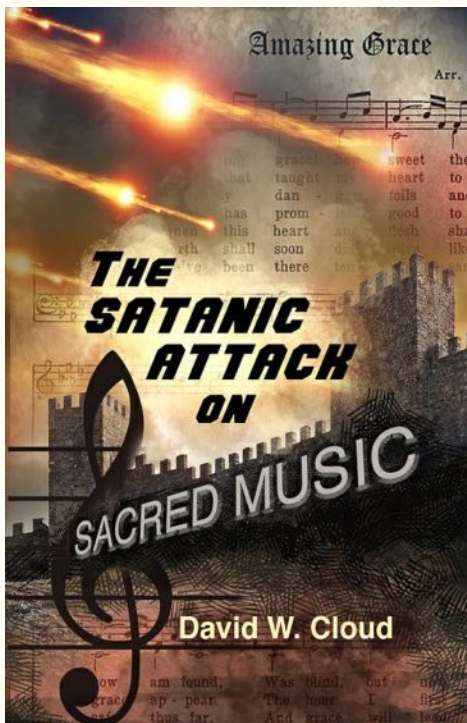
contemporary sound by conviction and with clear purpose. *The Sword and the Trowel* is still published by the church, and it still preaches the truth and defends the truth as Dr. Masters sees it. The church's annual School of Theology is well attended.

In February 1971, Dr. Masters led the church to again depart from the Baptist Union (which it had re-joined in 1955) and has kept the church separated from the contemporary evangelical philosophy that has captured most Baptist churches in the U.K. He has written and published books warning about contemporary music, worldliness, Christian psychology, charismatic mysticism, and the new Reformed philosophy, among other things.

We don't agree with Dr. Masters' Calvinism, but we are thankful for a great many things that this man stands for. In my personal experience, I have found him to be a man of God and a Christian gentleman. The thing that divides us is not the doctrine of the Bible. It is, rather, the doctrine of a man named John Calvin, a man who has caused massive and unnecessary division among God's people.

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The born again child of God can be very puzzled by the experience in sorrow when he thinks he should have only joy, but the Bible is very clear on this subject. There is sorrow in the genuine Christian life. Consider some examples:

- ***There is sorrow because of sin and our fallen condition.*** We live in “a body of death” (Ro. 7:24). We are subject to “the bondage of corruption” (Ro. 8:21). “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us” (1 Jo. 1:8). We have the “old man” (“that ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man,” Eph. 4:22). We have “the flesh” (Ro. 13:14, “But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof”). David described a severely sorrowful condition that came because of his sin. “When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah. I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah” (Ps. 32:3-5). “For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me” (Ps. 38:4). “Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice” (Ps. 51:8).

- ***There is sorrow because we live in a fallen world*** (Ro. 8:22-23, “For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body”).

- ***There is sorrow because of general affliction.*** The psalmist described great trials of affliction. “My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come

and appear before God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?... Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me?” (Ps. 42:2, 3, 5, 11; 43:5); “my soul cleaveth unto the dust” (Ps. 119:25); “I am become like a bottle in the smoke” (Ps. 119:83); “Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within in; my heart within me is desolate” (Ps. 143:4).

- ***There is sorrow because of manifold trials*** (1 Pe. 1:3-7, “Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith ...”).

- ***There is sorrow when God’s promises seem to fail*** (Ps. 77:1-9, “I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted. I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah. Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak. I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times. I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search. Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more? Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.”) (Ps. 88:14, “LORD, why castest thou off my soul? why hidest thou thy face from me?”)

- ***There is sorrow because of persecution*** (2 Co. 7:5-6, “For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears”). (Ps. 55:3-5, “Because of

the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me. My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me. Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.”) (Ps. 109:2, 22-23: “For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue. ... For I *am* poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me. I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.”) Jeremiah experienced great sorrow because of persecution. “I was a derision to all my people; *and* their song all the day. ... And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgot prosperity. And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD. Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall” (La. 3:14, 17-19).

- ***There is sorrow because of spiritual warfare and oppression.*** (Mr. 14:33-34, “And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.”)

- ***There is sorrow because of sickness*** (Php. 2:27, “Epaphroditus „, was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow”).

- ***There is sorrow with those who are sorrowing*** (Ro. 12:15, “Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep”).

- ***There is sorrow in dealing with sin and error*** (2 Co. 2:3-4, “And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is *the joy* of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears”).

- ***There is sorrow for the unsaved*** (Ro. 9:2-3, “I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh”).

- ***There is sorrow in chastening and discipline*** (Heb. 12:11, “Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous...”). (2 Co. 2:7, “So that contrariwise

ye *ought* rather to forgive *him*, and comfort *him*, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.”)

All of these things are part of the normal Christian life.

God is ready to heal the broken heart (Ps. 34:18), to restore the soul (Ps. 23:3).

Christian joy is more than a feeling

- You can be sorrowful yet rejoicing (“as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing,” 2 Co. 6:10)

- Biblical rejoicing is not the same as a happy emotion. Biblically speaking, “rejoice” is a bigger, more comprehensive word than “happy.” The world thinks of rejoicing only in terms of emotional happiness, but biblical rejoicing isn’t exactly that. It is rejoicing in the sense of having confidence in Christ and resting in God’s promises and knowing that I am safe in His hands and blessed by Him regardless of what is going on in my earthly life. One’s emotional state can fluctuate even while rejoicing in the Lord. There can be sorrow in the flesh, even when there is rejoicing in the Spirit. There can be sorrow because of circumstances, even while there is rejoicing in Christ and in God’s promises.

- The joy of salvation comes by faith in the promises of God (“joy of faith,” Php. 1:25; “yet believing, ye rejoice with joy,” 1 Pe. 1:8)

Feelings cannot be controlled, but they can be dealt with properly by the knowledge of God’s Word.

- “Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and *why* art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him *for* the help of his countenance” (Ps. 42:5, 11).

- Living by faith is living by God’s Word (Ro. 11:17, “So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”). Must be immersed in God’s Word. Must be a serious Bible student. Must memorize and meditate on God’s Word.

- Living by faith is living persistently. Just keep on keeping on. “If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed” (Joh. 8:31). “And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Ac. 2:42).

