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"Keep that which is committed to thy trust..."

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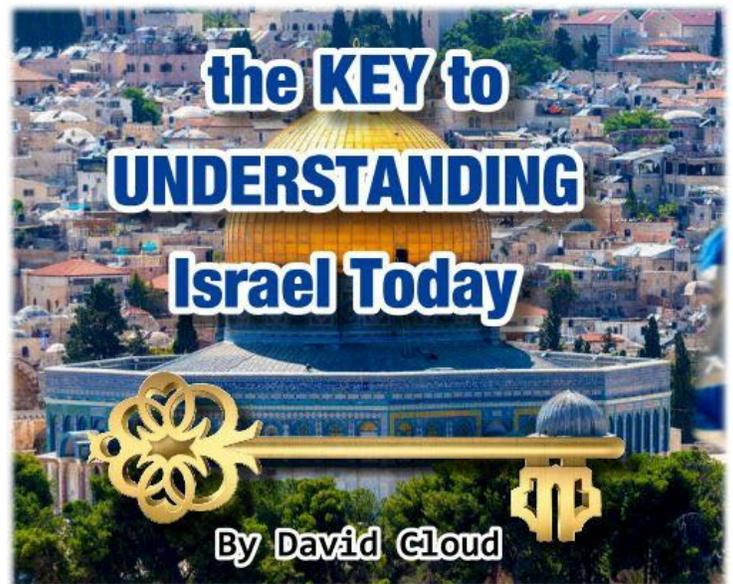
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Romans 11:25-32

- 25** For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.
- 26** And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:
- 27** For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.
- 28** As concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, *they are* beloved for the fathers' sakes.
- 29** For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance.
- 30** For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:
- 31** Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.
- 32** For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.



In this passage, Paul concludes the matter he raised in Romans 9:1-6: What about Israel in the gospel-church age? Has God's Word pertaining to Israel failed? Does the Israel that exists today have no future with God? Has "the church" inherited Israel covenants?

The answer to this very important question is that God is not finished with Israel, and His covenants with Israel have not been given to the church. The Israel that exists today is the Israel God created by Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; it is God's chosen people; but as a product of her sin and the rejection of her Messiah, Israel is blind during this present age while God is creating the church. When God is finished with the business of the church, His covenants with Israel will be fulfilled. Words could not be plainer that God is not finished with Israel. The church has not replaced Israel. The church is something different. God's covenants with Israel will be fulfilled literally in the future.

"I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. ... God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew" (Ro. 11:1, 2).

"Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness?" (Ro. 11:12).

"For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?" (Ro. 11:15).

"And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again" (Ro. 11:23).

"blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob" (Ro. 11:25-26).

This is a *key* passage on the proper interpretation of Bible prophecy. It clears up a massive amount of confusion that exists today about Israel. It plainly teaches a literal method of interpretation and refutes the allegorical or spiritual method. The prophecies pertaining to the Antichrist, the day of the Lord, the conversion of Israel, the New Covenant, Christ's millennial kingdom, and such, are to be interpreted literally.

It is *false* Christianity that has created the great confusion that exists today about Israel. It was the Roman Catholic Church and its founders (e.g., Origen, Jerome, Augustine, Gregory the Great) that invented the allegorical method of interpretation to support the heresy that the "church" is the new Israel. The Eastern Orthodox Church that split from Rome in 1054 held to this heresy. This resulted in terrible persecution of Jews by "Christianity," but it is the false Christianity that was prophesied in the New Testament itself (e.g., Mt. 13:33; Ac. 20:28-30; 1 Ti. 4:1-3; 2 Ti. 3:1-5, 13; 2 Pe. 2; Jude 1). The Crusaders were false Christians. The Protestants did not reject the great error of replacement theology but rather perpetuated it.

Romans 11:25-27 teaches that the Israel that was judged of God, blinded, and scattered among the nations by Babylon and Rome is the same Israel that exists today, and a remnant of *this* Israel will be converted and blessed.

A "*mystery*" (Ro. 11:25) is truth that was hidden in Old Testament times and is revealed in the New Testament. It is defined in Romans 16:25-26, "the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest." Israel's blindness and conversion was revealed by the Old Testament prophets, but the church age, with the calling out from the nations of a heavenly people, was not revealed. The mystery is that "blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in" (Ro. 11:25). The fullness of the Gentiles is the completion of "the general assembly and church of the firstborn" (Heb. 12:23). In the church age, God is visiting the Gentiles "to take out of them a people for his name" (Ac. 15:14). He is doing this by the preaching of the Gospel and the operation of the Spirit. Church age saints

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are a trophy people who will be on display before the universe for all ages as a testimony of God's grace. "That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:7). "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end" (Eph. 3:21). The Church is not Israel and has not inherited Israel's covenants.

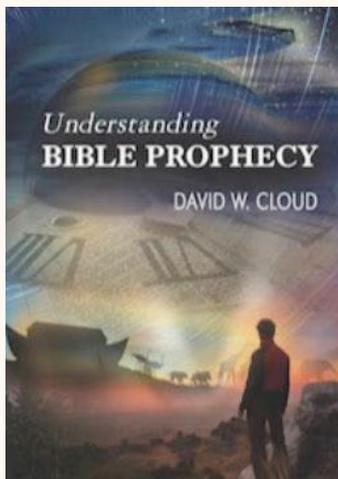
"*blindness in part*" (Ro. 11:25) means not all of Israel is blind. The first believers in Jesus as Christ were Jews, like Paul, and there were many thousands of them. There were 3,000 at Pentecost, then another 5,000 (Ac. 2:41; 4:4), and many others in those days. Many Jews have believed since then, but they are the extreme minority.

"*all Israel shall be saved*" (Ro. 11:26) must be defined according to the prophecies. All of the true Israel will be saved. "For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel" (Ro. 9:6). All of Israel that repents and believes in Jesus as Christ will be saved. This is clear in the Scripture that Paul refers to in Ro. 9:26, which is Isaiah 59:20, "And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD." It is those who turn from transgression who are the saved Israel. In the day of the Lord a remnant of Israel will repent of their sins against God (Eze. 20:43). Their repentance will be dramatic and thoroughgoing: "ye shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed." They will receive Jesus as the Messiah. "They shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him" (Zec. 12:10-14).

The unbelievers and impenitent will not enter Christ's kingdom (Eze. 20:38). God calls them "rebels." Zechariah says that one-third of Israel will be saved (Zec. 13:8-9). Isaiah says, "For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return" (Isa. 10:22).

The "*covenant*" (Ro. 11:27) is the glorious New Covenant, as summarized in Isaiah 59:21. "As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and forever." The New Covenant is God's promise to convert Israel, restore her to her own land, and bless her forever. God will cleanse Israel and write His laws into their hearts and they will all know Him. Ezekiel describes it (Eze. 36:25-29, 37). See also Isa. 44:1-3; 44:21-23; Jer. 31:10-14, 31-34; 32:38-40; 33:7-8; Eze. 11:17-21; 16:60-63; 20:33-44; 34:11-17; 36:12-14; 37:15-27; 39:25-29; Mic. 7:18-20; Zec. 13:8-9; Mal. 3:1-6.

"*God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all*" (Ro. 11:32). This is not saying that all men will be saved universally. We know this by interpreting the passage in light of the rest of Scripture. The Lord Jesus warned that the way of life is narrow and "few there be that find it" (Mt. 7:14). Multitudes will be cast into the lake of fire in the last judgment (Re. 20). In Romans 11:32, Paul is saying that *the offer of salvation is universal*. A parallel passage in Galatians 3:22 explains, "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."



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SOUTHWIDE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

Old and New

By David Cloud

On August 21, 2025, I published “Southwide Baptist Fellowship” to document its history and the downfall from its founding principles. This is an illustration of the great collapse that is occurring among fundamental Baptists.

In response I received the following gracious communication:



RESPONSE TO THE REPORT ON SOUTHWIDE

“I’ve seen your article on the history of the Southwide Baptist Fellowship, and thought you might want to consider an update to it in light of the last few years. If I understand right, the historic fellowship discontinued it’s meetings maybe 10-15 years ago.

“Around 5 years ago some independent Baptists revived it, in a way. Technically the new one is the Southwide Independent Baptist Fellowship, though I’ve usually heard it called the “Southwide” generally. Their yearly fellowship meeting [in 2025] was held at Calvary Baptist in King, NC this past year. There were probably something like 1,000-1,500 people in attendance, many of them preachers.

“Its moderators this past year were Kenneth Kuykendall and Scott Hooks. Its leadership is KJV-only, and at least most of the leaders are still rejecting contemporary music. The preaching I heard was very scripturally solid. Speakers this past year included Alton Beal (chancellor of Ambassador Baptist College), Scott Pauley (evangelist and formerly Clarence Sexton’s assistant pastor), John Wilkerson (First Baptist of Hammond), Derrick Morlan (pastor of Temple Baptist in Knoxville, since Bro. Sexton’s death), and several others. Alton

Beal, in his sermon on true worship, warned about the false contemporary worship philosophy that is involved with contemporary music use.

“Anyway, it’s not perfect, and I know that Calvary (the host church) and probably a minority of the other churches are using some contemporary music, but I think the fellowship is a lot more solid than it had been for a long time in the previous organization.”

