

Northern Grace Youth Camp's
Junior High Week
Sunday, July 21st - Saturday, July 27th, 2024 A.D.



"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts."
Psalms 145:3-4 NKJV

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Our Prayer for You

*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.”*

Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

*“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above
all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in
us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all
generations, forever and ever. Amen.”*

Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJV

“Identifying the Greatness of Our GOD”

Isaiah 40:1-31

“Identifying the greatness of our GOD begins with awestruck humility before His sovereign majesty and confessing that He is the Hero of the story NOT man.”

Introduction – “What this country needs [& the nations of the world], what the Church needs [& the Christian home & family], is the restoration of a vision of the Most High God.” This was the bold challenge issued by the late A.W. Tozer who lived from 1897-1963 in a sermon called “How to Prayer for Revival” back in the mid-20th century. He furthered his insights by explaining that...

Identifying the Greatness of Our GOD by confessing...

1. ***He is the GOD Who Has S_____*** – Is.40:1-8 cf. **2 Tim.3:16-4:2**

- Charles Jennens & Handel’s Messiah

Identifying the Greatness of Our GOD by confessing...

2. ***He is the GOD of S_____ A_____*** – Is.40:9-11 cf. 35:3-8; **Jn.1:1-14**

- “Behold your God!”

Identifying the Greatness of Our GOD by confessing...

3. ***He is the GOD of I_____ W_____*** – Is.40:12-17 cf. **Rom.11:33-36**

- “Chariots of Fire” & the 1924 Paris Olympics

Identifying the Greatness of Our GOD by confessing...

4. ***He is the T_____ & L_____ GOD of C_____*** – Is.40:18-26 cf. **Acts 17 & Rom.1**

- Biblical/Creation Apologetics & “Acts 17 Culture”

Identifying the Greatness of Our GOD by confessing...

5. ***He is the GOD Who E_____ the F_____*** – Is.40:27-31 cf. **2 Cor.2:14-16**

- Christ gave His life for us→ to us→ through us...to the praise of His glory!

***WVC & SDG!**

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AM: Isaiah 40:1-31, "Identifying the Greatness of Our GOD"

- 1. Q:** Identify 1 of the 5 points of the greatness of our GOD.
A: **1.** He is the GOD Who Has Spoken, **2.** He is the GOD of Sovereign Authority, **3.** He is the GOD of Infinite Wisdom, **4.** He is the True & Living GOD of Creation, & **5.** He is the GOD Who Empowers the Faithful
- 2. Q:** According to A.W. Tozer, what does our country & the Church need?
A: "The restoration of a vision of the Most High God."
- 3. Q:** Why did Charles Jennens write Handel's Messiah in the 1740s?
A: Because of ungodly worldviews that were destroying lives in his generation.
- 4. Q:** What happened at the Olympics 100 years ago (1924 Paris Olympics)?
A: Eric Liddell refused to run his race on Sunday & went to church instead but still won the gold in another race.
- 5. Q:** Identify 3 of the 5 points of the greatness of our GOD.
A: **1.** He is the GOD Who Has Spoken, **2.** He is the GOD of Sovereign Authority, **3.** He is the GOD of Infinite Wisdom, **4.** He is the True & Living GOD of Creation, & **5.** He is the GOD Who Empowers the Faithful

BONUS Q: What does it mean for LORD or GOD to be in ALL CAPS?

A: It is the Hebrew word Yahweh or Jehoveh which means that the LORD is the eternally self-existent GOD who is The Great I AM.

There is Only One True God

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.”

Isaiah 40:28 NKJV

What comes into your mind when you think about God? Do you imagine a grandfatherly person with a long beard and flowing white robes? Does He seem more like the great big vending machine in the sky or a religious genie who is at your bidding? Or is it more comforting to see Him as a lonely deity who desperately needs companionship? These conceptions are utterly false for the Bible teaches that God is the holy Creator of the universe who is infinite and triune in the essence of His being (Ps.145:3; Is.57:15; 2 Cor.13:14).

Many people deny God’s existence because “science” has supposedly disproven the Bible. Despite the consensus of academia, there is compelling evidence for God in the grandeur of the cosmos and the intricate design of life. The cell’s nanotechnology and the complex information systems programmed into the DNA code testify to the existence of an Intelligent Designer (Ps.19:1; 139:13-16; Rom.1:20).

The personal identity of this all-wise Designer and what He is like has been disclosed to mankind through the Bible. God’s revelation of Himself in the Holy Scriptures is a reliable source for understanding His character and nature because it is a compilation of historical documents written by eyewitnesses during the lifetimes of others who saw the events transpire. The Bible reports miraculous events that fulfilled specific prophecies and claims to be of divine origin, rather than human (Acts 1:3; 2 Tim.3:16; 2 Pet.1:20-21).

God’s existence and the veracity of His Word has tremendous bearing upon our lives because His will as recorded in the Bible is absolute truth. By definition, truth is that which corresponds to reality as perceived by God Who is Ultimate Reality. In other words, truth is that which is consistent with the character and nature of God as revealed in the Bible (Ps.119:105; Jn.17:17; Rom.11:33-12:2).

Falsehood corrupts who God is either by denying that He exists or by saying that He is something other than He has shown Himself to be. Atheism teaches that God is not, agnosticism claims that God is not knowable, deism says that God is not interested, pantheism believes that God is everything and everything is God, and panentheism says that we are inside of God (Ex.20:1-6; Is.40:12-26; Acts 17:22-32).

Theism teaches that there is not only a God but that He is infinitely and intimately invested in His creation and upholds it in accordance with His immutable essence and the all-glorious majesty of Who He is. The God of the Bible is all-powerful and miraculously intervenes in the lives of people. He knows everything and is everywhere at the same time being unlimited by the time-space continuum. God is also all-loving because every individual is a person for whom Christ shed His royal blood as payment for their rebellion against the KING of kings (Ps.90:2; Col.1:16-20; Heb.1:1-4).

If we desire to understand what God is like, then we need to look nowhere else than to the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ for “in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily” (Col.2:9; Jn.1:14). May your life proclaim the majesty of the Maker in and through a personal relationship with the one true and living God, Jesus Christ. By grace alone through faith alone for the glory of God alone!

“For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to Whom be glory forever. Amen.”

Romans 11:36 NKJV

Consider This: Exalt your understanding of who GOD is reading Isaiah chapter 40 again next week and then the week after that. Get yourself a copy of *“The Knowledge of the Holy”* by A.W. Tozer and read that too.

“Understanding Biblical Creation”

(Evolution/Millions of Years is a Lie)

Does this sound familiar? *“The cosmos began as a result of the big bang about 20 billion years ago. The solar system eventually formed and the Sun came into existence about 10 billion years ago. A hot molten blob which would be earth took shape 9.5 billion years ago. Water formed after the earth cooled 8.8 billion years ago. The oceans were the site of the earliest life-forms and by natural selection along with mutations, different kinds of life arose over the course of millions of years. Over time ape-like creatures evolved into modern man.”* The preceding is commonly understood as the explanation for the origin of the universe and life on Earth. Despite the publicity it receives in the media, the consensus of academia, and the general assumption of townspeople, **evolution is a fairy tale better explained as the pagan religion of the modern era.**

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day” (Exodus 20:11). The Bible teaches that God is the Creator Who spoke all things into existence out of nothing just several thousand years ago. In the six 24 hour days of creation is found the origin of time, space, matter, earth, plants, the celestial bodies, marine life, animals including dinosaurs, and people.

The critical issue between these two competing views for understanding origins is this: **whose starting point is more credible?** The next time you hear someone waxing eloquent about billions of years, politely ask, **“Were you there to see that happen?”** If they respond similarly, you could honestly say you were not but that you know someone who was and He recorded the historical details in a book called the Bible. Should we therefore rely upon the changing opinions of fallible scientists who do not know everything and who were not there in the beginning to see everything transpire or should we rely upon the infallible Word of the all-powerful God Who does not change, Who knows everything, and Who gave us an eyewitness account of the origin of the universe? **Which of these is a more credible starting point?**

The creation/evolution debate is oftentimes viewed as a conflict between religion and science. This is a false assertion because the interpretation of the scientific data observed in the present is determined by the scientist’s presupposed belief about the past. Even ardent evolutionists have religious beliefs that are tenaciously held on to. Their faith is in the millions/billions of years needed for the evolutionary progression of life. It is through this lens that the evolutionist views the world and understands things like fossils, dinosaurs, the age of rocks, the so-called races, and the similar characteristics of animal life.