“Continue in the faith” (Ac. 14:22). “Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day” (Ac. 26:22). “Continue in his goodness” (Ro. 11:22). “Continue in the faith grounded and settled” (Col. 1:23). “Continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety” (1 Ti. 2:15). “But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of” (2 Ti. 3:14). ***If you fall down, get back up*** (Pr. 24:16, “For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth again...”). ***If you step out of the light, confess your sin and get back in the light*** (1 Jo. 1:5-10). ***If the flesh rises up, get back in the Spirit.*** “This

I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would” (Gal. 5:16-17). Never stop; never quit; refuse even to think about it. Have the faith of Peter, “Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God” (Joh. 6:67-69).



NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING THE PSALMS

“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:19).

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” (Colossians 3:16).

Though the New Testament churches are commanded to sing the Psalms, this practice has fallen out of favor with most Baptist churches since the early 20th century.

We are happy to report that Northside Baptist Church of Adelaide, South Australia, is singing the Psalms and posting them online for the edification of God’s saints.

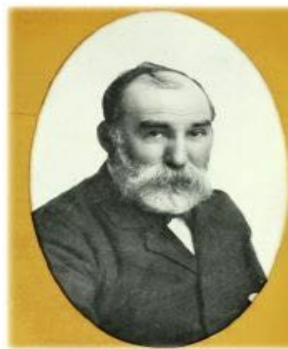
Much time and labor is expended on selecting meter Psalms from various sources (Isaac Watts, the Scottish Psalter, Charles Wesley, etc.) and choosing the tunes.

There are currently 30 psalms. The latest is Psalm 20.

Psalm singing videos on Vimeo - <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11392756?share=copy>

Psalm PDFs with words and tune info -

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HYMNS

Jewels From

DANIEL WHITTLE

By David Cloud



The following is excerpted from [Transforming Congregational Singing for the 21st Century](http://www.wayoflife.org), www.wayoflife.org –

Daniel Whittle (1840-1901) was another prolific hymn writer of the revivalist era.

He was named for the statesman Daniel Webster, whom his father admired. He had heard Webster say in a stirring speech, “It is my living sentiment, and by the blessing of God it shall be my dying sentiment--independence now and independence forever!”

Whittle’s mother was an earnest, praying Christian, and he professed Christ in his youth and even worked as a superintendent of a Sunday School. Serving in the Union forces in the American Civil War, Whittle left the Christian faith of his childhood. Terribly wounded at the Battle of Vicksburg, he lost his arm and was incarcerated in a prisoner of war camp. While recuperating, he began to read the New Testament that his praying Christian mother had put into his pack as he left for the war. He read the New Testament through multiple times. One night a nurse asked him to pray with a young soldier who was dying and was crying out for help to find salvation. When Whittle replied that he was not a praying man, the nurse said, “I thought sure from seeing you read the Testament that you were a praying man. Won’t you get up and come and see him at any rate?” He did so, and the boy told him that he had lived a wicked life in the army “and now I am dying, and I am not fit to die! Pray for me. Ask Christ to save me!” Whittle said God’s Spirit spoke to his soul, “You know the way of salvation. Get right down on your knees and accept Christ, and pray for this boy.” And that is exactly what he did. He asked God to save him for Christ’s sake and to save the boy. He said, “The boy became quiet, and pressed my hand as I pleaded the promises. When I arose from my knees he was dead” (H. Pickering, *Twice-Born Men: True Conversion Records*).

Whittle ended his military career with the rank of major and was often called “Major Whittle.”

Through the influence of D.L. Moody, Whittle entered full-time evangelism and was assisted in music by Philip Bliss, James McGranahan, and George Stebbins. His only child, Mary (May), wed Moody’s son William. She sang solos in evangelistic crusades led by her father and Moody, wrote the music for some of her father’s hymns, and co-edited with Charles Alexander the *Northfield Hymnal No. 3* (1918).

Whittle wrote about 200 hymns, using the pseudonyms El Nathan, Elias Nathan, and W.W.D. Many of his hymns are still popular, including “Christ Is All,” “The Crowning Day,” “Dying with Jesus, by Death Reckoned Mine,” “Have You Any Room for Jesus,” “I Know Whom I Have Believed,” “Moment by Moment,” “Once Far from God and Dead in Sin,” “There Shall Be Showers of Blessing,” “There’s a Royal Banner Given for Display.”

Whittle wrote the following poem one night in his final illness, when he was in too much pain to sleep. It is based on the golden bells of the high priest which announced his work of atonement in the holy of holies and his soon return from that work. This poem was never put to music.

Swift, with melodious feet,
The midnight hours pass by;
As with each passing bell so sweet,
I think, 'My Lord draws nigh.'

I see Heaven's open door,
I hear God's gracious voice;
I see the blood-washed 'round the throne,
And with them I rejoice.

It may be that these sounds
Are the golden bells so sweet
Which tell me of the near approach
Of the Heavenly High Priest's feet.

Not every night is thus;
Some nights with pain are drear.
Then I join my moan with creation's groan
And the chimes I do not hear.

But the Lord remains the same;
Faithful He must abide;
And on His word my soul I'll rest,
For He is by my side.

Some midnight sleepless saints,
Made quick by pain to hear,
Shall join the glad and welcome cry,
'The Bridegroom draweth near.'

Then I shall see His face
His beauteous image bear;
I'll know His love and wondrous grace,
And in His glory share.

So sing my soul in praise,
As bells chime o'er and o'er,
The coming of the Lord draws near,
When time shall be no more.

"Beyond Our Sight"

Daniel Whittle

Tune: George Stebbins

1 Beyond our sight a city four-square lieth,
Above the clouds, the fogs and mists of earth;
And none but souls that Jesus purifieth
Can see its walls, or hear its holy mirth.

Refrain:

Beyond our sight, beyond our night,
Beyond this world's sad story;
That city bright, it stands in light,
The home of all the holy.

2 Secure and strong, this heav'nly city builded
By Christ the Lamb for all the blood-wash'd throng,
Gleams fair and bright, with golden glory gilded,
For ever thrilling with triumphant song. [Refrain]

3 There, on the throne, the Lamb, once slain is seated,
The Shepherd's joy upon His holy face;
While countless hosts, their warfare all completed,
In circling bands, lift ceaseless songs of praise.
[Refrain]

4 O sor'wing souls, beneath earth's burdens bending,
Lift up your eyes to yonder city fair;
And thro' your tears let praise be still ascending
For rest, and home, and loved ones waiting there.
[Refrain]

Music Score

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"The Hope of the Coming of the Lord" ("A Lamp in the Night, a Song in Time of Sorrow"), 1896

Daniel Whittle

Tune: May Whittle Moody

1 A lamp in the night, a song in time of sorrow;
A great glad hope which faith can ever borrow
To gild the passing day, with the glory of the morrow,
Is the hope of the coming of the Lord.

