

# Christian School Fights Vermont Exclusion in Religious Freedom Battle

What if the only thing you had was what you gave God thanks for?

Would a lot of “stuff” disappear just like that? Or would you grow in prosperity because you thank God for the things not yet received?

Charisma Media’s own Marketing Copywriter and Coordinator Abby Trivett shares how the Lord has taught her the significance of having a grateful mindset through her years at Regent University and ending up at Charisma.

“[God] opened the door for me to work with the Editorial team so I could start get to know this side of the company,” Trivett shares.

“I found myself in a new season that I was able to graduate college, and I’m applying for jobs and I’m looking at stuff saying, ‘OK God, where do you want me to go?’...and my mother gave me some really good advice. She said, ‘Abby don’t just apply for a job, but apply for a job that makes sense.’”

The Lord used Trivett’s submission to His will to lead her to a place that not only is a business and a ministry at the same time, but also has a program to further one’s education with her alma mater.

This trust in the Lord opened Abby’s eyes to a world of thankfulness because God planted her right where she needed to be.

“It really showed me how good God was to close the doors that

needed to be closed, and to open the doors that needed to be opened, and to just be grateful for every single moment He prepared for me,” says Trivett.

“It was better than what I planned. I had my own plans but God had a different plan for me.”

As Thanksgiving approaches, the concept of thankfulness is discussed for a few weeks, but for the remainder of the year it seems to be put on the back burner.

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“I think gratitude is [a] very understated thing in our society,” Says Trivett. “We live in a culture where we want instant gratification all the time. Every single thing we do—I’m guilty of it too—as soon as you see something on your phone you want to open it right there. But that’s not how we’re supposed to operate. We’re not supposed to operate in that instant gratification.

“We’re supposed to operate in a sense of peace, because you know God’s given us a spirit of peace, and without knowing Him intimately and without seeking His peace, we can easily fall into almost like an anxiety-induced mentality.”

Yet when we give God the thanks and praise He deserves, according to His Word, says Trivett, we allow Him to fix our mindset. Instead of setting our sights on things of this world, we focus on what God wants for our lives, giving us that peace that passes understanding in a world filled with anxiety, anger and depression.

“When we don’t say ‘thank you’ to God for the things He has given us, and we just focus on the things that He hasn’t given us, it changes our walk in a bad way,” Trivett reveals.

“Whereas, if we flip it and say thank You because You have provided me with whatever it is: this job, this car, this friendship, whatever it is, you’re like ‘Wow, God’s given me so many things.’”

Let’s make 2023 the year we start being thankful for the blessings in our lives. Not just during the holidays, but year-round. Each day is a gift from God, filled with victories and struggles, but we can rest in the knowledge that the blood of Christ set us free from the bonds of the devil, and that is something to be thankful for each and every day.

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# **This Satanic Ritual Is Exploding in American Popularity**

If you thought Target had learned the lesson that many of their shoppers do not view items like tuck-friendly swimwear for kids as appropriate, think again.

In 2023, Target lost billions from the backlash their ‘Pride’ collection caused and the company’s relationship with Abprallen and satanic-themed items, much of which was aimed at children.

The year is not over yet, and the retail giant thought it would be a good idea to ring in the Christmas season with

another 'Pride' campaign where they deck the halls in transgender flag colors.

When shoppers enter the seasonal aisles, they are greeted by pride flag waving Santas and transgender-themed nutcrackers who come in white and black and feature purple bears and a pride flag, the higher tier model costing \$ and comes with a staff with a heart on it saying "Love is Love."

*Target outdid itself this year for Christmas*

*– End Wokeness (@EndWokeness) November 15, 2023*

Target includes statements on these items, such as this description on the "Love is Love" speech-bubble ornament: "Whether you're an ally, a member of the LGBTQ community or simply someone who believes in love and equality for all, this ornament is the perfect way to showcase your support during the festive season. With its vibrant colors and eye-catching design, this 'Love is Love' holiday ornament is sure to make a statement on your tree or as a gift to a loved one. Celebrate the season with love and pride, and show the world that love truly knows no bounds."

Not a single mention of Christmas, or Christ. But that is the point.