Biblical creation stands upon the absolute authority of the Word of God beginning from the very first verse. The meaning of everything is directly tied to its origin. The purpose and sanctity of life, marriage, ethics, and why mankind needs a Savior are directly tied to the book of Genesis. Western civilization’s decline and virtually every social ill can be traced back to the Church’s willingness to compromise the truth and bow to the lie of evolutionary philosophy. **May the Lord raise up a new reformation in His Church so that spiritual revival may come in this era of history for the praise, honor, and glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ!**

Practical Equipping Tools

- ✓ Grab some apologetics stuff from the chapel resource table.
- ✓ Frequent the website of Answers in Genesis to do research for answers to questions that arise. Write one down here: _____
- ✓ Ask GOD for wisdom, vision, & courage daily to stand 4 Him.

**“For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth...
that in all things He may have the preeminence.”**

Colossians 1:16a, 18b NKJV

"Understanding Family Identity & the Cause of Christ"

[Advancing the Cause of Christ Through Biblical Family Life]

Eph.5:22-6:4; 1 Thes.2:11-12 cf. Deut.6:4-9; Ps.78:1-8

Sermon Introduction – "Take a journey with me as we travel together back in time to the ancient Roman Empire..." Robert Wolgemuth, in "*The Most Important Place on Earth: What a Christian Home Looks Like and How to Build One*", shares how he and his almost-eight-year-old granddaughter viewed a massive piece of art in a Charlotte, NC museum. It was Jean-Leon Gerome's 1863 piece called "*Early Christian Martyrs in the Coliseum at Rome*." Personally, I first came across this piece of art myself at Northern Grace Youth Camp in WI in a hundred-year-old copy of *Foxe's Book of Martyrs* which I later paid my oldest son something like \$20 to read it cover-to-cover at about 10 years old.

Advancing the Cause of Christ Through...

The Irreplaceable Nature of M_____ – Gen.1:26-27; 2:7

- A. **Biblical Manhood R_____ P_____** – Gen.3:6
- B. **Biblical Manhood A_____ R_____** – Gen.2:15
- C. **Biblical Manhood L_____ C_____** – 1 Cor.16:13

Advancing the Cause of Christ Through...

The Irreplaceable Nature of M_____ – Matt.19:4-5; Eph.5

- A. **Biblical Marriage Upholds God's N_____ D_____** – Matt.19:4-5
- B. **Biblical Marriage Upholds G_____ R_____** – Eph.5:22-31
- C. **Biblical Marriage Upholds the G_____ of M_____** – Titus 2:3-5

Advancing the Cause of Christ Through...

The Irreplaceable Nature of F_____ – Gen.18:19; Eph.6:4

- A. **Biblical Fatherhood I_____ W_____** – 1 Thes.2:11-12
- B. **Biblical Fatherhood I_____ V_____** – 2 Chr.32:7-8
- C. **Biblical Fatherhood I_____ C_____** – Neh.4:14

Advancing the Cause of Christ Through...

The Irreplaceable Nature of a M_____ L_____ – Mal.2:15; Ps.78:1-8

- A. **Biblical Legacy Champions the G_____ of C_____** – Gen.1:28; Ps.127

B. **Biblical Legacy Champions G_____ C_____** – Deut.6:4-9; Pr.3:34

C. **Biblical Legacy Champions G_____ F_____ (& Gospel Mission)** – Ps.78:1-8; Josh.4:19-24 cf. 24:14-28; Jud.2:7-15; 2 Tim.2:2

Answers: Manhood, Rejects Passivity, Accepts Responsibility, Leads Courageously, Marriage, Nuclear Design, Gender Roles, Glory of Motherhood, Fatherhood, Invests Wisdom, Instills Vision, Infuses Courage, Multiplied Legacy, Glory of Children, Godly Character, Generational Faithfulness

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PM: Gen.1:26-27, "Family Identity & Advancing the Cause of Christ"

1. **Q:** Identify 1 of the 4 ways that family advances the cause of Christ.
A: 1. Irreplaceable Nature of Manhood, 2. Irreplaceable Nature of Marriage, 3. Irreplaceable Nature of Fatherhood, 4. Irreplaceable Nature of a Multiplied Legacy
2. **Q:** Describe the painting that Robert Wolgemuth saw in a NC art museum?
A: Jean-Leon Gerom's 1863 piece, "Early Christian Martyrs in the Coliseum at Rome"
3. **Q:** Name at least 1 of the 3 truths of "*The Irreplaceable Nature of Biblical Manhood.*"
A: 1. Biblical Manhood Rejects Passivity, 2. Biblical Manhood Accepts Responsibility, & 3. Biblical Manhood Leads Courageously.
4. **Q:** Name at least 1 of the 3 truths of "*The Irreplaceable Nature of Biblical Marriage.*"
A: 1. Biblical Marriage Upholds God's Nuclear Design, 2. Biblical Marriage Upholds Gender Roles, & 3. Biblical Marriage Upholds the Glory of Motherhood.
5. **Q:** Identify 3 of the 4 ways that family advances the cause of Christ.
A: 1. Irreplaceable Nature of Manhood, 2. Irreplaceable Nature of Marriage, 3. Irreplaceable Nature of Fatherhood, 4. Irreplaceable Nature of a Multiplied Legacy

BONUS Q: Name at least 1 of the 3 truths of "*The Irreplaceable Nature of Biblical Fatherhood.*"

A: 1. Biblical Fatherhood Invests Wisdom, 2. Biblical Fatherhood Instills Vision, & 3. Biblical Fatherhood Infuses Courage.

“Ministry Training Begins at Home”

“As you know how we exhorted, and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.”

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 NKJV

My family and I travel across our country ministering in churches, camps, and conferences throughout the year. The aging demographics we observe in many congregations present challenges to the sustainability of American grace churches and our impact on the foreign mission field. Radical changes must be made by churches and families moving forward as co-champions of the next generation. Both must understand that ministry training does not begin when young people arrive on campus at Grace Christian University, Berean Bible Institute, or any other school, but well ahead of time during the formative years of life right at home with dad and mom (1 Thes.2:11-12).

In *The Gathering Storm: Secularism, Culture, and the Church*, Dr. Albert Mohler issues a bold challenge for the church to be deliberate in engaging the storm gathering over the coming generations. Intentional ministry training begins at home in three poignant ways:

1. Christian parents [and grandparents] must view church as the highest and utmost priority for their family’s weekly schedule. A secularized culture idolizes athletic prowess, and many Christians buy into this due to the perception that incessant sports activities (even on Sunday) will increase their child’s eventual college entrance application. Should they really be surprised when their investment into the traveling team captures the heart of the next generation at the expense of a church which they have never really known in the first place? As the pillar and ground of doctrinal truth, the ministry of the local church should be paramount to the weekly routine and rhythm of biblical family life (1 Tim.3:15).

2. Christian parents [and grandparents] need to be serious about the effects of technology, screen time, and social media. Such gadgets and platforms are worldview-shaping influencers in the lives of young people whose impressionable minds are susceptible to the diabolically insidious nature of deception (Col.2:8). The formative years of youth should not be squandered but redirected toward developing a comprehensive and therefore biblical Christian worldview. Along with this, cultivating practical ministry skills by learning how to read robust literature like missionary biographies, playing musical instruments, and building daily work ethic through being industrious, diligent, and disciplined is a priority of home-based ministry training (Eph.5:15-17).

3. Christian parents [and grandparents] must endeavor to fill their homes with the fragrance of the gospel. More important than adorning the physical house is filling it with “the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ” and the intangible virtues of faith, hope, and love (Pr.24:3-4; Phil.1:11). Training the next generation for ministry leadership begins right at home through spiritual disciplines like family worship time, Scripture memorization, and singing the praises of Him who alone is worthy of all praise because of who He is and what He has done in Christ Jesus.

Practical Equipping Tools

- ✓ Where do you worship on Sundays? What’s your plan for this weekend? Prepare your heart now!
- ✓ You make time for what’s important to you. Cultivate new priorities by eliminating distractions.
- ✓ If you’re not already in the habit, ask your parents about reading the Bible together, singing God’s praise right at home, & praying together as a family. This is called *Family Worship*.

“The Glory of Motherhood”

“Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, your children like olive plants all around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.”

Psalm 128:1, 3-4 NKJV

As image-bearers of the Creator, women have been blessed by God with the stewardship of being wives and mothers (Gen.1:27-28). Perhaps the most controversial truth of the irreplaceable nature of marriage is that God’s biblical design upholds the glory of motherhood. **Radical feminism and the Marxist agenda of woke paganism are in rebellion against the beauty, nobility, and glory of being a wife and mother, which the Holy Scriptures affirm with the utmost honor and dignity in the sight of God** (Psa. 128:3; Pro. 31:10-31; 1 Tim.2:15; 2 Tim.1:5; 3:15; Titus 2:3-5).

Regardless of what the sirens of the age assert, only biological women have children, and God’s Word lauds the blessedness of the fruitful womb (Psa. 127:3-5; 139:13; Mal. 2:15). The irreplaceable nature of marriage builds civilization, fills this world with image-bearing worshippers of the one true and living God, and advances the cause of Christ to the ends of the earth beginning right at home.