Refrain

Blessed hope, blessed hope,
Blessed hope of the coming of the Lord;
How the aching heart it cheers,
How it glistens through our tears,
Blessed hope of the coming of the Lord.

2 A star in the sky, a beacon bright to guide us;
An anchor sure to hold when storms betide us;
A refuge for the soul, where in quiet we may hide us,
Is the hope of the coming of the Lord. [Refrain]

3 A call of command, like trumpet clearly sounding,
To make us bold when evil is surrounding;
To stir the sluggish heart and to keep in good
abounding,
Is the hope of the coming of the Lord. [Refrain]

4 A word from the One to all our hearts the dearest,
A parting word to make Him aye the nearest;
Of all His precious words, the sweetest, brightest,
clearest,
Is the hope of the coming of the Lord. [Refrain]

Music Score

<https://hymnary.org/media/fetch/112656>



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?



ANY CHURCH THAT IS NOT DEALING EFFECTUALLY WITH THE PORNOGRAPHY ISSUE IS DOOMED (Friday Church News Notes, August 29, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- In the smartphone age, there can be no doubt that any church that is not dealing effectually with the internet pornography issue is doomed to be leavened with immorality. The church at Corinth had *just one member* who was living in immorality, and Paul rebuked the church for failing to "purge out the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump" (1 Corinthians 5:6). Paul said, "Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?" The one member at Corinth had adulterous lust for his father's wife, and Paul warned them that if left alone that sin by one individual would leaven the entire congregation. How much more should churches be engaged in purging in a day when people everywhere are lusting after the vilest images? There is nowhere in the world that this problem does not exist. Our church has been dealing with it for several years. All of our members are enrolled in an accountability program. **We refuse to remain silent and inactive in the face of this great onslaught.** We preach and teach about it. We warn about it. We prepare our members to

help one another as Scripture demands. Sam Black, who works with Covenant Eyes, warns that **"pornography is quietly eroding the spiritual health of congregations worldwide and undermining every ministry in the local church--from children's programs to marriage counseling"** ("Porn is undermining every ministry," *Christian Daily International*, Aug. 17, 2025). **"Black said the first obstacle to addressing pornography in the church is acknowledging the scope of the issue. Research shows that two-thirds of men and one-third of women who attend church regularly say they struggle with pornography.** Yet only 7% of churches provide specific resources or structured support for those who do. More than one-third of churchgoing men are in an ongoing struggle, and among younger Christian men, 36% report daily porn use. Women are also significantly affected--73% of women aged 18 to 35 say they have viewed porn in the past six months, and more than a quarter report viewing it in the past week. **'Porn isn't what it used to be,' Black said. 'It's far more accessible, more extreme and more violent. And it's reshaping how people think about sex, relationships, and even the value of another human being.'** Exposure to violent pornography is increasingly common among teens" (Ibid.). In 2024, Barna reported "that pornography use is so prevalent among all demographics and the gap in use among Christians and non-Christians, as well as men and women, has grown narrower over the last eight years." Way of Life Literature has a Bible course designed for the entire church. It is entitled [*The Pornographic Age and*](#)

[Victory in Christ.](#) See www.wayoflife.org. David Brady has a ministry called *Purity Plan* that is available for churches. See www.purityplan.org.

PRESIDENT TRUMP SAYS HELPING END THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR WILL HELP HIM GET TO HEAVEN (Friday Church News Notes, August 29, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- In the clearest way, President Donald Trump has stated that he doesn't understand salvation and is not a saved man who is trusting in the blood of Christ alone. We find no joy in reporting this, but there have been voices raised stating that he is born again. The following is excerpted from "Trump Says," *Christian Post*, Aug. 19, 2025: "Trump called into the Fox News program *Fox & Friends* for a phone interview on Tuesday morning, one day after he hosted Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and other European leaders at the White House as part of the ongoing efforts to end the war in Ukraine, which began with Russia's invasion in 2022. Trump maintained that ending the war could 'save 7,000 people a week from being killed.' 'I want to try and get to Heaven if possible,' the 79-year-old said. 'I'm hearing I'm not doing well. I hear I'm really at the bottom of the totem pole. But if I can get to Heaven, this will be one of the reasons,' he said, referring to securing a hypothetical end to the Ukraine-Russia conflict that he would play a part in negotiating."

CONCLUDING REMARKS: The gospel of Jesus Christ is salvation through faith by God's grace *without works*. It was purchased 100% by Christ's atonement on Calvary. "For by grace are ye saved through faith;



and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). To add *any* works is a false gospel that is under God's curse (Galatians 1:6-10). "And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work" (Romans 11:6). All men and women are sinners before God and lack the righteousness demanded by God, and there are no degrees to salvation; you are either totally saved or totally lost. Saving faith is an exclusive faith in Christ alone, and it is a repentant faith. Paul himself emphasized this in his final exhortation to the pastors of Ephesus, summarizing the message he had preached among them in these words, "Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21). It is clear that Paul saw no conflict between repentance and the grace of God, which he mentioned in the same message in verse 24. Paul preached "repentance toward God," but biblical repentance is not a work; it is not against grace. Repentance is not a change of life; it is a change of *mind* that *results in* a change of life. We see this in the case of the Ninevites, Zacchaeus, and the idolaters at Thessalonica

(Matthew 12:41; Luke 19:8-10; 1 Thessalonians 1:9). Many preachers are convinced that preaching repentance is a works gospel. In this, they are not following Paul's teaching and example; they are following some prominent false teacher they have accepted as a hero and guru. If President Trump were to repent, and we pray often that he will, he would make a public confession of his very public sins, including his lasciviousness and cursing for which he has been publicly reprovved. One reason President Trump does not understand these things is that his chief spiritual advisor, Paula Cain-White, does not understand them.