REPLY FROM BROTHER CLOUD

Thank you for the communication and information. I am fairly familiar with the Southwide Independent Baptist Fellowship. The preachers participating in it are definitely not the “skinny jeans, blackened auditorium, New King James, delving into Reformed theology” crowd.

The Southwide Independent Baptist Fellowship was formed a few years ago by some men who quietly left the old Southwide. To my knowledge there was no public warning about what was happening and exactly why they were leaving the old fellowship, other than perhaps some vague generalities. I remember commenting on this at the time.

That independent Baptists tend to despise clear public warnings about error, especially error in their own midst, is a major reason for the collapse we see everywhere. This unbiblical principle keeps both pastors and people in ignorance about dangers.

The “big tent” principle of maintaining a mixed multitude of Independent Baptists by these type of conferences will result in the same apostasy that happened to the old Southwide.

Churches that do not separate themselves from the rapidly-growing number of compromised Baptists will be influenced by them and weakened by them. If a church associates with another church that has different “standards”—such as through a preacher’s fellowship, sharing pulpits, a summer camp, or a sports program—how can it not be influenced?

I see the same thing in Canada, Australia, the Philippines, and other places.

When a mixed multitude gathers together, the “stand” devolves to the lowest common denominator. Typically, there are no clear warnings against the errors represented by the churches that are present. In fact, the big tent principle makes such warnings nearly unthinkable, as they would harm the unity. If there are any warnings at all, they are weak, vague, generalized. (It is possible to preach against sin and error in such a way that you don’t offend those who are guilty of what you are preaching against.) I’ve heard generalized warnings since I was a young man at Tennessee Temple. I don’t think they accomplish much, if anything. Paul wasn’t general in his warnings, and I’m confident he would not fit in with any Baptist fellowship today.

What will you find in a mixed multitude of Independent Baptists today, even the more conservative ones?

You will find Contemporary Christian music. If it is not yet leaping unrestricted through the congregation, it will be creeping around in the background. You will find it entering through the special music; you will find it the homes; you will find it among the youth. You stated that the Southwide Independent Baptist Fellowship includes churches using CCM (including the host church and those of some of its leaders). This is no small thing. It is death in the pot. CCM is not just music; it is a philosophy of Christianity that is diametrically opposed to biblical separation; it is a change agent; it builds bridges to every element of the one-world church. CCM carries the disease of ecumenism with all of its great errors. CCM holds hands with Rome. And the reason why CCM is making such great headway throughout Independent Baptist churches is the lack of discernment and *real* concern on the part of pastors and teachers, and the lack of proper congregation-wide education on this major issue. (We have documented this in [Evangelicalism and the Great Apostasy](#).)

You will find churches with modern versions creeping in. In many churches that are still “King James,” you will find a sympathetic ear for the New King James on the part of some members, perhaps even the deacons and teachers, perhaps even the pastors. You will find a growing influence by men such as Joshua Barzon and Bryan Samms and lots of unnamed men who are focusing on the alleged unreadability of the King James and the innocence of the New King James. You will find little to no serious teaching on this essential issue to fortify the congregation against these errors.

You will find churches leavened with a lot of worldliness. You will find sensual, addictive video gaming, professional and college sports enthusiasm, rock & roll, hip/hop, country western, immodest dress, romance novels, addiction to unwholesome social media, R-rated movies and worse, internet pornography, to name a few. You will find such things in the lives and homes of deacons and teachers, even the preachers. And you will find pulpits that are quiet in the face of the worldly sins of the congregation, except perhaps for some generalized statements from time to time that are ineffectual of producing repentance and change. A church that accepts worldliness as the status quo is not a New Testament church. Truly biblical pastors will be like Paul, James, and John who refused to countenance worldliness and dealt with it in a strong, plain, forthright, even severe, non-compromising manner (1 Co. 10:21; 2 Co. 6:14-18; Eph. 5:11; Jas. 4:4, 8-10; 1 Jo. 2:15-17).

You will find churches with an unholy youth department, with young people being entertained but not properly disciplined. You will find an entertainment program with a thin biblical veneer. You will find worldly youth allowed to participate in church ministries and thus corrupt the congregation by their unholy examples. You will find pastors who aren’t alarmed at the worldliness of the youth.

You will find churches that are biblically shallow: shallow preaching with little biblical depth, little to no expository preaching, shallow knowledge of Scripture and lack of a biblical testing mindset on the part of perhaps the majority of members. A biblically shallow church is not a New Testament church. Scripture does not countenance such a thing, does not accept it as the status quo. A New Testament church will exhibit the passion of Hebrews 5:12-14 for all of the members, “For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one

teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

You will find churches that are grossly ignorant of major issues facing God’s people today: ignorance of the dangers of evangelicalism, charismaticism, modern textual criticism, contemporary music (including contemporary S. Gospel) as a bridge to the one-world church, the New King James as a bridge to the the modern versions and textual criticism and the destruction of absolute biblical authority, Reformed theology, replacement theology, and mid-trib/post-trib Rapture, to name some. A great many churches are ignorant of these things because the pastors and teachers don’t properly warn and instruct about such things. They don’t have libraries and bookstores of well-selected material that provide this education. Many Independent Baptist pastors don’t even like “warnings.” It’s unnecessary and divisive, they say, thus proving that they are tradition-bound and don’t have a biblical mindset.

You will find Quick Prayerism. Since the 1960s and the publication of Jack Hyles’ *Let’s Go Soulwinning* by the Sword of the Lord, Quick Prayerism has fearfully leavened Independent Baptists. Quick Prayerism is an evangelistic methodology that is quick to get people to pray a sinner’s prayer after a shallow gospel presentation and usually without any hint of the necessity of repentance. It is quick to pronounce those people saved and give them “assurance” and to try to baptize them even if they *barely show any interest in Jesus Christ* and even if they give no biblical evidence of having been born again (John 10:27; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Titus 1:16; 1 John 2:3-4). Quick Prayerism emphasizes “going to heaven when you die.” (“Do you want to go to heaven when you die? Then pray this prayer,” which you see nowhere in Scripture.) Quick Prayerism typically incorporates cheap psychological salesmanship manipulation.

In Quick Prayerism, a “sinner’s prayer” replaces Holy Spirit conviction and miraculous regeneration. Quick Prayerism is characterized by soul winning reports that are grossly exaggerated, since the number of real conversions as evidenced by changed lives are minute compared to the overall statistics.

You will find failure to maintain a regenerate membership. This is the most serious error among Independent Baptists, and it is intimately connected with Quick Prayerism. A New Testament church is a church in which each one of the members has exercised repentance and saving faith and been born again with clear evidence (Acts 2:38-42). It is a spiritual house made of living stones (1 Peter 2:5). It is a body in which every member is spiritually alive and ministering (Ephesians 4:11-16). A regenerate church membership is a fundamental biblical principle that was practiced by most Baptists prior to the 20th century but has since been abandoned by the vast majority. (See “[A Regenerate Church Membership](#)” and “[Charles Spurgeon and a Regenerate Church Membership](#)” at www.wayoflife.org.)

If a little leaven leavens the whole lump, what about a whole bunch of leaven!

The only way to protect from leaven is to cut it out, disassociate from it, separate from it.

Independent Baptists desperately, urgently need to fly the flag of truth without hesitation or reservation. They need to encourage a warrior spirit in an apostate age. They need to encourage one another to have the character of Psalm 119:128, “Therefore I esteem all *thy* precepts *concerning* all *things to be* right; *and* I hate every false way.” They need to hold conferences focusing on the issues that are destroying the biblical character of the assemblies, with direct preaching on these subjects, naming the chief culprits (pastors, churches, schools, organizations) who are promoting these things, giving practical, effectual instruction on these things. They need to have conferences on the music issue, the Bible version issue, the evangelicalism issue, the ecumenism issue, the Bible prophecy issue, the repentance issue, the regenerate membership issue, the worldliness issue, and the modesty issue.

Many decades ago a GARBC preacher warned about “a limited message or a limited fellowship.” He said he had learned as a young preacher that he had to make a choice either to limit his fellowship or limit his message. He was right, though he later disobeyed his own principle and followed the GARBC into New Evangelical compromise. It is impossible to stand for and to speak out for the whole counsel of God without limiting one’s

fellowship. **A big tent principle will shut the mouth of the bravest of preachers.**

A wise church that is passionate about obeying God's Word and about being the New Testament church that we see in Scripture will associate *only with* truly likeminded assemblies, regardless of how few that number might be. It will obey God's Word and cut off the leaven of compromise, corrupt tradition, error, and worldliness. It will refuse to be infected by the disease of big tent independent Baptist ecumenism.

“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good

manners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame” (1 Corinthians 15:33-34).

We don't have to fear man, and we *must not* fear man. Those who fear God alone and trust Him explicitly will never be ashamed (Isa. 49:23; Jer. 17:7; Ro. 9:33; 1 Pe. 2:6).

Preachers, let's make this our legacy. Reject the big tent mindset. Don't follow the crowd. Build truly New Testament churches to the glory of Jesus Christ and the blessing of those who so desperately need such churches.