While on a ministry adventure trip, some time ago, a young couple invited me to their home for supper. After we enjoyed a hearty meal of chicken enchiladas, Joe and Heather (not their real names) shared about their upbringing and back story. It turns out that they had been born and raised in New England before meeting in college. Joe had been reared in a type of Eastern Orthodox religious tradition but Heather was brought up atheist believing in “science” (evolutionary naturalism). **She explained that her communications major trained her to articulate the Marxist ideologies they were indoctrinated into at this progressively liberal college out east.**

After getting married, Joe and Heather moved to a city in the Pacific Northwest that is notorious for being a bastion of far-left secularism because she described this as just what young liberals do. **Through the course of events, God providentially used the so-called “peaceful protests” of BLM to beckon to their hearts.** By this time, they were expecting a baby and questioned whether or not a city where a stack of Bibles lit on fire in the street was the kind of place they really wanted to raise their daughter. In fact, Joe even came across the charred remains of a New Testament on a sidewalk and suffice it to say that he continued thinking deeply about the spiritual issues of life and death along with time and eternity. Complications with her pregnancy were used of the Lord to stir Heather’s heart to take stock of the same. Not too long after that, they moved out of the city to a generally more sensible part of that same region of the country and purchased some property on the side of a mountain. Their homestead farm of sorts was a beautiful enclave nestled into that hillside with tremendous potential for carving out a flourishing family life. **Eventually they landed at a solid Bible-teaching church nearby where they were growing in grace and knowledge of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Their testimony was so beautiful and precious that I found myself getting teary-eyed, especially as Heather proceeded to share the aspirations of her heart. Despite being brought up as an atheist in a family steeped in evolution and college educated with a baccalaureate degree in communications, **her heart’s desire was to be a stay-at-home mom who intentionally trains her children in the pathways of truth and righteousness.** I wholeheartedly affirmed this passion and encouraged her that whereas the world disparages such virtue in the name of merely being “barefoot and pregnant” which she incidentally was (expecting their second child), the Bible lauds the glory of motherhood. **Further, I shared that despite whatever the world may say, she is building civilization right alongside her knight in shining armor for the glory, praise, and honor of Almighty God.**

May the Lord raise up a multitude of women like Heather whose hearts desire is to champion the glory of motherhood and therefore invest the stewardship of their gifts, talents, and abilities to advance the cause of Christ to the ends of the earth...beginning right at home!

“Identifying the Dead Serious Urgency of Evangelism & Missions” *[Seven Truths from the Book of Romans About People Who Have Never Heard of Jesus]*

Introduction - “If Jesus were just another religious teacher on the landscape of human history, offering his thoughts and opinions regarding how people should live, then it would definitely be arrogant, unloving, & outright foolish for me (or anyone else) to travel around the world telling people they need to either follow Jesus or face hell.”

–David Platt, “Follow Me”

Evangelism & Missions is Dead Serious Urgent b/c...

Truth #1 : All People Have K_____ of GOD – Rom.1:19-21a cf.Ps.19:1-6; Job 12:7-12

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Truth #2 : All People R_____ K_____ of GOD – Rom.1:21-25 cf. Ps.14:1; 53:1

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Truth #3 : All People Are G_____ Before GOD – Rom.3:9-19, 23 cf. Is.53:6; Ps.14:12

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Truth #4 : All People Are C_____ For R_____ GOD – Rom.3:20; 5:12; 6:23; cf. Eph.2:1-3; Rev.20:11-15

Evangelism & Missions is Dead Serious Urgent b/c...

Truth #5 : All People Have a Way to Be S_____ From GOD’s W_____ – Rom.3:21-26; 5:6-8 cf. 2 Cor.5:18-19

Evangelism & Missions is Dead Serious Urgent b/c...

Truth #6 : All People Must Come to GOD Through F_____ in C_____ – Rom.3:28; 4:5; 5:1; 6:23; 10:9-10 cf. Eph.2:8-9

Evangelism & Missions is Dead Serious Urgent b/c...

Truth #7 : All People Are the M_____ F_____ of the C_____ – Rom.10:14-15; 15:15-21; 16:25-27; 1:14-16 cf. Is.6:8; 2 Cor.5:20; Col.4:2-6

Conclusion – “What sustained John Paton in his missionary zeal? No doubt he had a love for the people. He was certainly burdened for them and had compassion on their souls, knowing that without Christ they were certain to go to hell. As important as compassion is for those who do not know God, I suggest this will not sustain a missionary zeal, whether it be for missionaries serving on the field or for Christians in western churches who pray and support various missionaries. Something more is needed...Only a zeal for the true and living God to receive His due, to receive the glory and adoration which alone belong to Him, will sustain a missionary or a world mission’s commitment in a local church.” –Allen M. Baker

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Tuesday, July 21st – 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 ESV, "And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put His seal on us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

AM: "Identifying the Dead Serious Urgency of Evangelism & Missions" (7 Truths...)

1. **Q:** Name at least 1 of the 7 truths from Romans about people who have never heard of Jesus.

A: Truth #1: All people have knowledge of God.

Truth #2: All people reject knowledge of God.

Truth #3: All people are guilty before God.

Truth #4: All people are condemned for rejecting God.

Truth #5: All people have a way to be saved from God's wrath.

Truth #6: All people must come to God through faith in Christ.

Truth #7: All people are the mission field of the Church.

2. **Q:** What would be a foolish thing to do "If Jesus were just another religious teacher on the landscape of human history..." (*quote from David Platt*)

A: "...then it would definitely be arrogant, unloving, and outright foolish for me (or anyone else) to travel around the world telling people they need to either follow Jesus or face hell."

3. **Q:** Name at least 3 of the 7 truths from Romans about people who have never heard of Jesus.

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4. **Q:** How do you describe the exclusive nature of Biblical Christianity?

A: The God of the Bible is the one true God and Jesus Christ is the only Savior (Deut.6:4;
Is.45:22; Jn.14:6).

5. **Q:** Name at least 5 of the 7 truths from Romans about people who have never heard of Jesus.

A: Truth #1: All people have knowledge of God.

Truth #2: All people reject knowledge of God.

Truth #3: All people are guilty before God.

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“Hell is for Real”

Heaven is indeed for real but so also is hell. It is also known as the “lake of fire” and is a horrible place that sinners will be banished to on Judgment Day because of their subtle rebellion, outright wickedness, “good-enough” moralism, self-righteous living, or legalistic religion. It would be nice to think that heaven is everyone’s destination but that is unfortunately not the case. Everyone throughout history who has never professed faith and trust in the Creator God of the Bible, the Lord Jesus Christ, by believing in their heart that He died for their sins and rose again will, upon death, not be ushered into God’s presence in the glories of heaven but will be banished forever to the lake of fire where there is perpetual weeping and gnashing of teeth.

This may sound harsh but the holiness and righteousness of the Supreme Judge of the universe demands that justice be served. On the other hand, there is good news because at the heart of Biblical Christianity is the message of God’s love for all mankind demonstrated at the cross through the ultimate sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ for the sins of the world. This gift of love was given on behalf of vile, wicked, rebellious, moralistic, and self-righteous sinners who are wholly deserving of God’s undiluted wrath and judgment in the horrors and outer darkness of eternal hellfire.

Every world religion requires its adherents to pay homage to its deity in the prescribed manner by bringing forth the necessary sacrificial offerings or through legalistic observance of rites, ceremonies, and rituals that are believed to be required in order to merit favor with the divine. What separates Biblical Christianity from the rest of the pack is that it is the only belief system in which God Himself in His holiness and unbridled merciful lovingkindness provided the sacrifice needed to satisfy the demands of His righteous justice. Not only did He provide it but He Himself is the ultimate sacrifice in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, the God-Man. Beyond this, He offers to sinners everywhere the gift of total forgiveness of sins and eternal spiritual life and is received by faith alone in Christ.

God Himself accomplishing for people what they could not do for themselves and freely giving the results thereof is what the grace of God is all about. It is this very thing that separates Biblical Christianity from the false-Christian cults and religious belief systems of the world.

There are more than 7 billion people on Earth, over 4 billion do not claim to be Christian, and more than 2.7 billion are totally unreached with the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Millions in the world today will die in their sins and go straight to hell without ever hearing of the love of God in Jesus Christ. Everyone deserves to hear the gospel at least once and it is therefore incumbent upon born again Christians to possess an evangelistic urgency and passion for the missionary mandate of the Church both here and abroad.

Practical Equipping Tools

- ✓ Grab some gospel tracts and evangelistic literature from the chapel resource table.
- ✓ Prayerfully consider going on a short-term missions trip overseas.
- ✓ Ask GOD for boldness to open up your mouth and speak of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,
for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes...”
Romans 1:16 NKJV**

"The Transforming Power of Spiritual Identity"

Understanding Who GOD Has Made You "in Christ Jesus"

Ephesians 1:3; 2:6; 5:8

Introduction – Whoever or whatever you identify with, you give the power to transform your life.

