



# The Truth

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“Restore us, O God of hosts, cause Your face to shine. And we shall be saved.” (Psalm 80:7)

*“America is once again at a cultural crossroads. The paths before us are repentance and revival, or continued depravity and destruction. While we have much to be thankful for, our nation cannot continue on the spiritual death march it is traveling. Let year 2018 be one of America’s Third Great Awakening.” –Dave*



where its citizens were more self-obsessed and meaner than ever, history has not recorded it. Notwithstanding, there has never been a better time for revival to spread across the fruited plain.

This newsletter specifically, and The Truth Watch in general, are devoted to revealing the truth in our politics and history, no matter where it leads. The aletheia truth, Greek for absolute truth, truth that is self-evident, is the Truth Jesus spoke of in [John 8:32](#).

It is this truth that will bring revival. This truth must be revealed and shared through the Scriptures. It must be shared with friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors whenever the opportunity presents itself.

**WE** the People are a hot mess. If there was ever a time in America

The truth brings clarity into what on the surface seems confusing or ambiguous. It shines the brightest in the darkest of occasions. It delays and can stop the cultural rot all around us. It brings a pleasing aroma to an unpleasant situation.

With the mistreatment of Judge Roy Moore recently and President Trump this past year, it is easy to get angry and attack. I too struggle with these emotions. I have to overcome these feelings because vomiting all over people only causes a stink.

We must have biblical knowledge and a loving attitude, or as the Apostle John described the Lord Jesus Christ, we must be filled with grace and truth ([John 1:14](#)).

Every time we engage the culture, it must be done in a way that does not offend with our actions. If there is to be any offense taken, let it be caused by the gospel. Only the gospel can turn wickedness to virtue.

# FROM THE FOUNDERS



**The Father of Our Country and first President, who understood and had multiple times personally experienced the providential hand of Almighty God, knew that our nation could not continue to be united if WE the People did not humble ourselves before God and seeks His assistance and guidance.**

“Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor – and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions” Excerpt from President George Washington’s [\*Thanksgiving Proclamation\*](#), October 3, 1789

When you read President Washington’s proclamation (and you should by clicking on the link above, especially this Thanksgiving Weekend), you cannot miss his acknowledgment and appreciation of how God intervened in the birth of our great nation. He proclaims:

*...That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation...*

I do not expect 324 million Americans to unite or even a majority. However, what if a large majority of the 46 million conservative evangelicals decided to unite as one body to pray for revival in our individual lives, homes, congregations, counties, and states? What if just half, 23 million conservative evangelicals, united as one to pray down revival on America? Add in a majority of the 61 million Catholic Americans, let’s say 30 million of them, praying for revival to sweep across America. Could 50 million united hearts change our nation?

I bet you a year’s salary President Washington would agree. He would no doubt recommend we petition God “to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people.”

# FROM THE PULPIT

“I believe gratitude and attitude both are caught. Gratitude is a positive attitude caught in the home. I’m basically a positive person. I think that’s the way I’m wired. I would be that way if I were not saved. But if I were not saved, looking at the world’s situation, I’d also be a true pessimist... these are dark days in which we live. We may not realize just how dangerous and deceptive these days are. But I know what the end is, and I know that ‘the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.’” Dr. Adrian Rogers, “A Thanksgiving Visit with Adrian Rogers” [interview](#), Love Worth Finding ministries.

Dr. Rogers believed in more than just thanksgiving. He believed in thanksgiving. He knew that “in the worst of times, God’s mercies are new every morning.” How often do we forget this wonderful truth. Would to God we remind ourselves of His mercies daily.

Imagine American Christendom being made up of positive people, people who are not easily agitated or alarmed by every godless act we see in today’s culture. I confess that while I am rarely amazed at the level of depravity we see in American society, I can become easily agitated and alarmed. I often think I have to take some type of action to counter what our culture is embracing.

Action is needed, but rarely is it the type that immediately comes to my mind. The action we believers in Jesus Christ should always initially take is to stop and pray. We should pray for the situation before us, that God would be glorified no matter the instance. We should pray for clarity of thought, resulting in actions, attitudes, and words that would point those within our sphere of influence to biblical truth.

This will take discipline and practice. We will first have to purpose in our hearts that this is who we want to become. We can be cultural warriors, but do so in love. We must always remember that most of “our enemies” are spiritually lost and need Jesus Christ as much as we did before we were saved. We must always have intentional evangelism on our minds. This means every conversation we have should result in pointing others to Jesus.

The great Judge Paul Pressler once said that if you want to change Washington DC, you will have to first change the hearts of those who govern. Let us renew our commitment to spreading the gospel, even to the seemingly impossible missionary field of government.

# TO THE STREETS

I pray that this Thanksgiving weekend has been a blessing and a time of reflection and gratitude. It is always so wonderful to gather with family and friends during this great American holiday. Hopefully, there weren't any ugly political arguments.

I pray that as you've watched the vicious attacks on Judge Roy Moore and the media malfeasance of its handling of Judge Moore recently, and President Trump since his election and inauguration, that your resolve has not wavered.

WE the People can defend, deflect, and defeat the many criticisms being directed at conservatism and Christianity, but we must do so purposefully and peacefully. Here are some suggestions how to begin that:

1. Revival must first come to each of us individually. We cannot point fingers if we have not examined our own hearts. Let us pray like David: *“Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”* (Psalm 139:23-24)
2. Christians should be gathering across America seeking God's mercies and direction for our nation. We should be constantly praying for the President and his administration, and all members of Congress (both Republicans and Democrats), all nine members of the US Supreme Court, and both our local and state governments.
3. We must pay closer attention to the actions of our elected leaders. Sign up for your elected representatives' newsletter and emails. Being up on current events both locally and nationally will help you better understand the issues at hand.
4. Last and most importantly, we must read our Bibles daily. We have to be in the Word if we are going to develop and defend a biblical worldview. Attend church always, and be sure to go to Sunday school. This is where you not only develop and grow in biblical knowledge, but also grow in Christian fellowship.

The New Year is just around the corner, but I'm not waiting until then to do all I can to be useful to God. I want to be a good citizen of our nation, and the best way to do that is to be the best Christian God can make and mold me. I hope you'll join me!

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