God wants man's love. It is the first commandment. “Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment” (Mt. 22:37-38). We don't love God in our fallen condition, but we can love God when we are redeemed through faith in Christ. We are saved to love God forever. We are to have a first love for Christ and we are to maintain that first love (Re. 2:4-5). After Peter denied the Lord, Christ asked him three times, “Simon, lovest thou me?” (Joh. 21:15-17).

We love God because He first loved us (1 Jo. 4:19), and the more we know of His love the more we can love Him.

So let us consider God's love for man.

God gives life and all good things to man.

- “For in him we live, and move, and have our being” (Ac. 17:28).
- “he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things” (Ac. 17:25).
- “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights” (Jas. 1:17).
- “the living God, who giveth us richly all thing to enjoy” (1 Ti. 6:17).

- “the earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy” (Ps. 119:64).

God created the universe for man.

- The stars are for man. There is no extra-terrestrial life in the stars as far as the Bible reveals. The starry universe was made for man to learn of God (Ps. 19), for signs and for seasons (Ge. 1:14-18), and for enjoyment (1 Ti 6:17).

God created the earth for man.

- “The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy” (Ps. 119:64).
- The earth is perfectly designed for man's life: the perfect distance from the sun, a perfect relationship with the moon. Consider gravity, atmosphere, water (a “miracle” liquid), oceans, the hydrological cycle (evaporation, atmospheric circulation, condensation, precipitation, run-off; by the global hydrological cycle water is purified and redistributed and replenished), the oxygen cycle (the process whereby plants produce oxygen necessary for man and animals by photosynthesis and man and animals exhale carbon dioxide that is consumed by plants; the hyper-complicated process maintains a constant of 21% oxygen in the atmosphere, exactly what is needed for man's life), plant-animal ecosystems, pollination, good

bacteria, worms and micro-organisms that aerate the earth, fungi and rhizomes that are essential in the lifecycle of trees and forests, etc. The earth contains a wealth of minerals for man's livelihood and pleasure.

God made man in His own image.

- Man is the highest creature; he is the apex of God's creation.
- The first Adam was the king of the earth; the second Adam is the Lord from heaven (1 Co. 15:47). All of the redeemed are His brethren (Heb. 2:11); they are adopted sons of God and will bear His image and serve Him and rule and reign with Him into the endless aeons of aeons.
- The redeemed will have a resurrected, glorified body designed for eternity with God. They will have high intelligence and great abilities. They will be like Christ, higher and greater than the mighty angels (Heb. 2:5-9).

God gave man the gift of language.

- The creatures can communicate in various ways, but only man has the ability of language. It is an unspeakably great gift. Any normal baby can learn *any* language, but no animal can learn a language. Trainers have tried to teach monkeys sign language, but their language ability is pathetic. In the 1970s, a chimpanzee named Nim Chimpsky was raised as a human and taught sign language. He could not understand anything more than simple commands. The longest string of signed words Nim ever signed was "give orange me give eat orange me eat orange give me eat orange give me you." David Berlinski observes, "After years of punishing trials, a few of them have been taught the rudiments of various primitive symbol systems. Having been given the gift of language, they have nothing to say. When two simian prodigies meet, they fling their signs at one another. ... Simian social structures are often intricate. Chimpanzees, bonobos, and gorillas reason; they form plans; they have preferences; they are cunning; they have passions and desires; and they suffer. The same is true of cats, I might add. In much of this, we see ourselves. But beyond what we have in common with the apes, we have nothing in common, and while the similarities are interesting, the differences are profound" (*The Devil's Delusion*, p. 156).
- Man's language is for the purpose of communicating with God, first of all, and with man and with angels.

God designed man for pleasure.

- **Consider taste.** Taste buds are found on the tongue and throughout the mouth; there are 2,000 to 8,000 of them and each taste bud has between 50 to 150 receptor cells. The taste buds last about 10 days and are constantly renewed. The taste buds can detect five main types of taste: sweet, sour, salty, bitter, and umami (a savory or meaty flavor). Taste buds work together with smell to create the sense of taste. Taste buds are connected with memory and emotions. Taste buds can detect harmful or toxic substances. Taste buds send signals to the brain to trigger the release of the proper digestive enzymes to digest food. "There's an entire industry that concocts the tastes of the food you buy at the grocery store. Working with phenomena known as phantom aromas or aroma-taste interactions, scientists found that people associate 'ham' with salt. So simply adding a subtle ham-like scent or flavor to a food can make your brain perceive it as saltier than it actually is. The same concept applies to the scent of vanilla, which people perceive as sweet" ("12 Facts about the Sense of Taste," *Mental Floss*, Jan. 15, 2019). Taste buds "are complex sensory organs that contribute to our overall enjoyment of food and our understanding of flavors" ("10 Facts," *Luxwisp.com*).
- **Consider smell.** Man has about 6 million olfactory receptors, and there are about 400 types. (Dogs have up to 300 million olfactory receptors.) Man can detect over 1 trillion different scents. Scents trigger vivid memories and influence mood. Smell detects dangers. Smell works together with taste buds to create taste. Hotel chains have their own signature smells. "Sheratons' smell like fig, clove and jasmine; Westin lobbies go for white tea while the Four Points venues smell of cinnamon. Montcalm in the UK have used our expertise to create their own 'scent butler' where guests can choose what smell they want their room to smell of" (*Aromaco.co.uk*).
- **Consider sight.** The human eye has millions of moving parts and is connected to the brain to make sight possible. The eye processes information at 400 million bits per second. The lenses in the eyes create an image that is upside down and backward, and the brain reorients it for proper seeing. There are seven million photoreceptor cone cells that provide color vision. The brain can detect 10 million different colors. The three main colors--red, green, blue--are combined to detect the rainbow of hues. There are 100 million photoreceptor rods that allow vision in the dark; they allow the detection of 500 shades

of gray. The human eye can detect a candle flame from about 14 miles away under perfect conditions. The six eye muscles move faster than any other muscles in the body. Man's field of view is about 200 degrees. The two eyes provide depth perception and allow the discernment of distance. No two people share the same hue of eye color. The eyes are self-cleaning using the blinking reflex which is done about 14,000 times a day. The brain fills in the blanks so that blinking doesn't interrupt our seeing.

This is only a glimpse into the glories of the human body that was made by God.

God made Eden for man.

- God's love for man was evident in the Garden of Eden, which was man's home before sin. It was designed and built by God because of His love for man.
- It was a paradise with perfect temperature, no rain (Ge. 2:5-6), no storms, no lack of any good thing, no disease, no famine, no dangerous animals, no pests, no thorns.
- It was full of beautiful sights (thousands of types of trees, cedar of Lebanon, oak, maple, fir, weeping willow, thousands of types of flowers, blue sky, starry sky, sunrise, sunset, water reflecting light in countless ways, shimmering leaves, green meadows, butterflies, hummingbirds).
- It was full of nutritious, tasty food.
- It was full of good smells (e.g., flowers, fruit).
- It was full of good sounds (e.g., song birds, water moving in a stream or a water fall, the bleating of a lamb).
- It was full of fascinating things to enjoy and investigate.

God made marriage for man.

- Marriage is part of God's good plan for man. God made marriage for companionship (Ge. 2:18), for love, for

perfection (the woman is man's completer in God's will), for strength (a two-fold cord), and for procreation to create a godly seed (Mal. 2:15).

God provided salvation for man.

- This is the greatest exhibition of God's love for man. "... the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Ga. 2:20).
- The Triune God planned salvation before man was made. Christ is "the lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Re. 13:8). He "verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world" (1 Pe. 1:19-20).
- God paid a great price to redeem fallen man. "And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son *to be* the Saviour of the world" (1 Jo. 4:14). "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Joh. 3:16).
- God's love is illustrated by Abraham offering his beloved son, Isaac (Ge. 22).
- The price of salvation was so great that Christ asked the Father that "if it be possible, let this cup pass from me" (Mt. 25:39), though He surrendered to God's will and paid the price by enduring the shame and suffering of the cross.
- God's salvation is a free gift purchased 100% by Christ.
- God's salvation is infinite in scope. It consists of forgiveness of sins, reconciliation with God, justification, adoption as sons, the sealing of the Holy Spirit, the ministry of the Holy Spirit, all spiritual blessings in Christ, an eternal inheritance as joint-heirs with Christ, citizenship in the New Jerusalem, and being made kings and priests in Christ.

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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?