Spiritual Blessings "in Christ Jesus"

1. **P_____ by GOD the F_____** – Eph.1:3-6

- Chosen in Christ → Adopted in Christ → Accepted in Christ → Redeemed in Christ →
Forgiven in Christ → Revealed God's Will in Christ → Obtained inheritance in Christ →
Predestined in Christ → Sealed in Christ

Spiritual Blessings "in Christ Jesus"

2. **P_____ by GOD the S_____** – Eph.1:7-12

- Chosen in Christ → Adopted in Christ → Accepted in Christ → Redeemed in Christ →
Forgiven in Christ → Revealed God's Will in Christ → Obtained inheritance in Christ →
Predestined in Christ → Sealed in Christ

Spiritual Blessings "in Christ Jesus"

3. **P_____ by GOD the H_____ S_____** – Eph.1:13-17

- Chosen in Christ → Adopted in Christ → Accepted in Christ → Redeemed in Christ →
Forgiven in Christ → Revealed God's Will in Christ → Obtained inheritance in Christ →
Predestined in Christ → Sealed in Christ

"The truth of what we have 'in Christ' sets us free from feeling inadequate to the face the challenges of life & sets us free to do all that God has called us to do because of who He has called us to become 'in Christ.'"

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Tuesday, July 21st – 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 ESV, "And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put His seal on us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

PM: Eph.2:1-3; 1:3-14, *"Understanding the Transforming Power of Spiritual Identity"*

1. Q: What is the believer's spiritual position?

A: "In Christ Jesus" (Eph.1:3).

2. Q: Name at least 1 of our spiritual blessings.

A: **1.** Chosen in Christ, **2.** Adopted in Christ, **3.** Accepted in Christ, **4.** Redeemed in Christ, **5.** Forgiven in Christ, **6.** Revealed God's Will in Christ, **7.** Obtained inheritance in Christ, **8.** Predestined in Christ, & **9.** Sealed in Christ.

3. Q: What did God the Holy Spirit do to ensure that our blessings are permanent?

A: Seal us with Himself (2 Cor.1:22; Eph.1:13,14; 4:30)?

4. Q: What does knowing what we have "in Christ" free us from?

A: From feeling inadequate to face the challenges of life (Jn.8:32).

5. Q: Name at least 3 of our spiritual blessings.

A: **1.** Chosen in Christ, **2.** Adopted in Christ, **3.** Accepted in Christ, **4.** Redeemed in Christ, **5.** Forgiven in Christ, **6.** Revealed God's Will in Christ, **7.** Obtained inheritance in Christ, **8.** Predestined in Christ, & **9.** Sealed in Christ.

BONUS

Q: Our spiritual address "in Christ" is that we are seated where (Eph.2:6)?

A: In the heavenly places.

Q: How do we receive every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ?

A: By trusting in Christ as Savior (Eph.1:13,14).

Q: Christ's blood has purchased what kind of forgiveness for us (Eph.1:7; Col.2:13)?

A: Total forgiveness.

Q: Fill in the blanks: "Not until we rest in the _____ of the cross can we live in the _____ of the resurrection

A: FINALITY of the cross...REALITY of the resurrection.

Q: What does understanding what we have, where we are, & who we are "in Christ" do?

A: **Frees us to become who God wants us to become** ("conformed to Christ" Rom.8:29) & to **accomplish what He wants to do** in and through us ("unto good works" Eph.2:10).

Q: Fill in the blanks: "Christ His life _____ to give His life _____ to live His life _____.

A: FOR us...TO us...THROUGH us (Gal.2:20).

"Identifying Our Grace Commission"

2 Corinthians 5:9–6:2

"Faithfulness to the Grace Commission of Christ is fueled by zealous passion for the glory of God & therefore the transforming power of His love & grace in Christ Jesus."

Introduction – In **"We Will Not Be Silenced: Responding Courageously to Our Culture's Assault on Christianity"**, Dr. Erwin Lutzer of Chicago's Moody Memorial Church speaks to the urgency of what God has called us to "in Christ Jesus." He explains that Christians must "be resolved to be gospel-driven in [our] life & witness." Apostasy in the church is rife as he points out how many Christian Millennials "have chosen to devote themselves to [the gospel of] social justice" at the expense of biblical evangelism.

Historical & Biblical Context

The ancient city of Corinth was a double seaport on a narrow strip of land called an isthmus in southern Greece. It was also the site of the Isthmian Games which were second in popularity to the Olympic Games. This cosmopolitan city was therefore full of people from all different walks of life around the world. Dense population, diversity of culture, & a dynamic economy also meant an immense amount of depravity condensed into this city rife with sin, death, & darkness. Such a seemingly hopeless situation was a prime-time opportunity for GOD to transform people's lives through the light of the gospel & for an assembly of Christians to be established into a grace church which Apostle Paul planted in Corinth (Acts 18:1-17).

Identifying Our Grace Commission by...

1. ***Reverencing the Awesome T_____ of GOD's H_____*** – 2 Cor.5:11-13

Identifying Our Grace Commission by...

2. ***Releasing the Sacrificial L_____ of GOD's S_____*** – 2 Cor.5:14-15

Identifying Our Grace Commission by...

3. ***Rejoicing in the Transformed I_____ of GOD's P_____*** – 2 Cor.5:16-17

- All Things New "in Christ" → 1. What We Have (Eph.1:3), 2. Where We Are (Eph.2:5), & 3. Who We Are (Eph.5:8).

Identifying Our Grace Commission by...

4. ***Resounding the Finished W_____ of GOD's R_____*** – 2 Cor.5:18-19

Identifying Our Grace Commission by...

5. ***Rightly Dividing the Previous M_____ of GOD's V_____*** – 2 Cor.5:19, "to us"

"All Scripture is FOR us but not all Scripture is TO us as we must 'rightly divide the Word of truth' by making straight cuts between God's prophetic & mystery programs to reach the nations through Israel in time past & His plan to reach the nations in spite of Israel & through the Church today in the dispensation of grace entrusted as a stewardship responsibility to Apostle Paul & all members of the Body of Christ. This is what is means to properly understand the Bible according to its dispensational framework."

Identifying Our Grace Commission by...

6. ***Redeployment as Grace A_____ of GOD's R_____*** – 2 Cor.5:20-21

- Remember the **"7 Truths from the Book of Romans..."**

Identifying Our Grace Commission by...

7. ***Reconsidering the Redemptive S_____ of GOD's T_____*** – 2 Cor.6:1-2

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AM: 2 Corinthians 5:9-6:2, "Identifying Our Grace Commission"

1. Q: Give at least 1 historical factoid about the ancient city of Corinth.

A: The ancient city of Corinth was a double seaport on a narrow strip of land called an isthmus in southern Greece. It was also the site of the Isthmian Games which were 2nd in popularity to the Olympic Games. This cosmopolitan city was therefore full of people from all different walks of life around the world. Dense population, diversity of culture, & a dynamic economy also meant an immense amount of depravity condensed into this city rife with sin, death, & darkness. Such a seemingly hopeless situation was a prime-time opportunity for GOD to transform people's lives through the light of the gospel & for an assembly of Christians to be established into a grace church which Apostle Paul planted in Corinth (Acts 18:1-17).

2. Q: Name at least 1 of the 7 ways that we are to be "*Identifying Our Grace Commission.*"

A: **1.** Reverencing the Awesome Terror of GOD's Holiness, **2.** Releasing the Sacrificial Love of GOD's Son, **3.** Rejoicing in the Transformed Identity of GOD's People, **4.** Resounding the Finished Work of GOD's Reconciliation, **5.** Rightly Dividing the Previous Mandates of GOD's Voice, **6.** Redeployment as Grace Ambassadors of GOD's Righteousness, & **7.** Reconsidering the Redemptive Stewardship of GOD's Time

3. Q: Name at least 1 of the "all things new" we have "in Christ."

A: **1.** What We Have (Eph.1:3), **2.** Where We Are (Eph.2:5), & **3.** Who We Are (Eph.5:8)

4. Q: What does it mean to "Rightly Divide the Word of Truth" or interpret the Bible dispensationally (2 Tim.2:15)?

A: To understand that all of the Bible is FOR us (II Tim.3:16) but not all of the Bible is written TO us today in the dispensation of grace. Paul's epistles (Romans to Philemon) are specifically written to the Church, the Body of Christ, in the present Dispensation of the Grace of God.

