

Lifting Up The STANDARD

“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him” (Isaiah 59:19).



Challenging And Encouraging God's Remnant To Remain Faithful

Issue 21

Don't Choose Sides Choose Truth

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(John 16:13)

Problems And Promises

We have some problems concerning the issues that we are confronted with in our day of apostasy. An issue is “an important problem that needs attention;” however, we also have the promise of God that the Holy Spirit will guide us “into all truth” (John 16:13).

“All truth” is “all truth;” therefore, we can know the truth about every issue. The Greek word “all” in John 16:13 is *pas*. It has been translated “every thing” seven times. It matters not what the issue is, we have the promise from God that the Holy Spirit will guide us into “all truth.”

But, Do We Honestly Want The Truth?

Jesus said, “Why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?” (Luke 12:57). Since the Holy Spirit has promised to guide us into “all truth” we need to ask ourselves why we do not judge what is right? Is it because we can't or because we won't?

Are we concerned that we might lose some friends?

I have been convicted in recent years concerning the fact that I have been timid about putting into print everything I believed about the issues we are confronted with today. Why? Because, I might lose some friends. Well, let me say, there is no “might” about it. If you go against the “party-line” you are going to find yourself out side of the party. It is better to be “without the camp” than to be partying with compromisers.

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Are we concerned that we might lose some funds?

Since we have been making it public where we stand concerning the issues of our day, Local Church Ministries has lost a large portion of its financial support.

Do you want the truth if it will cost you friends or funds?

Again, our Saviour asked the question, "**Why** even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?" (Luke 12:57). Dare we ignore a question asked by our Saviour?

Ask yourself, do I want the truth about the *music* issue, the *repentance* issue, or the *separation* issue if the truth will cause me to lose *friends* or *financial* support? If we are more concerned about *friends* and *funds* than we are about the truth it is time to get out of the ministry and get an honest job.

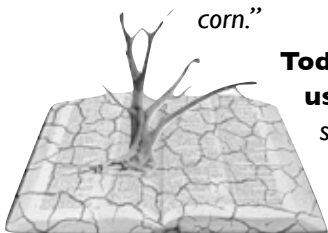
There Is a Remnant Who Want The Truth.

Just a few minutes ago I received the following note from a teenager. It reads, "Dear Pastor, I have been reading your articles and have been thinking about you lately. I just want to let you know that we're praying for you." Also just a few minutes ago I received a report from Sermon Audio concerning people who have tuned in our pulpit messages from our church. In the past few months they report - "**The Total number of times sermons have been viewed - 9,003.**" There are still some Christians who want the truth.

Also, during the months of July, August, and September, 4,650 pages were visited on our website. Our website is not a commercial for our church. Check out our doctrine page. We do not have one of those generic "*what we believe*" pages that might not offend anyone. We discuss everything from morals to modesty. Why are so many people checking out our site? The answer is simple, there are still some people who want the truth. Almost every day we receive requests to be added to the mailing list for this paper.

People Were Starving In Israel

In Genesis 41:56 we read there was a famine, "And the famine was over all the face of the earth." The need was great. God's people were starving, they needed food. During that famine we are told that "Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn."



Today we have the famine God warned us about. He said, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD" (Amos 8:11).

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Quotable Quotes

Billy Sunday Said,

"The backslider likes the preaching that wouldn't hit the side of a house, while the real disciple is delighted when the truth brings him to his knees."



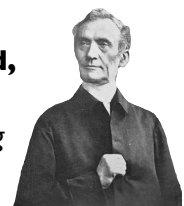
Oliver B Green Said,

"The only reason some of us are not exiled or thrown into prison is simply because we do not preach as fervently and as sternly as did Paul, John, Peter and others. This modern "santa claus" religion that is sweeping the country today is not the religion Jesus taught and John practiced."



George Muller Said,

"If the Holy Spirit guides us, He will do it according to the Scriptures and never contrary to them."



D.L. Moody Said,

"In our prayers, we talk to God, in our Bible study, God talks to us, and we had better let God do most of the talking."