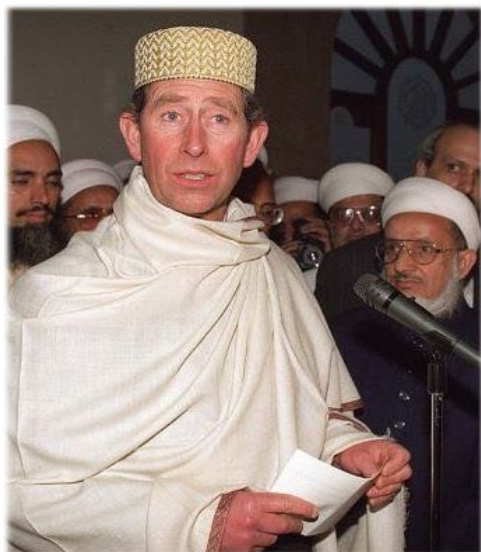
THE APOSTASY OF "MAINLINE PROTESTANTS"

(Friday Church News Notes, August 29, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - For what it's worth, the apostasy of mainline Protestants has been yet again exposed in a new major survey of "Christian clergy." The National Survey of Religious Leaders (NSRL) 2025 polled 1,600 clergy. Of mainline Protestants, only 40% expressed certainty about God's existence, 75% do not believe Adam and Eve were real figures, 72% believe the Bible is not completely historically accurate, 60% do not



believe in heaven, 60% do not believe in hell, and 50% believe that all world religions are equally true and good. “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).

KING CHARLES A FAN OF ISLAM (Friday Church News Notes, August 29, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “5 Troubling Facts,” *Christian Post*, Aug. 19, 2025: “For over 500 years, every British monarch has inherited the title ‘Defender of the Faith,’ meaning defender of Christianity. But in 1994, Charles III, the Prince of Wales, declared that he wished to be ... defender of all religions. ... Here are five facts you should know about King Charles III and Islam: **1. He studied Arabic to understand the Quran.** ... At his Highgrove House residence, he expressed his love of the Quran by creating the Carpet



Garden, inspired by Turkish carpet designs. ‘I planted fig, pomegranate, and olive trees in the garden,’ he said, ‘because of their mention in the Quran.’ **2. His passion for Islam has affected his judgment.** ... On three occasions, from 2011 to 2015, Prince Charles accepted cash-filled luggage from a friend in Qatar. Those gifts--donations to the prince’s charitable fund--totaled three million euros. ... The donor was Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jaber Al Thani (aka ‘HBJ’), one of the richest men in the world. HBJ was Qatar’s prime minister from 2007 to 2013. He also owned the \$400 million luxury jet that Qatar recently gifted to President Donald Trump. In addition to currying favor with King Charles and President Trump, Qatar has spent an estimated \$2 billion financing the terror organization Hamas. **3. He is reluctant to condemn terrorism.** After the July 7, 2005, London suicide bombings (52 innocent people killed, nearly 800 injured), Prince Charles said, ‘Islam preaches humanity, tolerance and a sense of community ... These acts have nothing to do with any true faith.’ **4. He is highly critical of Western culture.** For decades, King Charles has actively championed Islam as more enlightened than Western civilization--or even Christianity. In an October 1993 speech as patron of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, he declared, ‘Islam can teach us a way of understanding and living in the world which Christianity itself is poorer for having lost.’ Terrorism, he said, is the result of ‘extremism,’ not Islamic ideology. **5. He is prone to wishful thinking about Islam.** ... Charles selects favorable passages and ignores violent passages to craft a sanitized version of Islam. He

projects onto Islam what he wishes it to be, not what it is.”

ELECTRIC SINGING (Friday Church News Notes, August 29, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, August 21, 2025: “The brown ghost knifefish, popular in many aquariums, generates a weak electric signal that it uses for navigation and communication. The electric field they generate is too weak to stun prey. However, the electric organs that run along the sides of their bodies can pick up any changes in the field when the field encounters something with a conductivity that is different than water. The communication aspects of the field are even more amazing. Male knifefish have been recorded singing to females by modulating their electric field. Researchers report that the males will sing like this for hours at night. However, when two knifefish who are hostile to one another encounter each other, they will raise the frequency of their electric field to jam their rival’s signal. Researchers confirmed their conclusion that the knifefish were attempting to jam an enemy’s signal by using a dummy knifefish. They



Brown Ghost Knifefish

rigged the dummy to generate signals that mimicked a knifefish. Then they placed two male knifefish in the tank with it. The two males were rivals to the dummy, and both male knifefish quickly raised their frequencies to jam the rival's signal. Some people believe that mindless evolution gave the knifefish the ability to generate and control electric fields for communication as well as the ability to receive those signals. That credit clearly belongs to God! Ref: *Science News*, S. Milius, "Tszzzzzt!"

BEWARE OF EVANGELICALISM, PHILOSOPHY, OPEN THEISM, AND WILLIAM LANE CRAIG

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- Evangelicalism has been deeply corrupted since it renounced "separatism" in the 1940s, began to blend and merge with theological liberalism, and determined to pursue intellectualism and scholarship in the place of simple biblicism. If Peter and John were to appear on an evangelical seminary campus today, they would be considered "unlearned and ignorant men" (Acts 4:13). In pursuit of a Ph.D. with the proper accreditation, the evangelical ignores plain warnings (such as Psalm 1:1; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 15:33; 2 Corinthians 6:14; Ephesians 5:11; Colossians 2:8; 1 Timothy 4:1-3; 6:3-5; 2 Timothy 2:16-18; 3:5; 1 John 4:1; and 2 John 1:8-11) and is unwittingly corrupted by evil associations. He is not careful enough about where he studies, what he reads, what podcasts he hears, who he associates with, etc., because he doesn't believe in biblical separatism and vaunts his "liberty." He doesn't understand end-time apostasy and



doesn't earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints (except perhaps a couple of "fundamentals").

Thus, evangelicalism is extremely dangerous. It is a bridge to every sort of heresy that exists in end-time Christianity. The same is true for Contemporary Christian Music, which is the soundtrack of the one-world "church." Consider **William Lane Craig**, who is promoted as an American analytic philosopher, Christian apologist, and theologian. He studied at Wheaton College, worked with Campus Crusade, has taught at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (TEDS) and Biola University, and served as president of the Evangelical Philosophical Society. Christian philosophers interact more with the church fathers and Bible critics than with the pure Word of God. While Craig has defended the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ in two books, he loves to dwell in the never-never land of philosophical nonsense, such as this: "Stating that the Quine-Putnam indispensability argument is the chief support of platonism, Craig criticizes the neo-Quinean criterion of ontological commitment, according to which the existential quantifier of first order logic and singular terms are devices of ontological commitment" ("William Lane Craig," *Wikipedia*). Swimming in dangerous waters and unafraid to delve into forbidden realms (Deut. 29:29), Craig has shipwrecked on