5. Q: Name at least 3 of the 7 ways that we are to be "*Identifying Our Grace Commission.*"

A: **1.** Reverencing the Awesome Terror of GOD's Holiness, **2.** Releasing the Sacrificial Love of GOD's Son, **3.** Rejoicing in the Transformed Identity of GOD's People, **4.** Resounding the Finished Work of GOD's Reconciliation, **5.** Rightly Dividing the Previous Mandates of GOD's Voice, **6.** Redeployment as Grace Ambassadors of GOD's Righteousness, & **7.** Reconsidering the Redemptive Stewardship of GOD's Time

“The Grace Message is Jesus Christ”

“To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”
Colossians 1:27-28 NKJV

Back in the early 1990s, Ed & Linda Bedore served as missionaries with Things to Come Mission at a Bible and Ministry Training School in Embu, Kenya. This experience prepared them to spearhead the launching of a similar school in Wisconsin, Berean Bible Institute, where I completed the bulk of my undergraduate training for ministry.

As a newly married man, I was full of youthful vigor and ministry ambition. I was very familiar with God’s Word, rightly divided, and this dispensational understanding of Scripture compelled me to embark upon the endeavor of “making all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery” (Eph.3:9). Dr. Bedore was a very wise man having a breadth of experience before and after he and his wife were saved later in life. He knew how to come alongside and redirect the passion of this young buck, along with many others, from being preoccupied with mere Bible knowledge to a Pauline balance between the doctrinal and practical truths of Scripture.

I often left Dr. Bedore’s *Practical Dispensational Theology* classes feeling humbled by how little I really knew God’s Word; but one time, he arrested my attention with a statement that jarred me like never before. During a break between classes, we were discussing the distinctive nature of Pauline doctrine when he deliberately distilled the conversation into the heart of the matter by declaring with resolute biblical conviction: “*The Grace Message is Jesus Christ.*” In so doing, he reminded me that Paul’s gospel is preeminently “the preaching of Jesus Christ” and that he did it “according to the revelation of the mystery” (Rom.16:25). The focus of my heart and ministry were therefore encouraged to be upon Jesus Christ and living in total dependency upon Him and the Word of God to the praise of His glory.

After two decades of serving in churches, camps, and conferences across America and visiting foreign mission fields, I wholeheartedly affirm Dr. Bedore’s distilled wisdom. The heart of the Grace Message or Paul’s gospel is indeed Jesus Christ Himself according to at least three preeminent truths.

1. Preaching Jesus Christ as Almighty Creator is Foundational to the Grace Message – Col.1:16 cf. Acts 17:22-31. From everlasting to everlasting, there is one true and living God who reigns in majesty supreme. God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the Holy One of Heaven who has revealed the glorious triune nature of the Godhead through the handiwork of His exquisitely designed creation (Ps.19:1-4; Rom.1:20). Dr. Bedore had a passion for the majesty and magnitude of the Creator and he deliberately mentored us to champion this truth by equipping us with the tools of convictional leadership needed in our generation (2 Tim.2:2; Titus 2:6-8).

2. Preaching Jesus Christ as Merciful Savior is Central to the Grace Message – Col.1:13-14, 20 cf. Acts 13:38-39; 26:18. The blazing center of God’s glory vested in the Person and finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ is the heart of the Paul’s gospel of grace. At Calvary, Christ Himself bore the undiluted wrath of the Father on behalf of rebel sinners, and His royal blood provided redemption for all mankind. Salvation today is received as a free gift of grace through faith alone in Christ to the praise of His glory (Rom.3:21-26; 4:5; 2 Cor.4:3-4; Eph.1:13-14; 2:8-9). Dr. Bedore had a passion for evangelism and faithfully taught us to reach out with the good news of salvation so that lost sinners could be saved by having their sins forgiven, be justified through Christ’s righteousness imputed to their account, and therefore pass from spiritual death to life in Christ Jesus for the glory of God (Rom.5:1; Titus 3:5).

3. Preaching Jesus Christ as Exalted Head is Functional to the Grace Message – Col.1:18 cf. Acts 20:28-32. The practical reality of Paul’s Gospel is that Jesus Christ is Lord and therefore in charge of the Church, which is His Body. Christ loved the Church and gave Himself *for* it so that He could give Himself *to* it in order to magnify His glory in and through His people (Gal.2:20). This indwelling life of Christ is experienced as they live in surrender to Christ by presenting their bodies unto Him as a living sacrifice day by day (Rom.12:1). It was for this reason that Dr. Bedore rephrased C.T. Studd’s famous declaration to: “Only one life, ‘twill soon be past. Only what’s done ‘in Christ’ will last.” All his students remember that Dr. Bedore famously had a passion for Romans chapter five as it was not uncommon for him to take us to the first several verses in virtually any given class period. This text was significant to him because of its relevance to tapping into God’s grace needed for daily living for the glory of His name amidst the adverse circumstances of life (Rom.5:1-5).

Consider this: What is at the forefront of your heart & mind & therefore the all-consuming passion of your life?

"Intentionally Identifying as Radically Counter-Cultural Through Unconditional Surrender"

Romans 11:33-12:2

Introduction – "The eternal purpose of God is to call out from every kindred, tongue, people, & nation a multitude redeemed by the blood of His Lamb slain from the foundation of the world; over whom He will crown His Son, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, King of Kings & Lord of Lords forever. This is **THE PASSION** of the heart of God that cannot be quenched, **THE OBSESSION** of His mind that cannot be denied, **THE VISION** of His eyes from eternity past into eternity future that will not dim, and **THE DESTINATION** to which He has committed His omnipotent, immutable, eternal being—a destination He will not abandon." - Darrell Champlin, "Venturing..."

Historical & Biblical Context

The capital of the ancient Roman empire was home to many citizens including those whose supreme allegiance was not to Caesar but to the **KING of kings and LORD of lords, the Lord Jesus Christ**. Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans is the magnum opus of his epistles as it is the longest and most comprehensive exposition of Christian doctrine in Holy Scripture. The "righteousness of God" is the theme and is systematically unfolded through detailed explanation of how Almighty God can justify depraved sinners and still uphold the justice of His throne and absolute holiness. The biblical doctrine of the penal substitutionary atonement of Christ is the answer at the heart of this book which is therefore the foundation to righteous and sanctified living in an ungodly world hell-bent on rebellion against the Creator and Redeemer of mankind.

***Remember** → "7 Truths..."

Intentionally Identifying as Radically Counter-Cultural Through Unconditional Surrender...

1. **Behold the S_____ M_____** – Rom.11:33-36 cf. Ps.145:3; Is.6:1-8; 40:1-31; 57:15

- **4 Defining Attributes of GOD:** Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnibenevolent.
- **Created Cosmos the Theater of GOD's Glory** (Ps.19:1-6)
 - Created Ex Nihilo → Created in 6 Days → Created in Recent History
- **Problems with Evolution** (Rom.1:18-25)
 - Law of Biogenesis → Mutations Loses Info. → Observable Science

Intentionally Identifying as Radically Counter-Cultural Through Unconditional Surrender...

2. **Beholden to the M_____ R_____** – Rom.12:1 cf. 1 Cor.6:19-20; Phil.1:20-21

"Unconditional surrender is about giving up control of your life to its rightful owner: Jesus Christ."

Intentionally Identifying as Radically Counter-Cultural Through Unconditional Surrender...

3. **Be Not C_____ but T_____** – Rom.12:2 cf. 2 Cor.10:3-5; Eph.5:15-17

- **Counter Culture/Not Conformed:** To reject the priorities, passions, & pursuits of this world by investing the time, talent, & treasure of our lives in eternity for God's glory.
- **Spiritual Disciplines: Renew the Mind & Transform the Life**
 - Systematic reading of the entire Bible, prayer journaling, & reading robust Christian literature.

Conclusion – The life testimony of Bill Borden: "No reserves. No retreats. No regrets."

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PM: Romans 11:33-12:2, "*Intentionally Identifying as Radically Counter Cultural*"

1. **Q:** What kind of sacrifice is God looking for today?
A: A living sacrifice (Rom.12:1).
2. **Q:** Name at least 1 of the 3 things that Bill Borden wrote in his Bible.
A: No Reserves. No Retreats. No Regrets.
3. **Q:** What does it mean to unconditionally surrender to Christ?
A: It means to unconditionally surrender your entire life to Him by giving up its control to the rightful owner: Jesus Christ (Rom.12:1; 1 Cor.6:19-20).
4. **Q:** What does it mean to "counter culture" & not be conformed to this world (Rom.12:2)?
A: To reject the priorities, passions, & pursuits of this world by investing our lives in eternity for God's glory.
5. **Q:** Name at least 1 of the 4 defining attributes of God.
A: **Omni-Potent:** All-Powerful-God can and does intervene in the lives of mankind & performs miracles.
Omni-Scient: All-Knowledge-God knows everything at the same time.
Omni-Present: All-Places-God is everywhere at the same time and unlimited by time & space b/c He created it.
Omni-Benevolent: All-Loving-God who loves the world for every heart is a person for whom Christ died.

BONUS Q: Name at least 1 of the spiritual disciplines that renew the mind & transform the life.

A: Systematic reading of the entire Bible, prayer journaling, & reading robust Christian literature.