A.W. Tozer said,

"We desperately need seers who can see through the mist—Christian leaders with prophetic vision. Unless they come soon it will be too late for this generation. And if they do come we will no doubt crucify a few of them in the name of our worldly orthodoxy."





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“Buy The Truth”

Proverbs 23:23 commands us to **“buy the truth, and sell it not”**

In Joseph’s day God’s people needed some physical food. Today, we have plenty to eat physically; however, God’s people are starving spiritually for the lack of truth. The main reason many, if not most do not “buy the truth” is because it is very costly. Some might be willing to pay half of the price; however, God does not deal in half-truths.

In Matthew 13:46 we read of a man,

*“Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and **sold all that he had**, and bought it.”*

“Sell it not”

The first time the word “sold” occurs in the Bible it is when Esau “sold his birthright.” Esau was hungry and wanted what he hungered for. He would not have starved to death. His family would not have let him die. He was faced with a decision of getting what he desired at the moment. What a sad day for our young people as they watch our leaders selling the truth because our leaders hunger for a crowd or the friendship of other compromisers.

Don’t Choose Sides, Choose Truth!

Choosing sides is very Corinthian and it is very carnal.

In First Corinthians 1:10-12 Paul wrote,

“I beseech you...that there be no divisions among you...every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.”

In First Corinthians 3:4 Paul continued,

“For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?”

Below Is A List of Excellent Articles Available On The Internet Most Without Cost

- Repentance
- Faith (for salvation)
- The Gospel
- Baptism
- Eternal Security (3 lessons)
- Position and Practice
- The Law and the New Testament Christian
- Christian Growth and Victory (3 lessons)
- Prayer

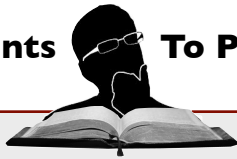
- Faith (in Christian living)
- The Armour of God
- The Church
- The Bible (2 lessons)
- The Bible’s Proof (2 lessons)
- Daily Bible Study
- Key Principles of Bible Interpretation (2 lessons)
- Foundational Bible Words (4 lessons)
- Knowing God’s Will
- Making Wise Decisions (3)
- Christ’s Great Commission
- Suffering in the Christian Life (2 lessons)
- The Judgment Seat of Christ
- Separation (2 lessons)
- Fasting
- Miracles
- A Testing Mindset
- Tongues Speaking (2 lessons)
- The Rapture
- How to Be Wise with Your Money (2 lessons)
- The Believer and Drinking
- Abortion
- Evolution
- The Sabbath
- Child Discipline (3 lessons)
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- The Bible’s Amazing Story
- Creation Science Video
- Evolution and Genesis
- How To Make Wise Decisions
- Bible Inspiration
- Knowing Gods Will
- Infant Baptism
- Seven Keys To Fruitful Church Membership
- Should We Use Fleeces Today?
- Can We Keep The Kids?
- Do We Have The Right To Die?
- Ideas Foe Evangelism
- The Unshakeable Faith
- How To Study The Bible.
- Ten Simple Promises From Scripture.
- The Believer And His Bible.
- Biblical Fasting
- Tips For Daily Bible Reading
- Enlightening Bible Truths For These Times
- Rules of Bible Interpretation
- Jesus And Paul On Prayer

This is a **small** part of materials available on a website. Perhaps you are wondering where that site is. It happens to be a small part of the materials available on David Cloud’s site - Way of Life. Are you still interested in visiting the site or have you

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Points To Ponder



Galatians 4:16

*“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you **the truth?**”*

How quickly our relationship with people can change when we tell them the truth. Paul was concerned that the Galatians would stick with the truth.

**They Were Embracing
“Another Gospel”**

Galatians 1:6,7,

“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.”

Someone Had Led Them Astray

Galatians 5:7,

*“Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey **the truth?**”*

Paul Rebuked Peter For Leading Others Astray

Galatians 2:13,14,

*“ And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; (Peter) insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. When I saw that they walked not uprightly according to **the truth** of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?”*

Galatians 3:1,

*“O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey **the truth.**”*

**The Galatians Did Not
Want The Truth**

Paul became their enemy because he confronted them with the truth. Speaking the truth is costly and few there be who are willing to pay the price. We live in an age of the comfortable pew. Few pastors are willing to preach “the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27).