the shoals of rank heresies. He holds Genesis 1-11 as "figurative" and "mytho-history." He claims that God existed in a timeless state prior to creation but has existed in a temporal state since creation. Recently he made the following statement of Open Theism: "One might think that if God is omniscient, then he can't learn anything new, because to be omniscient is to know all truth, it's to know all the facts there are. But in fact, an omniscient being can learn things that are new if he is in time. If God is in time, then at any particular moment of time, he knows all the truths that there are at that moment. But if truth changes over time, then God's knowledge will change over time as well. ... So if God is in time, even though he knows all the truths that there are at any moment of time, because truths change over time, God will in fact learn new truths, new facts as time elapses" (*Disnttr*, July 24, 2025). Yet the Bible says God's understanding is infinite (Ps. 147:5); He "knoweth all things" (1 Jo. 3:20); He declares the end from the beginning (Isa. 46:9-10). As for the early chapters of Genesis, Adam and Eve are mentioned in eight books of the New Testament, always as historical figures (Mt. 19:4-6; Mr. 10:6-8; Lu. 3:38; Ro. 5:12, 14; 1 Co. 15:22, 45; 2 Co 11:3; 1 Ti. 2:13-14; and Jude 1:14).

POOR IGNORANT CHURCH MEMBERS

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- We are witnessing a great collapse of independent Baptist and fundamentalist Bible churches. For the large part, they are either dead, dying, barely hanging on, or making dramatic changes in character by either gradually or aggressively



pursuing a contemporary agenda. There are many reasons for this, not least of which is Quick Prayerism and the failure to maintain a regenerate church membership. But another major reason for the collapse is the prevailing ignorance. As far as we can tell, the average church member is ignorant, first of all, of the Bible, not being a serious and effectual Bible student. And the average church member is ignorant of the pressing issues facing the churches and homes: ignorant of the music issue, ignorant of the Bible version issue, ignorant of the true character and danger of evangelicalism, ignorant of the doctrine of apostasy, ignorant of the doctrine of separation and contending for the faith, ignorant of the design and threat of social media, ignorant of the modesty issue, ignorant of the character and danger of evangelicalism, ignorant of the prevalence and power of pornography, etc. The chief culprits of this terrible situation are ineffectual pastors and teachers.

GOD GIVE US MEN (Friday Church News Notes, September 5, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - It has been said that everything rises and falls on leadership, and this is difficult to gainsay. Where are those strong churches that lack strong, godly, biblical pastoral leadership?

Scripture emphasizes this with not one but *three* lesson-packed epistles devoted to the training of pastors and preachers (1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus), plus Paul's amazing message to the elders of Ephesus (Acts 20:17-35).

God give us men the time
demands;
Strong minds, great hearts, true
faith, willing hands;
Men whom the lust of office does
not kill,
Men whom the spoils of office
cannot buy,
Men who possess convictions and
a will:
Men who have honor; men who
will not lie.
Men who can stand before a
demagogue,
And condemn his treacherous
flatteries without winking;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live
above the fog,
In public duty and in private
thinking.
For while the rabble with their
thumb-worn creeds,
Their large profession and their
little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, Lo!
Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land, and waiting
Justice sleeps.
--Josiah Holland (1819-1881)

PRAYING FOR 1,000 MEN
(Friday Church News Notes, September 5, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Knowing the importance of sound, life-changing, New Testament churches, and knowing how essential the right leaders are in that objective, for many years I've prayed that God will raise up 1,000 special preachers. I am referring to

God-called men; biblically-qualified men; Christ-centered men of good Christian character and testimony; men who are both holy and compassionate; men who are the spiritual leaders of their homes; men who love their wives and train and disciple their children; well-educated men (in the Bible and in all other issues facing the churches); studious men; men who are committed to God's Word rather than human tradition; men to whom the Bible is truly *the sole authority* for faith and practice; humble men who can work with a team of men as we see in the book of Acts; men of faith; men of Spirit-wrought courage; men who fear God more than man; men who are Christ-centered, not man-centered; men who are not intimidated by any old boy's network or preacher's association or school or "camp"; men who are willing to walk alone if necessary for the truth's sake; men of spiritual wisdom and discernment; men of passion for the truth, who esteem God's precepts concerning all things to be right and hate every false way (Ps. 119:128); men who live a pilgrim lifestyle separated from the world; men of large vision and zeal for gospel preaching and world missions and church planting; men who are wise about salvation, understanding the gospel and repentance and knowing



that saving faith is always accompanied by a Spirit-wrought change of life; men who are careful to maintain a regenerate church membership; men who reprove and rebuke sin and error in a plain way; men who warn and protect the churches from error; men who are ready and willing to exercise biblical discipline when necessary; men who are hard workers; men who multiply themselves by training preachers and training them well; men who hate religious pragmatism for the evil

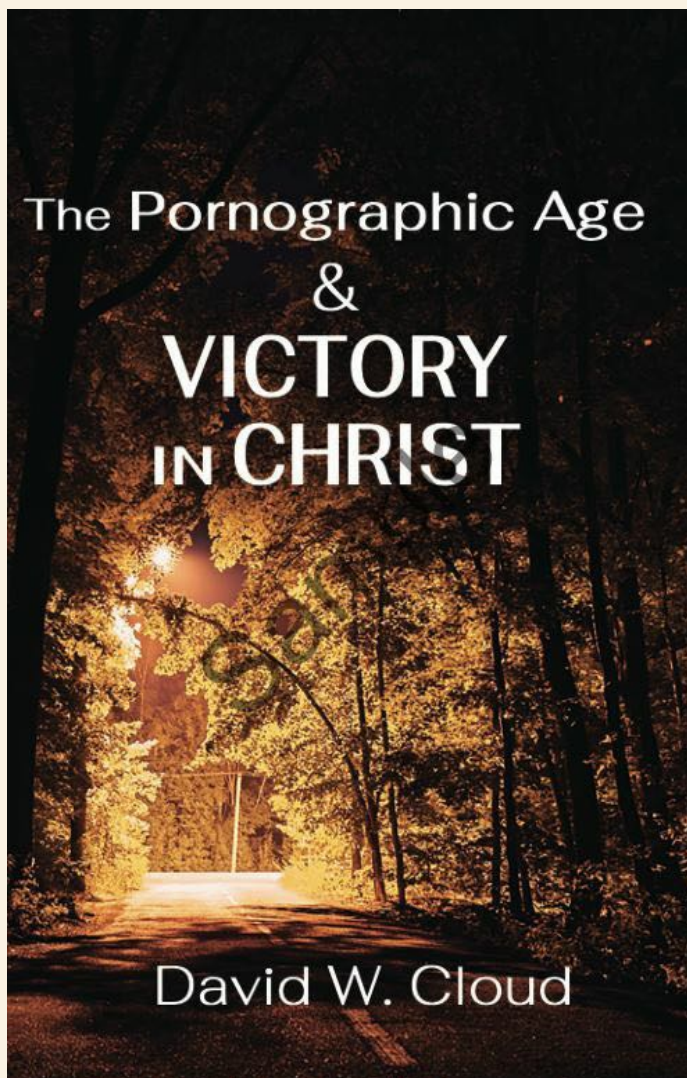
thing that it is in God's sight (e.g., making decisions about the ministry based on what "works" to produce a desired goal as opposed to making decisions based *strictly* on Bible truth). Such men are the product of God's grace and power. We see such men in Scripture, and we see them here and there even in this day.