DILBERT CARTOONIST DIES

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- Scott Adams, *Dilbert* cartoonist, non-fiction author, and commentator, died of prostate cancer on January 13 at age 68. One week earlier, in an interview with the Catholic News Agency, Adams said he was going to "convert" to Christianity before he died. He said he had more time to deal with this, not knowing that he had only hours to live. "An outspoken proponent of so-called medical assistance in dying, Adams said he took steps toward assisted suicide last year but did not go through with it after finding a new treatment option. He now says he will follow Christ in what he sees as his final days. You don't need to talk me into it, he said. I am now convinced that the risk-reward is completely smart. If it turns out that there's nothing there, I've lost nothing. But I've respected your wishes, and I like doing that. If it turns out there is something there, and the Christian model is the closest to it, I win. So with your permission, I promise you that I will convert. But I probably won't spend that much time in that phase, so don't expect it to happen today, okay? But argument made, argument accepted" ("Facing impending death," CNA, Jan. 6, 2026). This very sad story is typical

of the impenitent, unbelieving sinner. He has done things his way all his life and thinks he can continue in that, even to making his own deal with God. With Frank Sinatra, he sings "I Did It My Way." He knows he is *some sort of* sinner, but he does not accept the Bible's indictment that he is a wicked sinner deserving of eternal judgment. He does not believe that Jesus Christ is the only Lord and Saviour and the gospel of Jesus Christ the only true gospel. He senses no great urgency about preparing for death. Having rejected the witness of the Spirit by creation, conscience, and Scripture all his life long, he is dull and hardened, lulled into a sense of false security. He is often deceived by false Christianity that promises salvation by sacraments. When Adams said, "Argument made, argument accepted," he was referring to arguments made by Catholic priests who were attempting to convert him to Rome's gospel. The Emperor Constantine did something similar in the fourth century AD, and his decision, too, was based on the false gospel that was already prominent in his day and headquartered in Rome, that baptism is a sacrament that washes away sin. By this thinking, it is better to keep sinning to "the end" in order to wash away as many sins as possible. This false gospel has damned countless multitudes to eternal judgment. The true gospel, the only saving gospel, promises full salvation for those who have "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21). For those, Christ's blood washes away all sin before God and obtains justification, adoption, eternal life, and an eternal inheritance. Repentance requires renunciation of sin, false religion, false philosophy, and false gospels.

There must be a turning from and a turning to. It is not a change of life; it is a change of mind. There must be genuine trusting faith that Christ alone is Lord and Saviour. Pretense and half-faith will not do, and there is no second chance after death. True Christianity is described in 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10: “For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.”

THE UNSAVED DELUDE THEMSELVES THAT THEY WILL NOT GO TO HELL (Friday Church News Notes, January 23, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from Jonathan Edwards, “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God” -- “All wicked men’s pains and contrivance which they use to escape hell, while they continue to reject Christ, and so remain wicked men, do not secure them from hell one moment. Almost every natural man that hears of hell, flatters himself that he shall escape it; he depends upon himself for his own security; he flatters himself in what he has done, in what he is now doing, or what he intends to do. Every one lays out matters in his own mind how he shall avoid damnation, and flatters himself that he contrives well for himself, and that his schemes will not fail. They hear indeed that there are but few saved, and that the greater part of men that have died heretofore are gone to hell; but each one imagines that he lays out matters better for his own escape than others have done. He does not intend to come to that place of torment; he says

within himself, that he intends to take effectual care, and to order matters so for himself as not to fail. But the foolish children of men miserably delude themselves in their own schemes, and in confidence in their own strength and wisdom; they trust to nothing but a shadow. The greater part of those who heretofore have lived under the same means of grace, and are now dead, are undoubtedly gone to hell; and it was not because they were not as wise as those who are now alive: it was not because they did not lay out matters as well for themselves to secure their own escape. **If we could speak with them, and inquire of them, one by one, whether they expected, when alive, and when they used to hear about hell, ever to be the subjects of that misery: we doubtless, should hear one and another reply, ‘No, I never intended to come here: I had laid out matters otherwise in my mind; I thought I should contrive well for myself: I thought my scheme good. I intended to take effectual care; but it came upon me unexpected; I did not look for it at that time, and in that manner; it came as a thief: Death outwitted me: God’s wrath was too quick for me. Oh, my cursed foolishness!** I was flattering myself, and pleasing myself with vain dreams of what I would do hereafter; and when I was saying, Peace and safety, then suddenly destruction came upon me.”

PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS PROCLAIM HOLINESS OF TRANSGENDERISM (Friday Church News Notes, January 23, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted



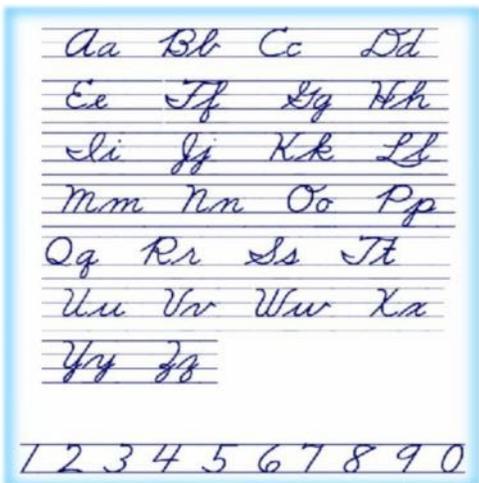
from “Liberal Protestant churches,” *Christian Post*, Nov. 14, 2025: “Several liberal Protestant and Jewish denominations declared transgenderism ‘holy’ this week ... [They stated,] ‘During a time when our country is placing their lives under increasingly serious threat, there is a disgraceful misconception that all people of faith do not affirm the full spectrum of gender--a great many of us do,’ read the Wednesday statement, which included signatures of leaders from The Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church (USA), the United Church of Christ (UCC), Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Unitarian Universalist Association, the Union for Reform Judaism, an association of Quakers [General Society of Friends General] and others. ‘Let it be known instead that our beloveds are created in the image of God--Holy and whole,’ the statement said of transgender-identifying individuals. The statement went on to suggest that opposing transgenderism is sinful, reiterating the belief that transgender, nonbinary and intersex individuals are intrinsically holy, which is the only attribute of God magnified to the third degree of repetition in the Bible.”

CURSIVE WRITING MAKING A COMEBACK (Friday Church News

Notes, January 23, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Before Common Core State Standards, which were inaugurated in 2010, cursive was taught in nearly all U.S. public schools, but by 2015 only 14 states required it. Today that number has risen to 25. The following is excerpted from “Why writing by hand beats typing,” NPR, May 11, 2024: “In kids, studies show that tracing out ABCs, as opposed to typing them, leads to better and longer-lasting recognition and understanding of letters. Writing by hand also improves memory and recall of words, laying down the foundations of literacy and learning. ... A slew of recent brain imaging research suggests handwriting’s power stems from the relative complexity of the process and how it forces different brain systems to work together to reproduce the shapes of letters in our heads onto the page. ... ‘Handwriting is probably among the most complex motor skills that the brain is capable of,’ says Marieke Longcamp, a cognitive neuroscientist at Aix-Marseille Université. Gripping a pen nimbly enough to write is a complicated task, as it requires your brain to continuously monitor the pressure that each finger exerts on the pen.

Then, your motor system has to delicately modify that pressure to re-create each letter of the words in your head on the page. ‘Your fingers have to each do something different to produce a recognizable letter,’ says Sophia Vinci-Booher, an educational neuroscientist at Vanderbilt University. ‘Adding to the complexity, your visual system must continuously process that letter as it’s formed. With each stroke, your brain compares the unfolding script with mental models of the letters and words, making adjustments to fingers in real time to create the letters’ shapes,’ says Vinci-Booher. ... A study published in January found that when students write by hand, brain areas involved in motor and visual information processing ‘sync up’ with areas crucial to memory formation, firing at frequencies associated with learning. ... ‘There seems to be something fundamental about engaging your body to produce these shapes,’ says Robert Wiley, a cognitive psychologist at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. ‘It lets you make associations between your body and what you’re seeing and hearing,’ he says, which might give the mind more footholds for accessing a given concept or idea.”

make the decision to swim toward food. When you want a candy bar, you know where to find one, even if you must go to the nearest store. You might also hope that your dentist doesn't see you buying candy. All of this involves memory, which has long been considered a basic part of the mind. Researchers, using various solutions of substances that attract or repel bacteria, have now learned that bacteria do indeed have both long-term and short-term memories. They remember where goodies are to be found. Once a bacterium develops a strategy for dealing with the unknown, it will remember what to do next time. This finding shocked researchers. They know that when you or I decide to retreat or advance, at least hundreds and probably thousands of brain cells are involved. The one-celled bacteria can make the same decision based on past memories. Are there really ‘simple’ forms of life that serve as the living traces of evolutionary development? Scientists haven’t found any yet. According to the Bible’s account of creation, we don’t expect them to find any simple forms of life from which we can be traced. Ref: Pietsch, Paul. ‘The mind of a microbe,’ *Science Digest*.”



THE MIND OF A BACTERIUM (Friday Church News Notes, January 23, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, December 8, 2025: “Researchers are learning that bacteria have senses similar to our hearing and sight. Bacteria even have a brain that receives information from their senses. They can make decisions. However, all of this is not enough to explain how bacteria can

TRUMP OFFERS THE POPE A SEAT ON THE BOARD OF PEACE (Friday Church News Notes, January 30, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - In yet another misguided peace pursuit by a U.S. President, Donald Trump founded the Board of Peace (BoP) earlier this month to bring peace to Gaza in the short term and to all nations ultimately. The BoP is an evolving, nebulous entity, but the White House official website stated, “Today, the first steps toward a

brighter day for the Middle East and a much safer future for the world are unfolding right before your very eyes” (“President Trump Ratifies,” WhiteHouse.gov, Jan. 22, 2026). Invitation letters to 60 or so potential members stated that the BoP will “embark on a bold new approach to resolving global conflict.” Trump’s son-in-law Jared Kushner said, “If we believe that peace is possible than peace really can be possible” (Ibid.). This is New Age power of positive confession. At the announcement of the formation of the BoP on his own social media forum, Trump called the BoP board “the Greatest and most Prestigious ever assembled at any time, any place” (Truth Social, Jan. 15, 2026). Trump is lifetime Chairman of the BoP, with sole power to appoint and dismiss members, set agendas, break vote ties, issue resolutions, and nominate his successor. He has already withdrawn the BoP invitation to Canada. Permanent member nations must pay \$1 billion; others are limited to a three-year term. In the short term, the BoP aims to establish a multi-national rule in Gaza. So far, 20 nations have signed on, including Argentina, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Islamic majority nations Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Egypt, Morocco, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey. Major European nations have declined the invitation or are adopting a wait and see approach.