Q: Give 1 reason from science why evolution is wrong.

A: 1. **Law of biogenesis:** Life cannot come from non-life.

2. **Mutations result in a net loss** of genetic information not upward progression from simple to complex life forms.

3. **Contrary to the observable processes of science** (scientific method)

“Counter-Culture: Live for Christ”

(Don't Waste Your Life!)

Congratulations on being blessed with the gift of life in an exciting era of history! All of your life experiences have been instrumental in shaping you and your future. Considering the trajectory of your life, remember that one day you will stand before the Almighty Creator God of the Bible and give an account of your life. Faithfully invest your time, treasure, and talent so that your life resounds to the praise of God's glory at that day and throughout eternity. **Don't waste your life!**

The sands of time sifting through the hour glass of the days of our lives remind us that life is short. **Every day is an opportunity to invest in the two things that will endure forever: people and truth.** Cultivate healthy relationships by blessing and encouraging people in your life. Grow in wisdom and understanding of truth beginning with a reverential fear of God who gives life, breath, and all things. His Word of Truth, the Bible, is what every soul needs whether engulfed in spiritual darkness or born again into spiritual life by grace through faith alone in Christ who died for sinners and rose again. Use time wisely and resist the temptation to fritter it away by indulging in ungodly pleasure, worldly entertainment, and other selfish desires of youth. **Don't waste your time!**

Financial wealth is the greatest aspiration of many like you that stand on the threshold of opportunity. History is full of those who were successful but unsatisfied in heart and soul. Prosperity cannot deliver lasting fulfillment because it cannot provide something that it does not have to give. **The only way one can find the meaning, purpose, and transcendent cause of life that our heart craves is through a relationship with Christ.** The goodness of God's blessings are for the purpose of providing for the needs of your future family, being generous to the legitimately poor and needy, and for advancing the light of the gospel of Christ worldwide. **Don't waste your treasure!**

All your gifts, talents, and abilities are from the good hand of Almighty God. **Be humbled before Him and resist the temptation of your sinful heart in thinking that by your own doing you will make your own way through life.** Thank God for your blessings and use them in His service for His glory not your own. **Don't waste your talent!**

There is coming a day when your life will flash before your eyes and you will give an account before God. He will judge you on the basis of whether or not you were saved from the penalty of your sins in hell by trusting Christ as Savior. Your life will also be judged on how faithfully you invested your time, treasure, and talent in eternity. Will your heart be filled with regret or praise to God's glory? **Take heed and don't waste your life!**

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”

Ephesians 5:15-17 NKJV

Practical Equipping Tools

- ✓ Evaluate your life & remove yourself from ungodly people & evil stuff that threatens to destroy your spiritual vitality. Write them down here: _____
- ✓ Develop a proactive plan to intentionally invest your time, talent, & treasure in eternity. Write down some ideas here: _____
- ✓ *Counter culture & live for Christ to the praise of His eternal glory.* Memorize the verses below ASAP!

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

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Thursday, July 23rd – Ephesians 5:8 ESV, "For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."

AM: Eph.4:32-5:8, "Identifying Heart-Level Issues That Drive Your Life" w/Andrew Fritz & Tim Board

1. Q:
A:
2. Q:
A:
3. Q:
A:
4. Q:
A:
5. Q:
A:

“Living in Gospel Triumph Every Day”

(Experiencing Victory Over Depression)

“**You seem rather happy to be from [around here],**” said the grumpy old man while we waited in line. My response to his comment was also forthright, “Jesus Christ has transformed my life!” The man explained that his disappointment resulted from the community’s failure to deliver in his pursuit of happiness.

This scenario is not unique to that locale but is played out worldwide being the human condition. Long faces, bad attitudes, & depressed hearts that seem to plague that area though cannot be cured through simply changing circumstances. Relief from stressful situations can help temporarily but victory over depression is possible despite the circumstances of life. Being anchored in objective truth, having a thankful heart, humble servanthood, & walking in dependent trust upon Christ is the only way to experience lasting victory over adversity & depression.

Truth often conflicts with our emotions & circumstances so we must respond by faith in the absolute reality of God’s Word, the Bible. Emotions are good servants but lousy masters. They are like a train caboose that is meant to follow behind the engine, hoppers, & box cars. Our hearts must be driven by the mighty engine of God’s Word in order to experience victory over depression. **“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Ps.119:105 NKJV).**

Embracing an attitude of gratitude by rejecting criticism & despair is also key in this battle. We live in a broken world but God is still in control. He allows adversity into our lives because He has an eternal plan from which He is working. His people should be unrelenting optimists because He is the One who is good & great even when life hurts. Anything better than eternity in the burning fires of hell is a cause for rejoicing. **“In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (I Thes.5:18 NKJV).**

Being a humble servant offering help wherever needed & therefore refusing selfish arrogance is critical to enjoying victory. Depressed people are usually proud, insecure, & self-centered. Rather than saying, “I am NOT gonna do that!”, ask instead, “How can I help?” **“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, & to give His life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45 NKJV).**

Walking daily in dependent trust on God & rejecting self-reliance is also key to experiencing victory over depression. We do not have the wisdom, courage, or power needed to move forward out of any pit of despair we may find ourselves in. Jesus Christ is always THE Answer to everything. **“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding” (Prov. 3:5 NKJV).**

Freedom, victory, & triumph are available to everyone & can be displayed on your face despite the adverse circumstances of life. It begins by turning your eyes away from self toward heaven to behold the all-glorious majesty of GOD’s holiness. Condemned before Him, may your heart be surrendered at Calvary where the Lord Jesus Christ died for sinners & rose again. Trust Him today & live! **“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift” (2 Cor.9:15 NKJV)!**

Practical Equipping Tools

- ✓ How can you renew your heart, mind, & body, whenever you’re feeling down & out?

- ✓ Instead of being focused on “*me, myself, & I,*” who can you reach out to for the purpose of being a blessing & encouragement? Write down their names: _____
- ✓ *Christ gave His life for us to give His life to us to live His life through us.* Memorize the verse below ASAP!

**“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;
and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”
Galatians 2:20 NKJV**

"Identifying the War of Worldviews" **Colossians 2:6-10**

Introduction – There is a cosmic battle being waged between the All-Glorious Kingdom of Almighty GOD & the Satanic Regime of Darkness that is dominated by the demonic forces of evil. This cosmic battle is vying for the hearts and minds and souls of men, women, boys, & girls among all nations worldwide. It is spiritual warfare between light & darkness, truth & falsehood, freedom & tyranny. It is an all-out war of worldviews that is wreaking havoc upon generations of professing Christians many of whom are ignorant, apathetic, and indifferent to the spiritual wreckage of secularism that is engulfing our culture. On the other hand, what is going to be the testimony of your life? What say you?

Historical & Biblical Context

The ancient city of Colossae was about 100 miles east of Ephesus in the fertile Lycus River Valley of Asia Minor (modern day western Turkiye). This divinely inspired epistle of Apostle Paul was written to the Colossian church to exalt the preeminence of the Lord Jesus Christ as Sovereign Creator (of all things visible & invisible) & Supreme Head of the Church which is His Body. **Gnosticism & Syncretism are heresies that were subverting the spiritual health & vitality of the church & family in Colossae. An intermingling of Jewish legalism, new age pagan spirituality, & Biblical Christianity produced an occasion that warranted the writing of this book.** The all-glorious supremacy of the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ & His vicarious sacrifice along with everything this means to the spiritual life, ministry, & stewardship responsibility of the Christian is central to this book.

I. Identifying the R_____ of Our S_____ – Col.2:6-8a cf. 4:2-6; 2 Cor.5:9-11

- **BEMA: Judgment Seat of Christ**
 - Soldier (Defending the Faith) → Athlete (Advancing the Faith) → Farmer (Cultivating the Faith)
- **Cultural Mandate of Dominion** – Gen.1:26-28; Ps.8:6-8
 - Comprehensive Scope of the Biblical Christian Worldview
- **Grace Commission** (Gospel of Grace) – Rom.16:25-27; 2 Cor.5:18-6:2; Eph.3:8-9; 1 Tim.2:3-4
 - "7 Truths from the Book of Romans About People Who Have Never Heard of Jesus"

II. Identifying the W_____ of a S_____ Age – Col.2:8 cf. Rom.1:18-25; 2 Cor.10:3-5

- Biblical/Historical Context: **Gnosticism** (secret knowledge of the initiated) & **Syncretism** (Intermingling of Jewish legalism, new age pagan spirituality, & Biblical Christianity).
- **WORLDVIEWS that RULE the WORLD: 1. Secular Humanism, 2. Cosmic Humanism, 3. Marxism, 4. Islam, & 5. Biblical Christianity – Dr. David Noebel**
- **PHILOSOPHY: Postmodernism & Evolutionary Naturalism**
 - **Pre-Modern Era:** A.D. 500-1800 (Fall of Rome to French Revolution) → **Modern Era:** A.D. 1800-1990 (French Revolution to Fall of Berlin Wall/Soviet Union) → **Post-Modern Era:** A.D. 1990-today (Fall of Berlin Wall/Soviet Union to Today)
- **VAIN DECEIT: Secular Humanism & Marxism**
 - **Lust of the Flesh → Lust of the Eyes → Pride of Life** (1 Jn.2:15-16)
- **TRADITION of MEN: "Moralistic Therapeutic Deism"**
 - A God who exists and created the world and watches over human life on earth.

