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2019 Legislative session

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Wages of Sin

By
Darrell Desautels

God's word says that the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). Does this mean that Jesus couldn't die?

Let me explain my thoughts. In Jesus' day, there were many who were beaten with whips and survived. Right? Those people had family and friends who would take them home and tend to their wounds as they lay in their beds recovering. But Jesus, on the other hand, wasn't allowed such treatment.

Jesus was beaten and bleeding badly. As they made Him walk to the next point where He had a crown of thorns shoved on His head, He was left with more pain and bleeding. As your heart beats faster and faster, you bleed more—right? At this point how many people would still be alive? Jesus was; and to make things worse, they beat Him with their fists, and hit Him on the head to sink the thorns even deeper into His scalp,

bringing about more bleeding.

Then they put the cross upon His shoulders, which were beaten and raw, and forced Him to carry the cross He would die on, making His heart want to explode. No other human, in my opinion, could have lived this long; yet Jesus was still alive, still carrying His cross. It must have come to the point where someone realized they weren't going to make it to Calvary on time, so another was forced to carry the cross of Jesus. Yet, He still had to walk up the hill to where He was going to be nailed to the cross.

Jesus made it all the way and was still alive. Then came more trauma, as they nailed Him to the cross. Even more trauma as they lifted Him up and all His weight was upon the nails that pierced His hands and feet. His back must have looked like raw hamburger, and He was forced to lean

against the cross on that back, causing even more trauma. Yet at this point Jesus lives - why? In my opinion the wages of sin is death, but Jesus never sinned, so He couldn't die. He felt the pain and knew more pain than anyone who ever lived, or will ever live in the future.

Then came the point where God put all of our sins upon Jesus' broken body. I believe it was God now giving Jesus the right to die. It was very shortly after this that Jesus gave up His life for us all.

And for this I love Him so much. No one can ever say that Jesus doesn't know how much pain I am in. Whoever makes such a statement has little or no understanding of what Jesus went through. All because He loves us.

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“God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.'”

Billy Graham

Christian Education - is it time to revive it?

By Mark Shepard

Would you explore with me an initiative to encourage Bible-embracing churches in Vermont, encouraging co-op type homeschooling and offering the church building for use (perhaps very low rent) during the week when the buildings are generally unused. This format does not burden the church with all sorts of state-imposed regulations that opening an official school would impose. It goes beyond home schooling because the family school group could be mission minded by opening up for a family to join that may not yet embrace the Christian faith, but want a way to get their children out of the government school system. Part of this concept is embracing the concept of parents raising their own children, which does mean one parent will have to limit their career options, at least for many years. And it would be wisest to have any such grouping have only one gender of parent actively participating.

Anyway, I have thought about this for quite some time. I do think it is possible in Vermont, with all the mess in the government education system and the legislature owned by the VT-NEA. It would be taking Vermont back to the times when we went to small one or two-room schools, which even I did in Hartland before they built the brick prison called Hartland Elementary School, where we were all herded like sheep. I do believe there is no other way to turn our culture, to where we can live under self-government and with freedom, than for the local church to do all it can to get children out of the indoctrination that is taking place in the government monopoly schools.

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The following is excerpted from [Christian News Wire](#) and better explains the concept

The Christian Education Initiative (CEI) is a Bible-based, evangelical alliance of member organizations whose purpose COLUMBIA, S.C., March 13, 2019 /[Christian Newswire](#)/ -- The Christian Education Initiative (CEI), with 18 member organizations, announces its formation for the purpose of advancing the cause of biblical Christian education in K-12 education, including college students and adults to advance the Kingdom of God by growing Christian education, thus helping to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and the cultural mandate (Genesis 1:28-29; Matthew 5:13-14).

Dan Smithwick, president of the Nehemiah Institute, observes, "The Worldview Shift in America of the past 30 years is the greatest abandonment of the Judeo-Christian faith since our nation's founding. Results of Nehemiah Institute's unique worldview assessment, The PEERS Test, provides documented evidence that our nation's government-run educational system is systematically and intentionally erasing our roots to the Christian faith." Smithwick believes this is the single greatest threat to the future of our free Republic.

CEI intends to enlighten Christians (pastors, parents, teachers, students) about the spiritual and academic failures of public education and encourage them to pursue Christian education, either Christian schools or Christian home schooling. CEI will mobilize parents and the church to reclaim its responsibility for the education of its children. Pastors who support K-12 Christian education say that there has been no "strong voice" advising them what to do. CEI is now that strong voice!