Trump has also offered a seat to the Roman Catholic Pope, again revealing a gross lack of spiritual discernment. The Vatican secretary of state announced that Pope Leo XIV (the first American pope) is “currently evaluating” the invitation” (“Pope evaluating,” *Catholic Standard*, Jan. 22, 2026). Bible prophecy is clear that the BoP will fail. “For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape” (1 Thessalonians 5:2-3).

JEWS PRAYING FOR THE THIRD TEMPLE ON THE TEMPLE MOUNT ITSELF

(Friday Church News Notes, January 30, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbs@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - As the fervor to build the third temple in Jerusalem continues to grow, there is increasing liberty for Jews to pray on the Temple Mount where the first and second temples once stood. This liberty is driven by Itamar Ben-Gvir, National Security Minister under Benjamin Netanyahu, and Maj. Gen. Avshalom Peled, the new commander of the Jerusalem District of the Israeli Police. In November 2025, three Levites sang on the Temple Mount for the first time in nearly 2,000 years. Since early January of this year, Jews have been allowed to bring an approved prayer page containing the Amidah (standing prayer, pronounced am-mee'-dah) (“Israel police loosen Temple Mount prayer restrictions,” *World Israel News*, Jan. 21, 2026). In the Amidah, a long prayer that is to be repeated three times daily, God



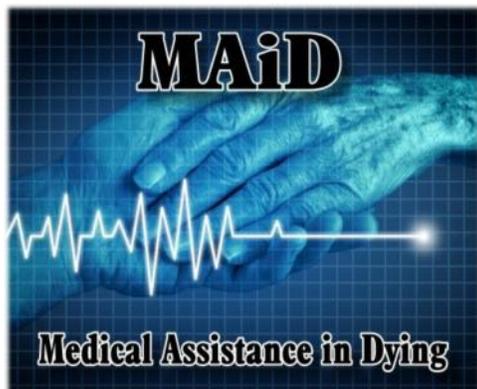
is beseeched to restore the throne of David, the temple, and the sacrifices. **The third temple is mentioned twice.** (In its vain tradition, rabbinical Judaism does not use the names of God, though His names are clearly revealed in Scripture to be known by all men.) The Amidah is accompanied by repetitious rituals, including taking three steps back and three steps forward at the beginning of the prayer. Following is the relevant part of the Amidah from an English translation by the Kehot Publication Society at chabad.org: “Return in mercy to Jerusalem Your city and dwell therein as You have promised; speedily establish therein the throne of David Your servant, and rebuild it, soon in our days, as an everlasting edifice. ... Look with favor, L-rd our G-d, on Your people Israel and pay heed to their prayer; restore the service to **YOUR SANCTUARY** and accept with love and favor **ISRAEL’S FIRE-OFFERINGS** and prayer ... May our eyes behold Your return to Zion in mercy. Blessed are You L-rd, who restores his divine presence to Zion. ... May it be Your will, L-rd our G-d and G-d of our fathers, that the **BET HAMIKDASH** [Hebrew for ‘house of holiness’] be speedily rebuilt in our days...” (excerpted from the Amidah). The third temple is mentioned in four passages of Bible prophecy (Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4; Revelation 11:1-2). Revelation 11

indicates that it will be built at the beginning of the reign of the Antichrist when the two witnesses prophesy in Jerusalem.

AMERICA ON CANADA'S DANGEROUS PATH WITH EUTHANASIA

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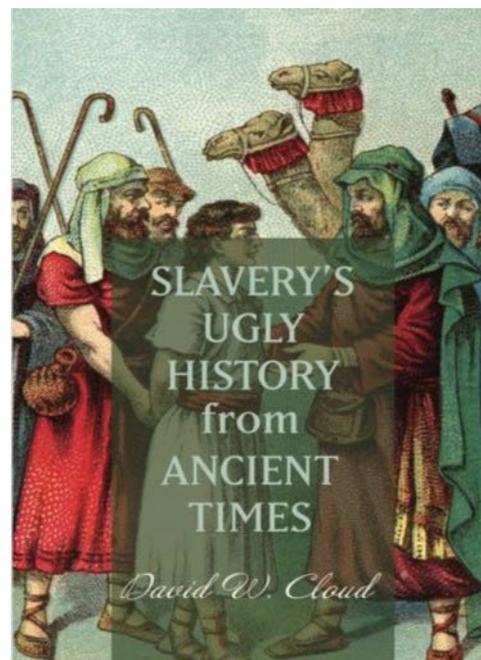
advancing bills. In Oregon, where assisted suicide has been legal since 1997, the state is now working to expand who can prescribe lethal drugs--from physicians only to include nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Vermont and Washington are pursuing similar expansions. The trend is clear: What starts as 'compassionate care for the terminally ill' inevitably expands to include the depressed, the disabled, and even the poor."

SLAVERY'S UGLY HISTORY FROM ANCIENT TIMES

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866-295-4143) - We are pleased to announce the publication of another free eBook, *Slavery's Ugly History from Ancient Times*, 100 pages. Slavery has been practiced since the fall of man. It is not a product of "racism"; it is not an issue of skin color; it is a product of man's sinful heart, which is described in Scripture as "desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17:9). Man's history can be summarized as "hateful, and hating one another" (Titus 3:3), and that innate hatred has often taken the form of enslavement of one's fellow man. This book documents the fact that slavery has been practiced by the white man, the black man, the red man, the yellow man, and every other kind of man, all of whom are children of Adam, the first man. Slavery was practiced by the Babylonians, the Hittites, the Assyrians, the Egyptians, the Greeks, the Persians, the ancient Brits, the Danes, the Romans, the African kingdoms, the South American kingdoms (e.g., Mayan, Aztec, Inca), the Chinese, Indians, Mongols, Mughals, Burmese,



Native North Americans, Muslim kingdoms, Spanish, Portuguese, Mexicans, British, and Americans. It is still practiced in some places (e.g., North Korea, Sudan). Today, international slavery is called "human trafficking." The new book also deals with the abolition of slavery in England and America as a product of biblical influence. The final chapter is "Slavery and the Bible." *Slavery's Ugly History from Ancient Times* is available from the Books section of www.wayoflife.org.

PAUL, THE RIP-ROARING FUNDAMENTALIST TRUTH WARRIOR

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- We live in an hour when evangelicalism, the dominant brand of Bible Christianity, is soft, feminized, non-judgmental, positive, but that is not the type of Christianity we see in Scripture. At the end of his life, Paul said, "I have fought a good fight" (2 Ti. 4:7). Paul was happy to be known as a fighter. **Paul was a**

gentle man, but when it came to defending the faith, he was not gentle. He called false teachers “dogs” and “evil workers” (Php. 3:2). Of those who pervert the gospel he said, “Let them be accursed” (Ga. 1:8, 9). He called them “evil men and seducers” (2 Ti. 3:13), “men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith” (2 Ti. 3:8), “false apostles, deceitful workers” (2 Co. 11:13). He called their teaching “vain babblings” (2 Ti. 2:16, 17). He warned about “philosophy and vain deceit” (Col. 2:8). He spoke of their “cunning craftiness” (Eph. 4:14). When Elymas tried to turn men away from the gospel, Paul wasted no time with dialogue, skipped the soft approach, and made no effort to avoid offense, saying, “O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?” (Ac. 13:10). Paul warned about false teachers who would come into the churches, calling them “grievous wolves” (Ac. 20:29) and labeling their teaching “perverse things” (Ac. 20:30). He warned about false christs, false spirits, false gospels (2 Co. 11:1-4). He labeled false teaching “doctrines of devils” (1 Ti. 4:1) and said that those who deny the bodily resurrection are “fools” (1 Co. 15:35-36). In the fight for the faith, Paul did not deal in generalities and he pulled no punches. In the Pastoral Epistles he warned of false teachers and worldly compromisers *by name* 10 times. This is the example that the Spirit of God has left for the churches. Any preacher that doesn’t follow Paul is disobedient to God. By the way, Paul would not be welcome in most fundamental Baptist preacher’s fellowship meetings today, because of his passion for warning and reproving and for his emphasis on the

necessity of repentance for salvation. He preached both repentance *and* faith (Ac. 20:21); he demanded repentance (Ac. 17:30); and he defined repentance as to “turn to God, and do works meet for repentance” (Ac. 26:20), which a lot of very ignorant preachers today would reject as a “works salvation.”