Some have been saying for years now that the goal of Satan is to move our ever-increasingly secular society away from any references of Jesus Christ. And he has succeeded mightily in accomplishing that goal in America.

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This entire charade of dedicating the month of June to pride is merely cover for the real goal of saturating American

culture in this pagan ideology 24/7, and what more proof do you need than the attempt at making Christmas 'Pride' now?

Target spokesperson Kayla Castaneda affirmed this in June when she said, "Our focus now is on moving forward with our continuing commitment to the LGBTQIA community and standing with them as we celebrate Pride month and throughout the year."

If you are part of the population who just wants it to stop and are sick of hearing about it, too bad. Because "they" are going to cram this belief system down our cultural throats until it is the dominant belief system in America, and the world.

The Christian church is battling this takeover itself, with apostate congregations taking down crosses and replacing them with pride flags. No longer do they pray to Jesus and read the Bible, but instead they pray to drag queens and read the works of radical activists.

Amid all of this culture shock with how quickly things have deteriorated over the last few years, it was all warned about, and the signs were there that this day of lawlessness would come.

The apostle Paul warns believers in 2 Thessalonians chapter 2 that there will be a great falling away from the ideals and principles of God. That there has to be a falling away from Him who created us to pave the way for the revealing of the "man of sin."

This revelation of the man of sin, or the Antichrist, has not come yet, but we are undoubtedly seeing the preparation for his arrival take place in the world today.

In the meantime, Christians are to continue sharing the real reason for the season, the birth of the Lord and Savior of earth, Jesus Christ. Answering His call to the Great

Commission is the strategy that will win souls away from the devil and grow the kingdom of God.

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## **Hundreds in Gaza Report Jesus Appearing to Them in Dreams**

Quoting a report from underground Christian ministries in the Middle East, Licona revealed, "Last night, Jesus appeared to more than 200 of them in their dreams! They have come back to us to learn more from God's Word and are asking how to follow Jesus."

This miraculous event parallels the biblical accounts of visions and dreams during the end times. Acts 2:17 says: "In the last days it shall be,' God declares, 'that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.'"

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These conversions are not isolated incidents, as similar reports surfaced before the Oct. 7 Hamas terrorist attack. Assemblies of God missionary Dick Brogden emphasized the significance of dreams, stating, "Dreams are contributing to revelation ... the process of evangelism and conversion."

These spiritual events serve as a reminder of the biblical teachings about the end times. In Matthew 24:42, Jesus instructs, "Watch, therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord will come."

As believers, it is crucial to remain vigilant and faithful, sharing the message of salvation through Jesus. Despite the ongoing conflict, the transformative power of these dreams demonstrates that God's grace, love and mercy can reach even the most challenging circumstances.

Licon, expressing his perspective on the Israel-Hamas conflict, urged prayers for the war's end and the liberation of Palestinians from the oppressive influence of Hamas. This aligns with the Christian call to seek peace even with those who do not believe, as stated in Romans 12:18: "If it is possible, as much as it depends on you, live peaceably with all men."

In times of uncertainty, these visions serve as a beacon of hope, reinforcing our faith in the redemptive power of Christ. As we navigate the complexities of the end times, we can draw inspiration from these conversions and continue to share the love and teachings of Jesus.

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# **Prophet Charlie Shamp Shares**

# Vision of 46th President With 'Feet Made of Clay'

In recent developments across the pond, a bill in the U.K. is stirring the pot, aiming to disestablish the Church of England. An atheist group in the U.S., the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF), is praising this move, claiming it as a step toward a more secular democracy. The bill, championed by Liberal Democrat Paul Scriven, challenges the historic ties between the church and the state, suggesting it's time for a change.

For some, the disestablishment is seen as progress, a move away from what they perceive as the Church of England imposing its doctrines on the majority. The FFRF applauds this shift, highlighting recent concerns over religious inclusion at King Charles III's coronation. The debate gains momentum as the bill heads to Parliament on Dec. 6.

Evangelist Ray Comfort, renowned for his outspoken evangelism, delved into the Christian imagery woven into the recent coronation of King Charles III in an exclusive Charisma News interview prior to the event. Comfort emphasized the significance of England's Christian heritage, particularly reflected in the monarch's ceremony. The evangelist highlighted the symbolic act of the king kneeling before and kissing the Bible, a centuries-old tradition that echoes the nation's historical Christian roots.