FORMER CCM STAR RAY BOLTZ "MARRIES" HIS MALE PARTNER (Friday Church News Notes, September 12,

2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)
- Former CCM star Ray Boltz recently "married" his long time homosexual partner in a beach wedding in Florida officiated by a female pastor. In 2005, Boltz left his wife of 30 years to live with a man. He publicly announced his homosexuality in 2008. Boltz was a major voice in Contemporary Christian Music in the 1980s and 1990s. His song "Thank You" was Song of the Year at the Dove awards

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Ray Boltz

in 1990, and “I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb” was Inspirational Song of the Year in 1994. For a while after his “coming out,” he toured “the country playing at liberal churches and gay-pride events that receive him and his gay Christian message” (*Jesus Rocks the World: The Definitive History of Contemporary Christian Music*, vol. 2). His album *True* won Album of the Year at the OUTMusic Awards. The feature song was “Don’t Tell Me Who to Love.” He retired from the music industry in 2023 but still sings on social media. Contemporary Christian Music is a major element of the construction of the one-world “church” and is a bridge to every sin and heresy in the broader church today, including Roman Catholicism, theological liberalism, Open Theism, Contemplative Mysticism, “Christian homosexuality,” even goddess worship. We have documented this in the new book and Bible course [*Evangelicalism and the Great Apostasy*](#), which is accompanied by a free set of PowerPoints providing a pictorial study on CCM/Evangelicalism as a bridge to great danger. See also the free eBook

[*The Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians*](#),
www.wayoflife.org.

LAW AND ORDER HAS COME TO EL SALVADOR (Friday Church News Notes, September 12, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - God is for law and order. He has ordained government in this fallen world and given it authority to punish criminals. “... he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil” (Romans 13:1-7). Governments that do not punish evil and reward good will answer to God. The corruption of law and order in many American cities is the product of a godless spirit among legislators, prosecutors, and judges, and in the citizens who elect them. When men rise up to keep law and order, God is with them. We see this in the following report on El Salvador, which is excerpted from “1,000 Days without Homicides,” *PJMedia*, Sept. 1, 2025: “Over the weekend, [President Nayib] Bukele announced on X that El Salvador has gone ‘1,000 days without homicides’ since he took office. These aren’t consecutive days, mind you, but they’re a major improvement over what was going on in that country before his leadership began. Here is his full statement (translated from Spanish): ‘Those who always say *impossible!* are unaware of the power of asking God for wisdom and accepting to be instruments of Him. Thank you, God! Without your will, NOTHING is possible. Thanks also to the best Security Cabinet that our country has ever had and to the thousands of men and women of our National Civil Police and our Armed Forces, who risked their lives so that we can finally live in true PEACE’

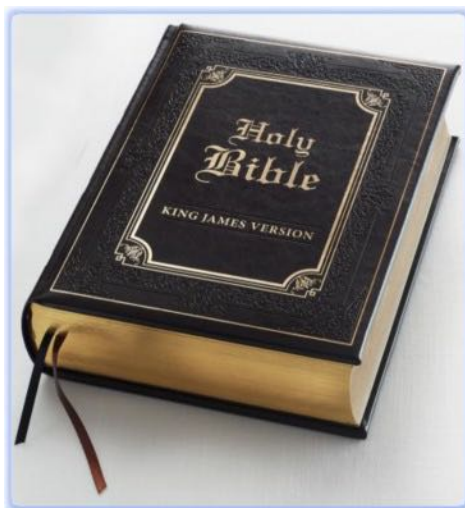


President Nayib Bukele - El Salvador

(@nayibbukele, Aug. 30, 2025). Unfortunately, cities like D.C. and Chicago lack the type of leadership that might allow them to ever make these sorts of declarations. For decades ... 90% of El Salvador was overrun by gang members and other criminals. Law-abiding citizens couldn’t go to work or school, couldn’t play in the parks, and couldn’t walk down the streets without fear for their lives, especially if they didn’t pay el derecho de piso, or a fee in exchange for ‘protection.’ In 2016, CNN reported that the country averaged one homicide per hour. ... Bukele campaigned on ending it. ... The government issued a state of exception and began doing what was necessary to eradicate gang members who were well-hidden among the country’s population. It was the only way to liberate the country and its people. Many on the left have criticized his methods, citing human rights violations, but I find that a lot of that criticism comes from outside El Salvador. The law-abiding citizens of his country mostly like Bukele—he actually has one of the highest organic approval ratings of any world leader.”

THE KING JAMES BIBLE AND ANTIQUATED LANGUAGE (Friday Church News Notes, September 12, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- We are convinced that the King James Bible is still the peerless English Bible. I am convinced that nothing can take its place, and it is essential to keep the “one Bible standard” in the churches. The King James Bible is God’s gift to the English-speaking people. It is the product of more than 200 years of godly labor and scholarship (e.g., Wycliffe, Tyndale, Geneva, KJV). It is the product of an unparalleled committee of some 50 biblical scholars who produced a true masterpiece. It is based on the preserved Hebrew and Greek texts. It was translated in an era of faith. In contrast, any Bible translated today is tainted by the climate of apostasy. Even “evangelical” Bible scholars are highly tainted. The King James Bible has been acclaimed as the apex of the English language. For example, Dr. Leland Ryken, professor emeritus of English at Wheaton College, highly praised the beauty, dignity, and power of the KJV. In his 2002 book *The Word of God in English: Criteria for Excellence in Bible Translation*, Ryken called the KJV a “peerless literary masterpiece” (p. 270), “unquestionably the most beautiful book in the world” (p. 267), “the noblest monument of English prose” (p. 258), and “matchless in its literary qualities among all English translations” (p. 188). There are only about 200 words in the KJV that are so antiquated as to require a dictionary. While Shakespeare used a vocabulary of roughly 21,000 English words, the vocabulary of the King James Bible is composed of only 6,000. The individual words tend to be short and simple. The words of the KJV average 1.3 syllables and 4 letters (D.A. Waite, Jr., *The Comparative Readability of the Authorized Version*). In fact, the