SCIENTISTS RESET DOOMSDAY CLOCK (Friday Church News Notes, February 6, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - In January, the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* set their Doomsday Clock forward to 85 seconds before midnight to reflect their concern over manmade climate change, nuclear proliferation, biotechnology risks, and artificial intelligence. The Doomsday Clock, which was created in 1947, is an exercise in futility created by evolutionary wackos. It was originally set to seven minutes before midnight. The scientists who make the pronouncements every January have no proper understanding of current events and no inkling of future events. Their evolutionary faith and willful blindness of the truth was prophesied by the apostle Peter 2,000 years ago. The Bible’s prophetic accuracy proves that it is the Word of God. Jesus Christ’s life—including the time and place of His birth, miracles, rejection by Israel, the injustice of His trial, His beating and crucifixion, the soldiers

gambling for His garments, the mocking crowds, His substitutionary death and bodily resurrection--was prewritten in Scripture hundreds of years before He came. There is a God and He is revealed in creation and in Scripture. The scoffers are willful rejecters who are motivated to live by their own lusts rather than submit to their Creator. There is a coming doomsday, but it won’t be at the hands of man. “Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ... Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness” (2 Peter 3:3-7, 13).

SPURGEON COLLEGE CLOSSES DOORS (Friday Church News Notes, February 6, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Spurgeon College of London, England, closed its doors in July 2025, only two years after Rick Warren was installed as chancellor and ambassador. 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 nominal Christians, whereas Spurgeon made a great effort to maintain a regenerate-only 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 was not associated with Metropolitan Tabernacle from the turn of the 20th century and had been on a downward spiral of apostasy. From 1961-1977, the college was led by George Beasley-Murray, who 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 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 denial of Christ's deity, eternal Sonship, virgin birth, sinlessness, vicarious atonement, and bodily resurrection, and its "spirituality" embraces idolatrous Hindu dances, mindless Buddhist chants, and North American Indian spirit sacrifices. See the free eBook [Purpose Driven or Scripture Driven](#) at the Books section of www.wayoflife.org.

CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPERATES ON OLD D.L. MOODY PROPERTY (Friday Church News Notes, February 6, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The vast majority of old fundamentalist churches and institutions have become evangelical over the past 50 years, and many of them **have morphed from fundamentalism to liberalism and Catholicism**. This is the fruit of the *new* evangelicalism with its renunciation of separatism and its tendency to erase "boundaries." This exact thing is happening to fundamental Baptists. **Consider Trinitarian Congregational Church of East Northfield, Massachusetts**. It was made famous by the preaching of D.L. Moody and was pastored by C.I. Scofield from 1895 to 1902. In the first half of the 20th century, the church rejected fundamentalism for the new evangelicalism. By the mid-20th century it was completely modernistic. In 1961, it joined the ultra-liberal United Church of Christ (UCC), which is a member of the World Council of Churches. Lloyd Parrill, who pastored Trinitarian

from 1977 to 2012, said the church's goal is "to seek justice and peace for all." But there is no justice or peace apart from salvation through saving faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. In 2018, Trinitarian voted unanimously to become an "Open and Affirming Church," which means homosexuals are accepted as members without repentance or conversion. (Contrast 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.) **Consider D.L. Moody's Northfield School for Girls and Mount Hermon School for Boys**. The evangelist's goal was to educate young people in a gospel-saturated environment to produce Christian soldiers for God's work. In 1971, the schools merged as one co-ed institution, the Northfield Mount Hermon School (NMH). The school became wishy-washy evangelical, then entirely liberal. "Under subsequent administrations, the schools grew more theologically liberal and ultimately became non-denominational. Today, NMH offers diverse ways to pursue religious studies and personal spirituality" ("Northfield Mount Hermon School," *Wikipedia*). "We're a secular school that affirms religious diversity. After NHM, students move ... into the world with confidence. They are curious, inspired, motivated. They are ready" (nmhschool.org). Indeed, they are ready for the world, but they are not ready to meet God. **In 2017, the Roman Catholic Thomas Aquinas College purchased 3/4th of the**



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THE BEETLE WHO IS A CHEMIST (Friday Church News Notes, February 6, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, December 23, 2025: “Imagine a beetle that can move across the surface of water without any body movement. Some creatures have been given such ability and skill that it should be clear to even the most skeptical person that their Maker and Teacher is greater than any human being. One such creature is the large-eyed rove beetle. Like many other insects, this beetle can walk on water. The surface tension of the water is enough to support the beetle on top of the water, given the special structure of his legs and feet. Should you see the large-eyed rove beetle, you will notice that he moves across the water, stops, turns, and starts up again without moving any part of his body. How does this work? The large-eyed rove beetle has special glands that produce a chemical--something like detergent--that changes the surface tension of the water. When the surface tension of the water near his back feet is different from the surface tension of the water



near his front feet, the beetle is pulled forward. Such a unique method of movement requires sophisticated knowledge of both hydrodynamics and chemistry. Since the beetle is obviously not that smart, it is no wonder that evolutionists often speak of evolution as though it were intelligent and able to create such wonders. However, it makes a lot more sense to talk about a wise, personal Creator than it does to speak of the wisdom of a mindless force like evolution.”

property formerly owned by the Moody’s Northfield School for Girls. In 2018, the Catholic school began operation on the property. On March 6, 2022, the old Sage Chapel of Moody’s era was renamed Our Mother of Perpetual Help Chapel. To consecrate the building as a Catholic chapel, Bishop William Byrne conducted a 2.5 hour mass. He sprinkled the building’s walls with holy water, anointed the chapel’s 17 crucifixes with oil, incensed the altar, lit candles, and set up an image of Mary. The ceremony featured a processional in which the bishop and priests carried the relics of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. John Henry Newman for installation in the altars (“Chapel rededicated,” *Greenfield Recorder*, Mar. 7, 2022). Changes to the building include two mass altars, confessional booths, and Stations of the Cross.

A COUPLE OF WARNINGS ABOUT FACEBOOK (Friday Church News Notes, February 6, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Facebook has some real benefits; it facilitates daily communication with friends and family; it is a great advertising forum; but there are also great dangers for Christ’s assemblies and I intend to continue warning about these. Those who use Facebook need these warnings, whether or not they quit it, that they might take heed to what they are doing and not allow themselves to



backslide as the proverbial frog in the heated pot. I have no doubt that Facebook has brought moral corruption and spiritual weakening into Bible-believing churches, and woe be unto the pulpits that become silent in the face of such things. Following are two testimonies we received some time back: Testimony #1 - “I found that Facebook caused my heart to be on things other than spiritual things. My mind, when I woke up, was on what I missed throughout the night since I lived in a different time zone than many of my ‘friends.’ When I went to bed, I’d want to ‘check in’ one last time. I found that FB caused me to ‘keep up’ with all the heartbreaking trash that was going on with all the IFB churches that are involved with spreading the ‘Hyles’ mindset.” Testimony #2 - “As far as Facebook I have completely and happily quit going there for 2 years

now. The family thinks I'm nuts, but they are mostly unsaved. ... Facebook entices to sin, gossip, seeing nakedness, filthy talking, fornication and all manner of vices, and takes precious time away from reading Scripture, listening to sermons, or reading articles and commentaries. Facebook can take a person on mindless journeys for hours through photos and family secrets ... I love being on an email list so I can pay attention to the article at hand only and not other things to distract me. Facebook is a plague."

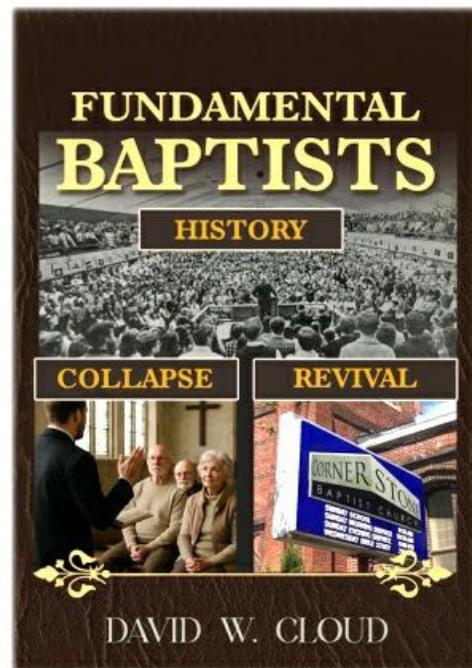
ISRAEL365NEWS CALLS ON ISRAEL'S KNESSET TO BUILD THE THIRD TEMPLE (Friday Church News Notes, February 13, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbs@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from "Why the Knesset must champion the Third Temple," *Israel365News*, Feb. 2, 2026: "As the Parliament building marks its 60th anniversary on Tu B'Shevat [an archaeological exhibition of artifacts pertaining to the Sanhedrin] forces an unavoidable question: Can the Knesset truly claim to be the heir of the Sanhedrin while ignoring the institution that made the ancient court legitimate--the Temple in Jerusalem? ... The Sanhedrin derived its authority from sitting adjacent to the Divine presence in the Temple. If the modern Knesset wants to claim this



heritage, it must confront the obvious gap: the Temple itself. ... Israel today has sovereignty over Jerusalem. It has the political and military capability to control the Temple Mount. The technological and architectural expertise to construct the Third Temple exists. What is missing is not ability but will, particularly the Knesset's will to assert Jewish rights at the site. ... visitors [to the Knesset exhibition] should see more than historical artifacts. They should see a challenge to the current leadership to complete what the Sanhedrin in exile could only dream of--the restoration of full Jewish sovereignty over the Temple Mount and the rebuilding of the House that gives the Knesset its true legitimacy as heir to Israel's ancient institutions of governance."