CEI has the following six broad objectives:

1. To facilitate a dramatic increase in the number of children exiting government schools and entering Christian education from a Christian school, Christian homeschool co-op model, or other Christian models.
2. Rather than attempting to reform the unbiblical, unconstitutional government school model, we promote real reform – the ideal of private biblical Christian education for their churches and children.
3. To work for the complete privatization of all K-12 education, removing authority for education from civil governments, and returning it to parents.
4. To establish, encourage and promote education based on a Biblical philosophy, curriculum and methodology.
5. To encourage and promote all efforts that train parents, pastors, teachers, board members, and other educational leaders in a biblical philosophy, curriculum, and methodology of education.
6. To promote efforts that assist parents of limited financial means to be able to afford biblical Christian education, without government entanglement, such as private scholarship programs.

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United Methodist Church Embraces Traditional Marriage

The following is gleaned from Faith News

The United States' second-largest Protestant denomination, the United Methodist Church, voted to strengthen its embrace of marriage between one man and one woman, laid out in the church's so-called "Traditional Plan."

In an unexpected turn, the UMC's delegates decided to reject the "One Church Plan," which would have permitted individual church leaders and regional conference officials to decide whether to ordain and marry LGBTQ members. Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, described the denomination's unexpected vote as historic, because its delegates "voted to uphold biblical standards of sexual morality." "Understand what happened," he explained. "Yesterday, in St. Louis, Missouri, a major mainline Protestant denomination in the United States said 'no' to the sexual revolution. It has never happened before. It happened yesterday. We had better pay close attention." The "Traditional Plan," backed by the church's conservative delegates, was approved by a vote of 438-384. It should be noted 43 percent of the plan's backers came from overseas, many from African countries.

The Rev. Jerry Kulah of Liberia said, "The church in Africa would cease to exist" if the ban on LGBTQ clergy were lifted. He went on to say he "... can't do anything but support the Traditional Plan" ... because it is "... the biblical plan." If you go to the denomination's website, www.umc.org, the official teaching on homosexuality appears very clear: "We support laws in civil society that define marriage as the union of one man and one woman."

Comparing pro-life Christians to Hitler

Compiled by Dick Trudell from several sources

Do you remember Gloria Steinem?



She was a nationally known feminist in the 1960s & 1970s time frame, and co-founder of *Ms. Magazine*. Steinem, on a recent tour promoting her latest book, made unfounded statements comparing pro-life people to Adolph Hitler saying, "He was elected and he campaigned against abortion ... he padlocked the family planning clinics ... so that is still relevant in the terms of the right-wing."

What an ignorant statement – to suggest that pro-life people are like Hitler, an avid eugenicist, who

championed a pure Aryan (white) race. He demanded forced sterilization of those with physical deformities, those with mental illness, deafness, blindness, alcoholics, or people with epilepsy. Later he sunk to the extreme level of eradication of all the Jews. True, Hitler said he opposed abortion, but that was meant only for Aryans. Abortion was still allowed for the "subhuman races" of Germany, such as Gypsies, ethnically mixed races, handicapped people, etc.

Hitler was following in the footprints of eugenicist Margaret Sanger, the founder and "patron saint" of Planned Parenthood.



"The trouble with our liberal friends is not that they're ignorant, it's just that they know so much that isn't so." Ronald Reagan



What can I do?



*Faith without
works is dead
James 2:17*

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Happy Easter

As we celebrate this time of year, it is important to understand it is not about colored eggs, chocolate bunnies, new clothes to wear to church, or Easter dinners. Not that there is anything wrong with any of those things, but the overshadowing event is that Jesus suffered and died for our sins and rose from the dead. Why? So that we might have eternal life if we believe in Him, ask for forgiveness of our sins, and live the rest of life in the manner that He outlined for us.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." You have only one option, and only one way to salvation, and that is through Jesus Christ. Yes, the path is narrow and not everyone will take it. Our modern society either tells us if you are a good person (as they define it) you will get to Heaven; or there is no afterlife (your time here is all there is); or it is okay to believe in any number of false gods, and all roads lead to Heaven.

Why celebrate? Because Jesus gave us ONE WAY to the Father!

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