- God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other as taught by the Bible and most world religions (“Golden Rule”).
 - **Central Goal of Life:** To be happy and feel good about oneself.
 - God does not need to be particularly involved in one’s life expect when God is needed to solve a problem.
 - Good people go to heaven when they die.
- BASIC PRINCIPLES of the WORLD → Fundamental Principles of Pagan Religion → Elemental Spirits of the World → Demonic Forces of Evil (**Eph.6:12**)
 - **Baseline Cultural Narratives:** Woke Paganism/Neo-Marxism → CRT → Anti-Semitism (“Settler Colonialism”) → BLM → LGBT → Abortion (**Rom.1:18**).

III. **Identifying the P_____ of C_____** – Col.2:9 cf. 1:18-19; Jn.17:5

- Biblical Christology – Jn.1:1-14; Phil.2:5-11; Col.1:16-18; Is.52:13-53:12
 - **Theanthropic Person:** Fully GOD & Fully Man
 - **Hypostatic Union:** Divine Nature & Human Nature
 - **C.S. Lewis**, “Liar, Lunatic, or Lord”

IV. **Identifying the C_____ of I_____ in Christ** – Col.2:10 cf. 2:2-3; Eph.1:3-14; 2:4-10; 5:8-17

“Understanding what GOD has given us ‘in Christ’, where GOD has placed us ‘in Christ’, & who GOD has made us ‘in Christ’ will liberate your heart from the falsehood of feeling inadequate, insecure, & inferior to face the challenges of life. By God’s grace, your heart & life will be free to do what GOD has called you to do because of who He has called you to be ‘in Christ’ to the praise of His glory.”

Conclusion – “Truth is under attack in modern American culture. The person who believes in ideas, concepts, values, or facts that are true for all people in all places for all times is rare indeed. Much of what we are experiencing in post-Christian America is eerily similar to what the early Church experienced in pre-Christian Rome. [The truth is that] there is a God, and He has revealed Himself. Therefore, if we have access to that revelation, we have access to truth--the kind that is true for all people, in all places, at all times: **truth that is absolute.**” – Voddie Baucham, “The Ever-Loving Truth”

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Thursday, July 23rd – Ephesians 5:8 ESV, "For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."

PM: Col.2:6-10, "Identifying the War of the Worldviews"

1. Q: What is another name for "the War of the Worldviews"?

A: Cosmic Battle or Spiritual Warfare

2. Q: Name at least 1 of the 4 dangers that the Bible warns Christians about.

A: Philosophy, empty deceit, tradition of men, & the basic principles of the world (Col.2:8).

3. Q: How would you say in Greek that Christ is fully God and fully Man?

A: Theos Anthropos/Theanthropic Person (Jn.1:1,14).

4. Q: Explain what C.S.Lewis meant by "Liar, lunatic, or Lord."

A: Either Christ is a liar b/c He claimed things about Himself that He knew weren't true or He was a lunatic b/c He claimed things about Himself that He thought were true or He was indeed who He claimed to be: Lord & God.

5. Q: Why is the Christian Biblical worldview superior over every belief system in the world?

A: Because of who Jesus Christ is and what He has done (Col.2:8-10).

BONUS Q: Name at least 2 of the 3 things that being "complete in Christ" means.

A: What we have "in Christ" (Eph.1:3), where we are "in Christ" (Eph.2:6), & who we are "in Christ" (Eph.5:8).

Is There Any Hope for This Generation?

“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable [beyond our understanding].
One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.”

Psalm 145:3-4 NKJV

Every challenge that we face in this generation has a single answer. Whether it is fear of Covid, political corruption, BLM riots, woke neo-Marxism, sexual perversity, the abortion holocaust, antisemitism, radical Islamic terrorism, substance abuse, child trafficking, broken families, liberal churches, spiritual apathy, or the uncertainty of one's eternal destiny, the answer is the same. In every culture, community, household, and individual heart among all nations worldwide throughout history, the gospel is the answer. **The good news of God's redemption of depraved sinners through the Person & finished work of Jesus Christ is the only enduring hope for this generation.**

The gospel is not only God's power to salvation to everyone who believes but it also transforms entire lives, communities, and cultures from the inside out. God performs this miracle by changing one heart at a time by His sovereign power and saving grace to the praise of His glory in Christ Jesus. **His greatness is magnified through the salvation of rebel sinners who are guilty of treason and sedition against His sovereign majesty.**

The Bible teaches how sinners can be rescued from the wrath of God and it also teaches an entire worldview through which we understand how to live in and engage culture with the salt and light of truth. There is no direction one can figuratively travel in which God has not spoken in His Word. Whether by direct address, principle, or historical example, the Bible is a sufficient guide for everything in life. **Developing this understanding is what it means to possess a comprehensive Biblical worldview.**

Cultural analysts and statistical researchers are clear regarding the mass departure of young people from the church and oftentimes the Christian faith altogether. Multitudes of church youth eventually leave because they are either not genuinely saved or they do not have a Biblical worldview. **Many who are spiritually alive in Christ have minds that are more conformed to the world's priorities & value system than to the Word of God.** Transformation of the heart and mind by God's Spirit as cultivated through the Christian worldview is something that every generation needs.

It is imperative that the Church equip believers for the ministry of transmitting the truth to the next generation. This begins at home with dad and mom instructing their children in the Word of God. Raising generations who understand what they believe, why they believe it, and know how to defend the faith against the skeptical questions of the day in the context of a secular culture that is increasingly hostile to the exclusive truth claims of Biblical Christianity should be the highest priority in every church and family.

There is hope for this generation because Almighty God ordains the ends and the means for the unfolding of His sovereign plan and eternal purpose for history. God's people have been entrusted with a duty-bound stewardship responsibility to advance the cause of Christ to the ends of the earth beginning right at home on the grass roots level. May church and family co-champion the dead serious urgency of this stewardship by investing this day in light of that day when our lives flash before our eyes and we give an account before the sovereign majesty of the KING of kings and LORD of lords who is worthy of all praise both now and forever. **Soli Deo Gloria!**

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever & ever. Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJV

Practical Equipping Tools

- ✓ Memorize Romans 1:18, recite it out loud every time you see a rainbow-colored flag, & pray for the salvation of the ungodly & perverse.
- ✓ Memorize 1 Timothy 2:1-7, recite it out loud whenever you travel, and pray for the USA (& other nations).
- ✓ Prayerfully consider the NGYC Scholarship to Berean Bible Institute (more details near the back page).

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Friday, July 24th – Romans 8:1 ESV, "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

AM: Review anything from the Open Forum Q&A or previous chapels.

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"Seize the Day for Jesus Christ!"

Intentionally Pursuing Excellence to the Praise of GOD's Glory

Ephesians 5:15-17

Introduction – The spirit of this age that says: "Carpe Diem. Seize the day, boys. Make your lives extraordinary." In contrast to this conventional wisdom of the world, we must **"Seize the Day...for Jesus Christ: By Intentionally Pursuing Excellence...to the Praise of GOD's Glory."**

Biblical & Historical Context: First century Ephesus was a world-famous city being the site of one of the wonders of the ancient world namely the temple of a pagan fertility goddess called Diana or Artemis. This cosmopolitan city was therefore full of people from all different walks of life around the world. Dense population, diversity of culture, and a dynamic tourist economy also meant an immense amount of depravity condensed into this city rife with sin, death, and darkness. The perverse darkness of a pagan culture was infiltrated by Almighty GOD through the transforming power of His love and grace in Christ Jesus one heart and life at a time. Apostle Paul established an assembly of Christians there into a grace gospel church (Acts 19-20) to whom he subsequently wrote by Divine inspiration of GOD the Holy Spirit.

"Seize the Day for Jesus Christ: By Intentionally Pursuing..."

1. **W_____ W_____ (Understand the Times)** – Eph.5:15

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"Seize the Day for Jesus Christ: By Intentionally Pursuing..."

2. **R_____ S_____ (Buy Up the Times)** – Eph.5:16

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"Seize the Day for Jesus Christ: By Intentionally Pursuing..."

3. **M_____ E_____ (Engage the Times)** – Eph.5:17; 1 Tim.2:3-4

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Conclusion – **"The Difference in Our Lives a Year from Now"** will be due to 4 things...