CONCLUSION: Israel is looking for a Messiah to bring peace and build the Third Temple, blind to the fact that she rejected her Messiah and is now waiting for the coming of the Antichrist. The Jews in Israel are primed to accept a Messiah who comes from the Mount of Olives, establishes peace between Israel and her neighbors, and announces the rebuilding of the temple. The Antichrist described in Bible prophecy will fit this bill with perfection. The third temple is mentioned in four passages of Bible prophecy (Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4; Revelation 11:1-2). Revelation 11 indicates that it will be built at the beginning of the reign of the Antichrist when the two witnesses prophesy in Jerusalem. (The temple described in Ezekiel 40-48 is the Millennial Temple that Christ will build and occupy. That is when the glory will return to Israel.)



FUNDAMENTAL BAPTISTS: HISTORY, COLLAPSE, REVIVAL (Friday Church News Notes, February 13, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbs@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- This new book is the product of more than a half century of study, experience, and discussions with preachers in many parts of the world, and it is what I would like to say to every fundamental Baptist church if I had the opportunity. **The book begins with a brief history of fundamental Baptists**, including the strengths and weaknesses as we see them. **The next section describes the great collapse of fundamental Baptist churches over the past three decades**, with large numbers of churches dying or capitulating to the contemporary evangelical philosophy and program. We look at the collapse of fundamentalism in general and of northern and southern fundamental Baptists, including the works associated with D.L. Moody, W.B. Riley's Northwestern Bible and Missionary Training School, and a slew of others which were captured

by New Evangelicalism then devoured by theological liberalism, the social gospel, humanism, Romanism, and other isms. In 1992, the old fundamentalist warrior John Ashbrook said, “The healthy fundamentalism which I knew as a student in 1948 has been almost destroyed by the infiltration of new evangelicalism. ... Wherever the explosion has reverberated, it has destroyed sound doctrine, reverent worship and holy living among the Lord’s people” (*New Neutralism II: Exposing the Gray of Compromise*, pp. vi, 3). We also consider Temple Baptist of Detroit, First Baptist of Ft. Worth, the GARBC, the BBFI, Trinity Baptist of Jacksonville, Highland Park Baptist of Chattanooga, Southwide Baptist Fellowship, *Joyful Woman* magazine, the church plants associated with West Coast Baptist College and Lancaster Baptist Church, and others. **The last two sections of the book are devoted to revival and victory in the midst of collapse, which is to build thorough-going New Testament churches.** There is victory for those churches that go back to the Bible alone for the pattern of the church, that stop following independent Baptist tradition, that stop lusting after numbers, and cease capitulating to American culture, which Baptist churches generally have done since the turn of 20th century. We examine nine key passages of Scripture to see what a true New Testament church should be. We must reject every tradition that is contrary to Scripture and add anything that has fallen aside. Every generation must go back to the touchstone, the true north, the perfect measure, which is the New Testament itself. On the subject of revival we examine 24 things that need to be emphasized if

we are to have true New Testament churches today. We have no fear of testing any fundamental Baptist church with Scripture, for that is surely how they will be tested in the presence of Jesus Christ, the church’s one Head, Lord, and Great Shepherd. Pastors have real authority, but they are not lords and they are not to be followed blindly. We have a great respect for God-called, biblically-qualified men of God. We want to give men the honor and obedience due them by God’s Word (e.g., Ro. 13:7; 1 Th. 5:12-13; 1 Ti. 5:17-20; Heb. 13:7, 17; 1 Pe. 5:1-4), but we don’t want to fear man and follow man rather than Scripture. At the judgment seat of Christ we will be glad insofar as we have stood for God’s Word and God’s Word alone, regardless of the reproach that we might endure in this present brief life. If it is necessary to be in the extreme minority for truth’s sake like Jeremiah, we won’t be ashamed.

MISSIONARIES BANNED FROM TURKEY (Friday Church News Notes, February 13, 2026, www.wayoflife.org

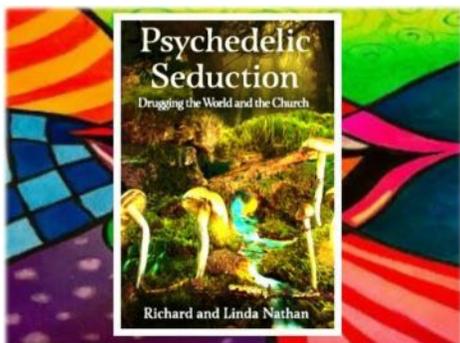
fbs@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Missionaries banned,” *Premier Christian News*, Feb. 8, 2026: “Christian missionaries are reporting being inexplicably banned from entering Türkiye--despite many having lived in the



country for decades. Christian legal charity Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) has brought 20 cases to the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), arguing that the Turkish government’s actions amount to intimidation and discrimination against peaceful Christians. Since 2019, Turkish authorities have marked Christian’s passports with internal security codes such as ‘N-82’ and ‘G-87’--a memo typically reserved for terrorists. The codes have been applied to at least 160 foreign Christian workers and their families, with ADF suggesting the true number could be over 300. Affected individuals have found themselves denied re-entry to Türkiye after travelling abroad or refused residence permits, despite years of lawful residence and service in the country. ... ‘These are individuals who have built their lives in the country,’ Kelsey Zorzi, ADF’s Director of Advocacy for Global Religious Freedom, told *Premier Christian News*. ‘They’ve married Turkish citizens, and had children who are Turkish. They’re been uprooted from their entire families.’”

THE PSYCHEDELIC PANDEMIC (Friday Church News Notes, February 13, 2026, www.wayoflife.org

fbs@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from *Psychedelic Seduction: Drugging the World and the Church* by Richard and Linda Nathan, available from lighthouse trailsresearch.com: “Psychedelic drugs are integrating into our society at breakneck speed. ... Psychedelics are a huge rising star in the drug therapy industry, and ‘there’s almost no mental health condition right now that’s not being looked at.’ That’s because mental health issues currently are costing the



global economy \$1 trillion per year. Consequently, numerous large organizations, schools, and companies are studying the use of psychedelics for such conditions as mood and substance use disorders, PTSD, opioid addiction, alcohol and cancer issues, Alzheimer's, end-of-life fears, anorexia nervosa, and major depression, among other areas. In 2019, Johns Hopkins University

opened the first-of-its-kind Center for Psychedelic and Consciousness Research. They also have published 'groundbreaking studies in more than 60 peer-reviewed articles in respected scientific journals. This makes Johns Hopkins the leading psychedelic research institution in the U.S., and among the few leading groups worldwide.' The Center's opening fortuitously corresponded with the FDA's 'breakthrough therapy' classification for psilocybin. This new classification helps fast-track the approval of promising pharmaceuticals, of which psilocybin is major [one]. ... 'The psychedelic pharma market is currently a little over \$2 billion and is expected to be valued at more than \$6.8 billion by 2027.' ... 'I believe

that the future of psychiatry will find psychedelic medicine at its heart' (Alex Belser, Ph.D.). ... While psychedelic 'therapy' focuses on non-directive support of a patient's inner experience and is wrapped in psychological jargon, it's the same method shamans and sorcerers use to contact spirits and gain supernatural power."

TURNING POINT USA, EVANGELICALISM, AND KID ROCK (Friday Church News Notes, February 20, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Turning Point USA sponsored an alternative "All-American Halftime Show" at Super Bowl 2026 featuring Kid Rock.

WHALES WRITE SONGS (Friday Church News Notes, February 13, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, January 22, 2026: "Most of us have heard recordings of whales singing. Scientists have not yet learned to understand the whale's language, but they have identified individual verses in whale song. Now they are more convinced than ever that whale song is a sophisticated language. Whale song is made up of complex and stylized compositions, many of them longer than the longest of human symphonies. A single whale song can last up to 22 hours! Scientists have learned that humpback whale songs change a lot from year to year. Yet each humpback in an entire ocean will always sing the same song as the others. Scientists wondered how whales could keep the verses straight since the song changes so often. Researchers have concluded that whales, like human beings, use rhyme to help remember their songs. Biologists studying whale song report that they have identified the same subphrases turning up in the same positions in verses that are next to each other. Whales apparently compose their long songs with rhymes,



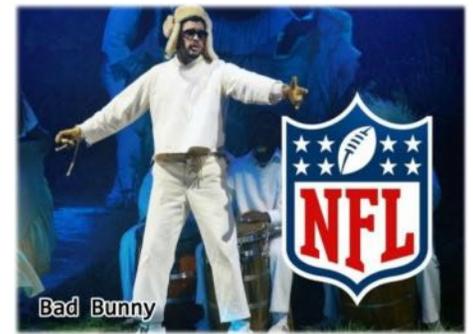
making them possibly the greatest poets on earth! Evolutionists tell us that language is such an advanced development that even the first human beings could do no more than grunt and growl. And yet the whale not only has a sophisticated language but also creates poetry. Christians can comfortably put evolution aside to realize that the Bible is right when it says that the whole creation praises God. And whales make it very clear that the Creator Himself is the author of language-not some caveman. Psalm 148:7 'Praise the LORD from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths.' *Science Frontiers; Newsweek.*"