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written him off as someone with a bad spirit who is too negative because he dares to preach about what he believes concerning the issues of our day?

My Purpose?

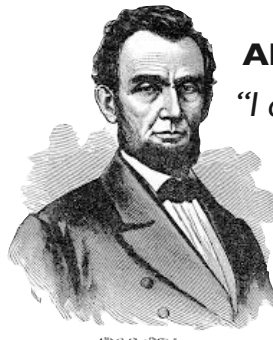
My purpose here is not to promote David Cloud. According to the Scriptures that would be Corinthian. My purpose is to hopefully challenge God’s people not to choose sides but to choose truth.

I do not agree with everything David Cloud has written, and I doubt he agrees with everything I have written. **That is not the point.**

The point is, the answer to all of our questions about our end time issues are available in the Word of God, but only if we are willing to honestly spend time in the Word letting the Holy Spirit guide us concerning the issues we face.

The question is not **who** is right and **who** is wrong? **The question is do I want the truth?** The question is, am I willing to determine what is “acceptable unto the Lord?” The question is, will I buy the truths and sell it not”?

**Don’t Choose Sides,
Choose Truth!**



Abraham Lincoln said,
“I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have.”

C.H. Spurgeon said,

“A lying doctrine will soon beget a lying practice.”





Heart To Heart

Especially For Young Ladies

by Chynna Carpenter

I came to our church in 1998 when I was six years old. I still remember that the first time I came, everybody treated me like I was famous. We went to almost every church in Sarnia, trying to find a nice church to attend. One day we walked past FairHavens Baptist, seeing the men on the roof. They hollered down: "come to our services on sunday!" and that's what we did.

We went on Sunday morning and started coming more and more. By that time we were going to Kids Club. We had lots of fun learning about The Bible and playing games. This is where I learned to get to Heaven, how to be saved. And I know for sure that it was the best decision I have ever made. Later I got baptized and joined the church. I continue to grow with my walk with Jesus. I am so happy that our pastor always backs his teaching up with Scriptures (KJV). THIS IS THE BEST CHURCH EVER!

Starting A Christian School

Matthew 17:20,

"And Jesus said unto them, Because of you unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove: and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

No matter how impossible it seems, God still answers prayer. Faith laughs at the impossible, and says it can be done. For as long as I can remember, I prayed for a Christian School. I remember when, Pastor Kirkland felt strongly about a Christian School. At the time it only seemed like a fairy tale to be in a Christian School. I couldn't convince my dad to let my brothers and I go. I continued to pray, but faithlessly. I was so foolish to think that God couldn't handle it.

"You WILL be in a Christian School." My Pastor assured me. "I hope so." I'd reply. Hope is not what we need, it is Faith that is greater. The faith in my Pastor, I find remarkably great, such a Godly man, that I greatly admire.

Going off to camp, was as fun as ever, but particularly different. Just before the day we left, my father and I argued about the Christian School. The possibility came up that we could go to a Christian School in London. My Dad said no, worried that London would be too far away.

We went off to camp, anxiously waiting to see the camp sign, somewhere in the trees. "Do you think you are going to be in the Christian School?" my pastor asked with a smile. "My father said it is a definite no." I replied, holding back my tears. "You will be in that School, just pray ALL week." He said confidently. "I will." I said with a smile.

The week went on, and my two best friends and I prayed all week, along with some girls. Later in the week, I was told that there was a phone call for me. "I talked to your dad; he seems convinced about sending you." He said as soon as I asked him how he was. "ARE YOU SERIOUS!?" I asked, with excitement. "Yes" he replied with a chuckle. "But you MUST pray a lot about this, God will answer your prayers." "OKAY, I WILL!" I said with a gigantic smile on my face.

I was so happy, to see God's wonderful works. I went and told my two best friends, Melissa and Sarah. The next day, it was reported that Pastor Kirkland called for me and I needed to phone him back. My two best friends and I then asked the Lord one more time. "Lord, please, if this is your will, let it be done."