- ✓ Books You Read
- ✓ Places You Go
- ✓ People You Meet
- ✓ Challenges You Face

"What will you be like as a Christians ten years from now? Many will be walking with Christ and serving Him in various capacities around the world, but for others there will be a tragedy because ten years from now they will have lost their burning zeal and love for Christ. Not necessarily because they wanted to or because they set their heart in rebellion against God's will, but because they set their life by the world's agenda" **Billy Graham, The Urbana Conference, 1984.**

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PM: Ephesians 5:15-17, "Seize the Day for Jesus Christ!"

1. **Q:** Give at least 1 historical factoid about the ancient city of Ephesus.
A: It was a major city in Asia Minor, site of one of the wonders of the ancient world: Temple of Diana/Artemis...
2. **Q:** What does it mean to have a comprehensive Biblical Christian worldview?
A: To view the world through the lens of God's Word as the Bible has the answers to everything in life (Ps.109:105).
3. **Q:** What does it mean to redeem the time, talent, & treasure of our lives?
A: To not waste it but intentionally invest the stewardship responsibility of life in eternity for God's glory.
4. **Q:** Name 1 of 3 areas in which members of the Body of Christ will be held accountable for at the judgment seat of Christ?
A: Defending truth like a soldier, advancing truth like an athlete, & cultivating truth like a farmer (2 Tim.2:1-7).
5. **Q:** Why are Christians responsible to missionally engage culture among all nations worldwide with the gospel?
A: Because GOD "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

“Building a Missionally-Engaged Christian Worldview”

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”

Ephesians 5:15-17 NKJV

Being intentional in building a missionally-engaged Christian worldview rooted in Holy Scripture is the stewardship responsibility of the Church among all nations worldwide. The pressing urgency driving this pursuit is the blazing center of God’s glory vested in the Person and finished work of Christ before whom contemporary culture is in utter rebellion. This depravity of a Romans 1 world is demonstrated by the rejection of moral restraint in the name of “social justice” and getting on “the right side of history.” Despite the ungodly spirit of the age and come what may, God calls His people to boldly lead onward in ministry for such a time as this.

1. *Intentionally Walking in Worldview Wisdom* – The biblical Christian worldview is founded upon the sufficiency of Scripture which is comprehensive in its scope, as there is no direction in which a person may figuratively travel where God’s Word has not spoken (Ps.19:7-11; 2 Tim.3:16-17). Wisdom begins with reverence for Almighty God before whom strongholds against the exclusiveness of Christ are demolished (Pr.1:7; 2 Cor.10:3-5). Unless we are deliberate in building a worldview rooted in Scripture, our lives will unwittingly be deceived by falsehood such as postmodernism (no absolute truth), secular humanism (man is ultimate authority), moralistic therapeutic deism (God is a cosmic genie), and other baseline cultural narratives that are contrary to Christ and the Word of God (Col.2:8-10).

2. *Intentionally Walking in Redemptive Stewardship* – Scripture teaches that Christ is the meaning and purpose of life before whom every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is worthy of all praise as King of kings and Lord of lords (Jn.1:1-14; Phil.2:5-11). Redemptive stewardship affirms that our time, treasure, and talent must be invested in eternity for there is coming a day of reckoning when our lives will flash before our eyes and we will give an account before God Himself at the Judgment Seat of Christ (1 Cor.3:10-15; 2 Cor.5:9-11). A wise man once asked the haunting question, *Is what you’re living for worth Christ dying for?* Indeed, *Only one life will soon be past, only what’s done ‘in Christ’ will last.*

3. *Intentionally Walking in Missional Engagement* – Changing the world one heart and life at a time through cultural engagement begins with the salt and light moral back pressure of the Christian worldview in general but the transforming power of the gospel of God’s grace in particular (2 Cor.4:3-6; Titus 2:11-14). Every man, woman, boy, and girl among all nations worldwide is a precious soul for whom the royal blood of Christ was shed but multitudes have never heard of the Living God and never will unless a new generation surrenders to God’s call and is deliberate in building a missionally-engaged Christian worldview (Rom.10:14-15; 16:25-27; 1 Tim.2:3-4).

Practical Equipping Tools

- ✓ Cultivate a “forward-leaning mind” by reading some good books. Pick out 3 today: _____
- ✓ Ask your parents, pastor, & other Christian leaders questions like: “What do you know now that you wish you knew when you were my age?”
- ✓ Prayerfully consider the NGYC Scholarship to Berean Bible Institute (more details on the next page).

Recommended Resources:

Fatherhood

- “*Courageous*” the movie & “*Show Me the Father*” documentary by the **Kendrick Brothers**
- “*The Resolution for Men*” (see Appendix 2, “Six Powerful Influences You Must Guard in Your Children’s Lives”) by **Stephen & Alex Kendrick**
- “*Raising a Modern-Day Knight: A Father’s Role in Guiding His Son to Authentic Manhood*” by **Robert Lewis**
- “*Dad the Family Shepherd*” & “*The Fourth Generation Rule*” by **Dave Simmons**

Family Life

- “*Family Driven Faith: Doing What It Takes to Raise Sons and Daughters to Walk With God*” by **Voddie Baucham**
- “*Point Man: How a Man Can Lead His Family*” by **Steve Farrar**
- “*The Most Important Place on Earth: What a Christian Home Looks Like and How to Build One*” by **Robert Wolgemuth**

Manhood

- “*Missing From Action: Vanishing Manhood in America*” by **Weldon Hardenbrook**
- “*Manhood: The Masculine Virtues America Needs*” by **Josh Hawley**
- “Thinking in Public” interview (06/21/2023), “*The War Against Manhood and the American Cultural Crisis*”, at www.AlbertMohler.com.
- “*Disciplines of a Godly Man*” by **R. Kent Hughes**
- “*God’s Gift to Women: Discovering the Lost Greatness of Masculinity*” by **Eric Ludy**
- “*Mansfield’s Book of Manly Men: An Utterly Invigorating Guide to Being Your Most Masculine Self*” by **Stephen Mansfield**
- “*The Dude’s Guide to Manhood: Finding True Manliness in a World of Counterfeits*” by **Darren Patrick**
- “*Stepping Up: A Call to Courageous Manhood*” book & video series by **Dennis Rainey**
- “*Tender Warrior: Every Man’s Purpose, Every Woman’s Dream, Every Child’s Hope*” by **Stu Weber**

Marriage

- “*The Five Love Languages: How to Express Heartfelt Commitment to Your Mate*” by **Gary Chapman**
- “*Love for a Lifetime: Building a Marriage That Will Go the Distance*” by **James Dobson**
- “*Love & Respect*” by **Emerson Eggerichs**
- *Weekend to Remember Marriage Conferences* – Save 50% off registration with Coupon Code: **TimLoriBoard**. Check out **FamilyLife.com** for more information.
- “*Rekindling the Romance: Loving the Love of Your Life*” by **Dennis & Barbara Rainey**
- “*Like the Shepherd: Leading Your Marriage with Love and Grace (A Husband’s Guide)*” by **Robert Wolgemuth**

Parenting

- “*Growing Kids God’s Way*” by **Gary & Anne Marie Ezzo**
- “*Will They Stand: Parenting Kids to Face the Giants*” by **Ken Ham**
- “*Heaven Help the Home Today: Successful Parenting in Challenging Times*” by **Howard & Jeanne Hendricks**
- “*So You’re About to Be a Teenager: Godly Advice for Teens on Friends, Love, Sex, Faith, & Other Life Issues*” by **Dennis & Barbara Rainey**
- “*The Vanishing American Adult: Our Coming-of-Age Crisis and How to Rebuild a Culture of Self Reliance*” by **Ben Sasse**
- “*Shepherding a Child’s Heart*” by **Tedd Tripp**

Worldview & Culture

- “*The Babylon Bee Guide to Wokeness: How to Take Your Wokeness to the Next Level by Canceling Friends, Breaking Windows, & Burning It All to the Ground*” by **The Babylon Bee**
- “*What Does It Mean to Be a Man?*” w/**Voddie Baucham & Ben Shapiro** (6/2023) at www.youtube.com.
- “*Live Not by Lies: A Manual for Christian Dissidents*” by **Rod Drehr**
- “*We Will Not Be Silenced: Responding Courageously to Our Culture’s Assault on Christianity*” by **Erwin Lutzer**
- “*The Gathering Storm: Secularism, Culture, and the Church*” by **Albert Mohler**
- “*The Briefing: Daily News & Analysis of Events Through a Christian Worldview*” at AlbertMohler.com
- “*The Truth Project*” video series with **Del Tackett**

Theology

- “*A Biblical Life: Following Paul As He Followed Christ*” by **W. Edward Bedore**
- “*Practical Dispensational Theology*” at www.BereanBibleInstitute.org
- “*AWE: Why It Matters for Everything We Think, Say, & Do*” by **Paul David Tripp**

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