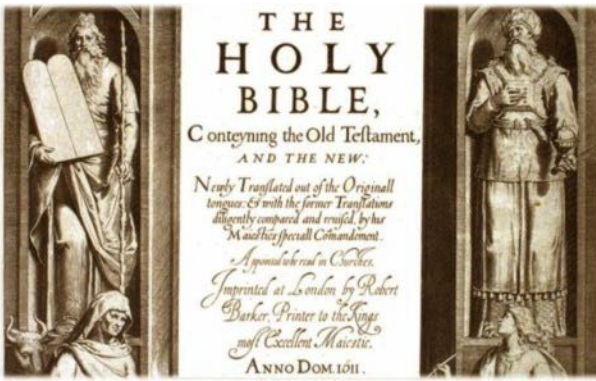
slight antiquation of the KJV can be seen as an advantage. Edward F. Hills, Ph.D. in textual criticism from Harvard, observed, “The language of the Bible should be venerable as well as intelligible, and the King James Version fulfills these two requirements better than any other Bible in English” (*The King James Version Defended*, p. 219). As for “thee” and “thou,” this language is necessary to distinguish between the singular and plural second person pronoun (thee, thou, thy, thine - ye, you, yours). The Hebrew and Greek have this distinction, but it is lost in modern English and in the modern English versions, including the NKJV. Pronouns beginning with “t” are singular (thee, thou, thy, thine), and those beginning with “y” are plural (ye, you, yours). The King James translators did not adopt *thee, thou, thy, thine* because these were common to their day, but because they wanted to faithfully translate the original Scripture into English. Consider, for example John 3:7: “Marvel not that I said unto THEE, YE must be born again.” Because of the KJV’s accurate translation of pronouns, we see immediately that this was spoken to the individual (THEE), Nicodemus, but it encompasses all men (YE). **We don’t need a new Bible, but we**

certainly need to pay much better attention to the Old One. Every member of a New Testament church is to be a serious Bible student, and every church should pursue a path to make this happen. See Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Psalm 1:1-3; 119:9, 15, 16, 24, 31, 36, 45, 54, 72, 81, 92, 97, 99, 103, 105, 111, 113, 117, 127, 131, 140, 143, 147, 148, 163; Matthew 28:20; Acts 2:42; 17:11; Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:15-17; Hebrews 5:11-14.

STUDY THE OLD BIBLE INSTEAD OF PURSUING A NEW BIBLE (Friday Church News Notes, September 12, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- Recently I received the following communication: “I am a member of a KJV only church here in the Philippines. I grew up with King James BUT STILL FIND IT DIFFICULT to read in public and understand and my Filipino friends really struggle. I KNOW my Philippina wife would not choose to attend here unless I was attending because the KJV is hard for her. She is constantly looking up words during the service (I too have to check other translations at times). What Bible would be easier to read but still be acceptable to KJV only?”

REPLY FROM BRO. CLOUD: I hope you will let me speak plainly to you on this issue. Instead of trying to find an “easier to read” Bible, God’s people need to study the excellent Bible they have, and in my experience most simply are not serious Bible students. If you and your wife have to constantly look up words during the preaching services, though you have been saved a long time, it is because you aren’t diligent students of the Bible in your daily



King James Bible and to educate your children to be the same. I love the King James Bible. I am convinced it is absolutely the best Bible in English, and I have a great burden to help God's people understand it. Toward this end we have labored for more than 50 years to

lives. You should have learned the basic meaning of those words long ago. Each year for ten years I conducted a well-attended Bible conference for preachers in the Philippines, preached in many of the churches, and talked with a great many pastors and deacons and teachers. I found that most Filipino church members are not serious Bible students. They do not read and study their Bibles effectually. They don't have a Bible concordance, a Bible dictionary, a good study Bible, and at least one sound commentary, and if they do have these things they don't use them in a zealous manner. Most have not taken a course in how to study the Bible, though such courses are available. I have a basic course titled [*The Effectual Bible Student*](#) and a more advanced one titled [*Understanding the Bible for Yourself*](#). Filipino Christians do all sorts of things online today, including making purchases, and there is no reason why they can't obtain these materials if they really want to. Over the years, we have given a lot of Bible study materials away in the Philippines and sold many of them at large discount, but we found that the materials weren't used very much. Too often, they were put on a shelf and forgotten. **You can't cure lack of Bible study with an "easier to read" Bible. I would exhort you in the strongest way to set out to become serious students of the**

produce Bible study materials, including the [*Way of Life Encyclopedia of the Bible & Christianity*](#), the [*Believer's Bible Dictionary*](#), the [*Way of Life Bible Commentary Series*](#), [*Things Hard to Be Understood: A Handbook of Biblical Difficulties*](#), and about 40 serious Bible study courses. Way of Life Literature is known by many as "a warning ministry," but largely it is a Bible teaching ministry. I hope you will take advantage of these materials. The time on God's prophetic calendar is very late, and the dangers are great. Without a strong personal knowledge of God's Word and a biblical testing mindset, people are in real danger of being led astray.