I went to the office and phoned my pastor. "Did you pray?" he asked. "Yes! we all did." "Well, your dad said yes!"

"THANK YOU LORD!" I cried with joy. "Have a good time at Camp." He said. We soon finished the conversation and I ran to tell the other girls.

"YES" I cried! "YES" and they cried also.

Why must we be so worried, and unbelieving? God answers prayer!

Chynna

Recommended Materials For Young Ladies

Lilies of The Fields

To receive this e-newsletter monthly, subscribe at:
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Other Recommended Materials

Sharpened Arrows

A quarterly publication of Golden West Independent Baptist Church Australia, to encourage and edify preachers children, youth & young adults to stand for Christ in the battle for the truth.

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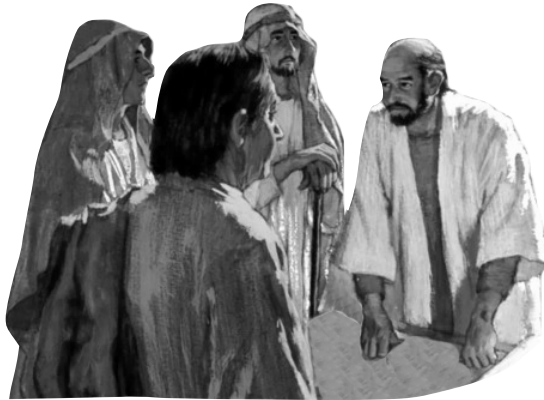




Exposing Peter

“Before Them All...”

(Galatians 2:14)



Why Did Paul Confront Peter Publicly?

In **Galatians 2:11** - we have previously read that when Peter was leading people astray and even “*Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation*” that Paul rebuked Peter “*before them all*” (Galatians 2:13,14).

People Naming People

There are just under 3000 individuals named in the Word of God. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, people wrote about people. The Book of Hebrews includes the names of Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, Samuel and David. God not only had a man give us their names, He also had him reveal their manner of living.

God Commanded People To Expose People Who Went Contrary To His Word

God Had Someone Expose...

- Noah for getting drunk.
- Abraham for lying.
- Jacob for scheming.
- Samson for being a womanizer.
- David for adultery and murder.
- Rahab for being a harlot.

In **First and Second Timothy**, Paul named over twenty people who were involved in the work of the Lord. Most of them were named in a positive way; however, some of them were mentioned in a very negative manner because they were living contrary to how God commanded them to live.

Paul exposed...

- Hymenaeus for causing problems.
- Alexander for causing problems.
- Demas for quitting.
- Phygellus for causing problems.
- Hermogenes for causing problems.
- Those who had, “cast off their first faith.”
- Those who were, “speaking things they ought not.”

In **First Timothy 6:5** Paul commanded the Christians saying, “*from such withdraw thyself.*” How would church members at Ephesus follow this command if they did not know who they were to “*withdraw*” from, and how will Christians know today?

It was not a pleasant duty for Paul to expose Peter publicly; however it had to be done. Peter was Paul’s very good friend. When Paul was first saved and couldn’t find a friend who would trust him Peter befriended him. In Galatians 1:18 Paul said, “*I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.*”

Friend or not, Peter had to be exposed “*before them all.*” He was a well known Christian leader with a very public ministry. He was causing “*Barnabas*” and “*other Jews*” to be led astray. Galatians 1:13 says, “*And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.*” The word dissimulation has been translated “*hypocrisy*” five times.

Peter had changed his position. Verse twelve says, “*For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.*” The same Peter who without fear drew his sword in the garden of Gethsemane was now “*fearing*” what some of his friends would think.

Again, it was not a pleasant duty for Paul to expose Peter publicly; however it had to be done. The command is clear. First Timothy 5:20 says, “*Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.*” It is never a pleasant duty to openly expose those who are promoting that which “*is contrary to sound doctrine;*” however, we are commanded to rebuke them “*before all.*” Our so-called fundamental movement is plagued with leaders who have changed their positions in recent days. If they are not exposed for their hypocrisy we will lose our young people. Remember, silence always gives consent.