Tens of millions tuned in. This exposes the worldliness and spiritual shallowness that permeates evangelicalism and a large percentage of conservative Baptists. Kid Rock is a Trump supporter and currently professes to be a Christian, naming Paula White as his “pastor” (“Kid Rock Asks Joe Rogan if He Wants to Know Jesus,” *Church Leaders*, Mar. 14, 2024), but he is a raunchy rocker, nonetheless, with no clear biblical testimony of the new birth and no renunciation of his filthy music. Even hyper-cool *Relevant* magazine warns about him: “Kid Rock’s music is the furthest thing from family friendly. His career has been built on explicit lyrics, sexual bravado, profanity, heavy drinking imagery and a proudly rebellious persona” (“A Kid Rock Concert,” *Relevant*, Feb. 3, 2026). Kid Rock’s most popular albums are “Devil Without a Cause” and “Cocky.” Rock & roll, with its “I’m free to do what I want” message, is philosophically incompatible with biblical Christianity and the mixture of the two since the 1970s has corrupted the Christian part when tested by God’s Word. Christian rock Christianity is the live according to your own lusts Christianity prophesied in 2 Timothy 4. At Turning Point’s All-American Super Bowl Halftime, Kid Rock sang, “There’s a book a’sitting in your house somewhere that could use some dusting off. There’s a man who

died for all our sins a’ hanging from the cross. ... You can give your life to Jesus and he’ll give you a second chance, till you can’t.” This sounds fine to those lacking biblical discernment, but it is not the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a vague, ecumenical message that is meaningless in an age pervaded with false gospels, false christs, and false spirits. Kid Rock’s broad-tent gospel fits Roman Catholics, Greek Orthodox, Mormons, Seventh-day Adventists, liberal Protestants, Angel-feathers Charismatics, empty the mind Contemplatives, no repentance Baptists, World Council of Churches universalists, theistic evolutionists, in fact the whole wide realm of the end-time one-world “church.” The true gospel of Jesus Christ, with its call for repentance and its exclusiveness and its new life of pilgrim holiness, is offensive to this world, but Kid Rock’s gospel is widely acceptable. The apostle Paul warned the church at Corinth about these things 2,000 years ago (2 Corinthians 11) and prophesied that the situation would become much more dangerous as the age progressed. “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived ... For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Timothy 3:13; 4:3-4).

THE NFL, BAD BUNNY, AND AMERICA’S APOSTASY (Friday Church News Notes, February 20, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted



from “Together, We Are Indoctrinated,” *The Disntr*, Feb. 9, 2026: “At this point, the NFL is little more than a glossy package of political propoganda, marketed to the masses like a sugar-coated sedative. No thanks. I’m not paying to be brainwashed. [I didn’t watch the game] but I did wake up to one heck of a social media hangover. I scrolled through post after post about some clown named ‘Bad Bunny’ who apparently did the halftime show. And within seconds--seconds--I knew exactly what had happened. The images, the captions, the full-on Twitter trench warfare painted a familiar picture. Simulated sex acts, homosexual weirdos in bondage gear, and an absolute onslaught of anti-family sewage beamed straight into American homes. Kids were watching. Pastors were watching. Maybe your grandma was watching. And they got an eyeful of Satan’s drag circus dancing to lyrics so vile even their own defenders won’t translate them out loud.” [CONCLUDING NOTE: We strongly disagree with the publishers of *The Disntr* in the matter of Reformed Theology, but we are thankful for their rare warnings about the corruption of the Southern Baptist Convention and evangelicalism at large and the role that corrupt evangelicalism is playing in the downfall of America’s morals. As for Reformed

Theology, we recommend [The Calvinism Debate](#) at the Books section of www.wayoflife.org, *What Love Is This?* by Dave Hunt, and *The Other Side of Calvinism* by Laurence Vance.]

TRUMP DECLARES PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST (Friday Church News Notes, February 20, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Trump declares,” *Israel Today*, Feb. 6, 2026: “‘For the first time in 3,000 years, we have peace,’ US President Donald Trump announced at the National Prayer Breakfast on Thursday. ‘Now they have to disarm,’ he said of Hamas, claiming that the terror group had already agreed to do so. ‘Some people say they won’t, but they will, and if they don’t, they’re gonna not be around any longer.’ ... **Within Israel’s security establishment ... there is growing consensus that we are not at the end of war, but at the precipice of something far worse--a regional explosion that could make the past two years of conflict look tame by comparison.** Iran’s clerical regime and its terrorist tentacles--Hezbollah in Lebanon, the Houthis in Yemen, and Hamas in Gaza--may be wounded, but that makes them more desperate, not more agreeable. They

are cornered, and cornered animals don’t disarm. They bite. That’s the sense on the ground in Israel. ... Every serious Israeli analyst, from military planners to intelligence veterans, has said the same thing: Hamas will not be disarmed by paper agreements or grand statements in Washington. It will only be disarmed by force. And until that happens, the war is not over. Reconstruction? Impossible. Stability? A fantasy. Disarmament? A battlefield objective, not a negotiation point. From where Israelis sit, the current moment looks worryingly familiar--like the aftermath of previous flare-ups, where Western leaders declare a ceasefire, push agreements, and start drafting grand diplomatic frameworks. Meanwhile, the enemy re-arms, regroups, and waits for the next opportunity to strike. This is not peace. This is a pause. ... Real peace ... will come when the terrorists are defeated, when Iranian proxies are dismantled, and when the Jewish state no longer has to deploy tens of thousands of reservists just to keep its borders from being overrun.” **CONCLUDING NOTE:** Real peace will not come until Israel repents of her sin against God and receives the Prince of Peace, Jesus the Messiah.

BLACK LIVES MATTER (Friday Church News Notes, February 20, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - A major proponent of Critical Race Theory is Black Lives Matter (BLM), a loose-knit coalition with the agenda of tearing down traditional America and

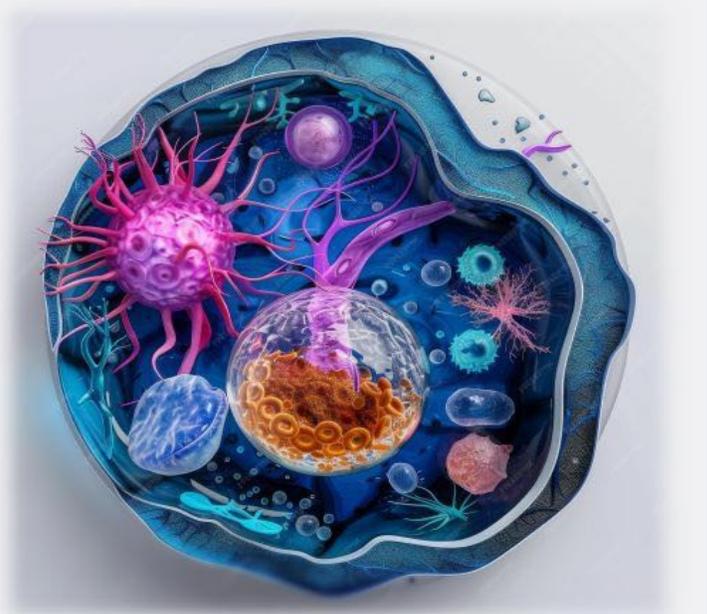


replacing it with a socialist state that is a haven for moral perversion. They are enemies of the “old” America, as reflected in the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, the “old” America that is deeply influenced by the Bible. BLM’s platform calls for an end to capitalism, the redistribution of wealth, universal basic income, collective ownership of property, slashing military spending by 50%, and ending all aid to Israel. They are opposed to “the nuclear family” (i.e., the traditional family of a father, mother, and children). They “foster a queer-affirming network” and intend to “free themselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking” (the biblical idea of morality). BLM is one of many organizations and movements with similar agendas that have found a haven in the Democratic Party. These people have proven that they will tell any lie, destroy anyone’s reputation, commit any violence, break any law, and make any alliance, toward the fulfillment of their agenda. They only tear down; they never build up. They cannot point to a showcase nation or city or community built upon Marxist or Leftist principles that has superior justice, equality, economic opportunity, and liberty to America’s.



THE WORLD'S SMALLEST COMPUTER

(Friday Church News Notes, February 20, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, January 27, 2026: "The cells of all living things are filled with highly detailed information. The incredible system that is used for storing this information makes our best computer information systems look like a child's simple slate board! Believe it or not, it takes more information to make a complete human being than can be stored in the average city library. And all of this information is stored in less than a few thousand millionths of a gram of material within each of our cells. You have literally billions of copies of it! Our most sophisticated computer system cannot even come close to being able to store information like that. It is estimated that one billion species of plants and animals have existed since creation. The information storage system within the cell is so compact that all of the information to make every one of those one billion species could be held in a teaspoon--with room left over to hold all the books ever written if they, too, were stored with the same efficient system. Even more amazing is that this information storage system is not only able to store information like a computer but, unlike a computer,



it can also copy itself and correct errors if any creep into the information! How could anyone believe that this brilliant information storage, copying and correction system could have come about by chance? To believe that this could be created by no one is certainly an act of faith. But it is clearly the wrong faith! And that highlights what the origins debate is really all about."

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