CHARLIE KIRK ASSASSIN REPRESENTS A DARK ONLINE WORLD (Friday Church News Notes, September 19, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following information reminds us that the internet is a very dangerous place, as well as a powerful communication tool for the truth. The dangers include every form of wicked thinking and lifestyle, every form of false religion and philosophy, and every form of false doctrine. For God's redeemed people to be safe, there must be proper education, spiritual wisdom, effectual controls, and



supervision. Our book/course [*The Pornographic Age and Spiritual Victory*](#) deals with these things in much detail, www.wayoflife.org. The following is excerpted from "Dark online subculture," *The Washington Times*, Sept. 15, 2025: "[Tyler Robinson, 22] the man accused of assassinating rising conservative star Charlie Kirk was immersed in a toxic online community that may have driven his actions. ... They point to taunting messages left by Mr. Robinson on bullet casings and social media postings that are **linked to violent gaming and nihilistic discourse**. ... Mr. Robinson, who was in a romantic relationship with his transgender roommate, was active in the online video gaming community on several message boards. ... the picture emerging is one of a once-promising student who **became engrossed in 'socially isolated and toxic online gaming subculture dominated by an obsession with violence.'** ... Three recent school shooters ... had spent months viewing and sharing the content produced in an online 'gore forum.' ... **'A position that once looked unthinkable has been normalized inside the group. The mix says nothing matters. Everything is a joke. Nihilism is the punch line.'**"

UNIVERSITIES ARE TERRORIST TRAINING GROUNDS (Friday Church News

Notes, September 19, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following report is a reminder that wicked living and wicked thinking has not been eradicated from America and will not be eradicated by anything the current administration is doing. This is excerpted from *World Israel News*, Sept. 12, 2025: "A day before Charlie Kirk was assassinated, the Free Speech Rankings, a FIRE survey of 68,000 college students at 257 universities, was released and it revealed that 1 in 3 students believed that using violence to stop a speaker they disagreed with on campus was acceptable. 2% or 1,360 students believed that violence to stop speech they opposed was 'always acceptable'. 13% found it 'sometimes acceptable' so that over 10,000 students find violence against campus speakers acceptable some of the time. When combined with the 19% who say violence is rarely, but sometimes, acceptable, that's over 23,000 college students who were willing to answer that using violence against speakers they disliked was a valid option. **Projecting and generalizing this large sample size to the much larger number of 18 million of college students across the country would translate into support for violently shutting down campus speakers by between 2.7 million and 6.1 million college students.** Another 54% or more than half, support blocking



students from attending campus speeches they oppose, and 71% back shouting down speakers. **A majority of college students not only oppose free speech, but support intervening to stop it.** What kind of views do they support shutting down by any means necessary? 74% believe speakers who view transgenderism as a mental illness should [be shut down.] 60% believe in blocking abortion opponents. ... One killing anywhere can be an aberration but generations of violence incubated by professors and deans on campus, some of whom openly admire terrorists and urge students to imitate them, is not random chance. It's a culture of terrorism that is now approaching its murderous apex. 76% believe in banning anyone who says BLM is a hate group."

WAKE UP, PASTORS, PARENTS, WE ARE LIVING IN A PORNDOMIC (Friday Church News Notes, September 26, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from a sermon by Pastor Simeon Western, Northside Baptist Church, Adelaide, Australia: "You have heard of a pandemic. What we have in our churches that is even more dangerous is a porndemic. I don't enjoy having to tackle this problem. I wish I didn't have to talk about it. It makes me faint to look at it because it is like ten Goliaths facing us all at once. But I have come to a realization in my experience to date that this porndemic is not going to go away, and whether we like it or not, as parents, as pastors, we are going to have to face this battle. And



you've got to be awake to it, and you've got to be alert to it, because it is destroying families, it is destroying marriages, it is destroying lives. **Wantonness has taken over the people of God. It is killing the spirituals lives of so many Christian men.** And I've been praying, 'Lord, what do I do about it as a pastor? How can we tackle this more effectively?' And I think maybe this is of the Lord, but the thought that came to mind is that we need to go on the offense. That means that you as a parent need to be involved in this because if you are not careful your ten year old could get hooked on your unprotected device. **The amount of young men I have counseled would have shocked you, and guess where they got hooked on porn? In their home school bedrooms on unprotected devices which parents let into their home and did not think carefully and wisely about what they were doing.** There is forgiveness and restoration and such, and I'm not trying to smash you down if you have made mistakes as a parents, but you have better get on your knees and say, 'God, forgive me for being unwatchful, forgive me for not being alert, and now my son or daughter is practically an addict, and I'm going to have to fast and pray and get my hands dirty to lift them out of the pit in which I, to a degree, allowed them to get into.'" The full sermon is

available at the following link:
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THE WORLDLINESS THAT HAS PERMEATED EVANGELICALISM

(Friday Church News Notes, September 19, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbs@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- In 1978, Richard Quebedeux published *The Worldly Evangelicals*, documenting the dramatic changes that were already occurring within evangelicalism a mere thirty years after the onslaught of the spirit of "Newism." He observed that "the wider culture has had a profound impact on the evangelical movement as a whole" (*The Worldly Evangelicals*, 1978, p. 115). Though Quebedeux didn't make the connection, this is a direct result of the repudiation of separation. He said: "In the course of establishing their respectability in the eyes of the wider society, the evangelicals have become harder and harder to distinguish from other people. Upward social mobility has made the old revivalistic taboos dysfunctional. ... the COCKTAILS became increasingly difficult to refuse. Evangelical young people LEARNED HOW TO DANCE AND OPENLY 'GROOVED' ON ROCK MUSIC. ... And evangelical magazines and newspapers began



REVIEWING PLAYS AND MOVIES. ... The Gallup Poll is correct in asserting that born-again Christians 'believe in a strict moral code.' BUT THAT STRICTNESS HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY MODIFIED DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS ... DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE are becoming more frequent and acceptable among evangelicals of all ages, even in some of their more conservative churches. ... Some evangelical women are taking advantage of ABORTION on demand. Many younger evangelicals occasionally use PROFANITY in their speech and writing ... Some of the recent evangelical sex-technique books assume that their readers peruse and view PORNOGRAPHY on occasion, and they do. Finally, in 1976 there emerged a fellowship and information organization for practicing evangelical LESBIANS AND GAY MEN and their

sympathizers. There is probably just as high a percentage of gays in the evangelical movement as in the wider society. Some of them are now coming out of the closet, distributing well-articulated literature, and demanding to be recognized and affirmed by the evangelical community at large. ... It is profoundly significant that evangelicals, even the more conservative among them, have ACCEPTED THE ROCK MODE. This acceptance, obviously, indicates a further chapter in the death of self-denial and world rejection among them. ... When young people were converted in the Jesus movement, many of them simply did not give up their former habits, practices, and cultural attitudes--DRINKING, SMOKING, AND CHARACTERISTIC DRESS AND LANGUAGE. ... Young evangelicals drink, but so do conservative evangelicals like Hal Lindsey and John Warwick Montgomery (who is a member of the International Wine and Food Society). ... But EVEN MARIJUANA, now virtually legal in some areas of the United States, is not as forbidden among young evangelicals as it once was. A few of them, particularly the intellectuals, do smoke it on occasion..." (*The Worldly Evangelicals*, 1978, pp. 14, 16, 17, 118, 119).

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