



# The Truth

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“If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; for so you will heap coals of fire on his head, and the Lord will reward you.” (Ecclesiastes 5:8)

*“The United States of America is at a cultural crossroads. We can continue down this highway to hell we’re on, or decide enough is enough. That will only happen when the church, the Bride of Christ, decides she’s seen enough and shares her beloved Groom with the world.” –Dave*



I am apt to oversimplify our nation’s issues by saying we need Jesus. But the truth is, we need Jesus. America needs Jesus, and we need Him really bad. I’m not talking about Christians halfheartedly or through rote repetition reciting [2 Chronicles 7:14](#).

No, I’m talking about a real revival of each of us who call ourselves Christians. We need Christian men to play the man, Christian mothers to be appreciated and used as models upon which women fashion their lives. We need children honoring their mothers and fathers, not in a robotic sense of fear from a despotic parent, but in glad obedience to loving, parental care.

We need pastors who unapologetically and unashamedly preach the whole gospel of Jesus Christ, standing on the Word of God and never fearing what man or government might do.

The violence wrought in Charlottesville last weekend was the inevitable vomiting of a sick and wounded nation. If left unattended, this sickness will grow into a terminal disease and bring only death.

However, like every sickness and wound, healing can be found. The good news in this seemingly gloomy editorial is that extensive research to find a cure is not needed. It was given to us freely over 2000 years ago. The research prior to its discovery and many success stories after are recorded in the [Holy Bible](#).

The Truth, the purpose for this newsletter and the [website](#), is to remind people that the truth can be known, and that it can set us free. Free from the anger, hatred, and violence that has overtaken our land.

This Truth is found in the One who is the cure. Jesus Christ rightly declared Himself as the way, the truth, and the life. Only through Him can we find the peace we seek and desperately need as a nation.

# FROM THE FOUNDERS



**Our Founding Fathers would have abhorred and recoiled at the violence in Charlottesville wrought by two hateful entities claiming the moral high ground. Both sides are antithetical to our nation’s founding principles.**

“Suppose a nation in some distant region should take the Bible for their only law book, and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited! Every member would be obliged in conscience, to temperance, frugality, and industry; to justice, kindness, and charity towards his fellow man; and to piety, love, and reverence toward Almighty God...What a Utopia, what a Paradise would this region be.” John Adams, diary [entry](#), February 22, 1756.

John Adams knew the new country that he and the others in the Continental Congress were trying to establish had to be one of laws. In his most famous quote, from an [address](#) to the Massachusetts militia on October 11, 1798, President Adams proclaimed:

*“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”*

Be sure to read all of President Adams’ address to the militia; it is prescient and prophetic. If he were alive today, he would no doubt remind us that he warned against such behavior. He rightly proclaimed that “we have no Government armed with Power capable of contending with human Passions unbridled by morality and Religion.”

What we saw in Charlottesville, have seen in Oakland, UC Berkeley campus, and other cities, and what we will likely see in the future are unbridled human passions. These passions, free of the restraints of morality and religion, will inevitably result in the “rioting in rapine and Insolence” we’ve seen in recent and past occurrences.

The free speech that the radical elements of the alt-right and alt-left are claiming is not the speech protected in the [Bill of Rights](#), nor was it ever meant to be. Christians must be particularly careful of their words while discussing politics or any controversial subject.

# FROM THE PULPIT

“The power of speech is one of the greatest powers God has given us. With the tongue, man can praise God, pray, preach the Word and lead the lost to Christ. What a privilege! But with the same tongue he can tell lies that could ruin a person’s reputation, break a heart or send a soul into eternity without Christ. Since each of you will spend ten years of your life talking - it is of utmost importance that we submit our tongues to Christ and give Him control over their use.” Pastor Dennis Davidson, “The Tameless Tongue” sermon, Shannondale Missionary Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN, November 15, 2009.

If Pastor Davidson is to be believed, and I believe he should be, then his proclamation that “the power of speech is one of the greatest powers God has given us” should be taken with the utmost seriousness.

As Christians, we cannot take our freedom and power of speech for granted, nor use it as a means to demolish a person’s views or destroy their character. Speaking falsehoods about others, spreading gossip and rumors, and participating in vitriolic dialogue are to be avoided at all costs.

Pastor Davidson warns against a tongue that tells “lies that ruin a person’s reputation, break a heart or send a soul into eternity without Christ.” If as a Christian, I am constantly bashing others on social media or other communicative means, and doing it in front of lost souls, why would a nonbeliever ever embrace my brand of Christianity?

If as a Christian you are ever told that you’re the main reason someone did not come to Christ, then you should be stopped dead in your tracks and broken into contrite confession. Never should my behavior be the reason someone avoids a church or Bible.

For most of my adult life, beginning with the Moral Majority, I have watched many Christians, and sadly myself participated in, some of the most hateful and hurtful debates on issues that are indeed life and death, but not all have eternal consequences.

Imagine you being a lost but possibly searching soul that wonders about eternity. You have opposing political views that I have, and in one breath I’m inviting you to church and telling you about Jesus, and in the next breath excoriating you for those views. How likely is it that you’re going to even want to be around me, much less go to church with me?

Beloved, we must be the salt and light that Jesus commanded us to be. It is indeed “of utmost importance that we submit our tongues to Christ and give control over their use.”

# TO THE STREETS

WE the Church have a long way to go. Each body of Christ across this country needs to set itself on the road to revival. While revival does not come just because we hold “revival services,” those services can indeed set our hearts aright towards the One who can revive us. I am looking forward to my church’s revival service the first weekend in October. We so need to refocus our hearts and minds on the Lord Jesus Christ after all we’ve been through. But also, I, with many of the members of my church, anguish over the anger, hatred, and violence spreading across our land.

So how do WE the Church set out on that road to revival? Here are some suggestions:

1. First and foremost, seek God’s illuminating light through His word and prayer on all the darkness that may be within in you. Revival begins with me and I need to allow the Holy Spirit to have free reign. No more compartmentalizing.
2. Encourage your pastoral staff to plan and prepare to hold revival services at your church. Imagine if just half of the churches across America decided to do this before the new year. Even twenty-five percent would make a huge impact.
3. I highly encourage you to read the late Leonard Ravenhill’s timeless [“Why Revival Tarries.”](#) I first read this book back in 2000 and am reading it again for the first time. Ravenhill’s quintessential book on revival could have been written yesterday. It is both challenging and encouraging.
4. Dear Christian, when was the last time you told somebody about Jesus? Perhaps you’ve had hurtful conversations with a lost friend, relative, associate, or neighbor about politics or current events. Why not mend the fences and tell them about your Lord? If the thought of doing so terrifies you, may I recommend another book for you? William Fay’s [“Share Jesus Without Fear”](#) is a non-threatening way to share the gospel with anyone, even the most ardent opponent. You’ll be amazed how easy it is to start a conversation about Jesus.

I know this has been heavily theological in its content and I make no apologies for it. We will never heal this land until The Truth of Jesus Christ becomes premiere in America. He is our only hope.

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