Comfort underscored the importance of preserving these traditions, arguing that they serve as a powerful reminder of England's deep-seated Christian identity. As the debate over the potential disestablishment of the Church of England unfolds, Comfort's insights contribute to the broader conversation about the role of faith in the nation's cultural

and historical fabric.

“When Charles is crowned on May 6th, he’s going to reach out his hand and lay it on a Bible and swear to uphold the biblical truth of salvation by grace, through faith,” Comfort explains.

“He’s going to be the defender of the faith. He’s going to carry an ‘s a golden globe with diamonds and pearly all over it. [It has] a cross on the top, and it’s symbolic of Jesus Christ’s reign over the whole earth. He’s going to hold a scepter, as David held and as Solomon held.

“He’s going to be anointed with oil, there’s all sorts of it’s going to be witnessed by literally hundreds of millions around the world,” says Comfort.

As we observe these discussions, it’s essential for Christians to reflect on the potential impact on biblical values. In moments like these, we are reminded of the Bible’s warnings about the falling away from faith. The apostle Paul, in 2 Timothy 4:3-4, speaks of a time when people will turn away from sound doctrine, preferring teachings that align with their desires. The potential disestablishment prompts us to ponder whether this is a symptom of a broader shift away from biblical principles around the world.

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The proposed separation challenges the long-standing privilege of the Church of England in the House of Lords and the recognition of King Charles as the official “Defender of the Faith.” While some argue it’s a necessary step to modernize, others question whether this will undermine the faith foundation that has been part of the nation’s history.

As Christians, we must remember that our trust is in Jesus,

regardless of the changes around us. In Hebrews 13:8, the Bible assures us that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” While institutions may evolve, God’s unchanging truth remains a steadfast anchor for believers.

Amid debates and potential shifts, our focus should be on running toward Jesus, not away from Him. The challenges faced by the Church of England invite us to reaffirm our commitment to Christ and His teachings. The uncertainties in the world today find their answer in the unchanging love and truth found in Jesus Christ.

As discussions unfold about the potential disestablishment of the Church of England, we must remember the enduring nature of our faith. While the world may change, Jesus remains our constant guide. As Christians, let us continue to embrace the timeless truths of the gospel in the midst of shifting tides.

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## **Unveiling Dark Secrets: Are You Playing with Spiritual Fire?**

In the heart of Glendale, Arizona, the proclamation of the gospel faced an unforeseen challenge when Hans Schmidt, a 26-year-old military medic and committed Christian, was shot in the head while sharing his faith on a street corner.

The incident unfolded on Wednesday, Nov. 15, leaving Schmidt in critical condition and a community grappling with the senselessness of this violent act.

As we unravel the details of this tragic event, it is paramount for us, as Christians, to turn to the Scriptures for guidance and solace. In times of persecution, our faith undergoes scrutiny, yet the Bible assures us of God's enduring presence and promises.

Schmidt's response to the Great Commission exemplifies the courage and conviction necessary to share the gospel, even in the face of hostility. The apostle Paul, no stranger to trials for preaching Christ's message, conveyed to Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:12: "Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." This revelation serves as a poignant reminder that persecution is not an anomaly but an anticipated aspect of a life devoted to Christ.

*[@GlendaleAZPD] spokeswoman Gina Winn hoping witnesses come forward leading to arrest of person who shot Veteran Hans Schmidt 51st Ave & Peoria. He was shot around 6pm Nov. 15th while standing on the corner peaching ,he remains in critical condition #fox10phoenix*

*– Rick Davis (@rdavisfox10) November 17, 2023*

The incident is a stark reminder of the escalating animosity toward those who openly profess their Christian faith. Witnessing this unfortunate event, it is crucial to discern the signs of the times. In Matthew 24:9-10, Jesus cautioned, "Then they will hand you over to be persecuted and will kill you. And you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. Then many will fall away, and betray one another, and hate one another." These words echo the current climate, emphasizing the urgency for believers to stand resolute in their faith despite the challenges that may arise.

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In the midst of the darkness, a glimmer of hope emerges. Victory Chapel, where Hans Schmidt served as the outreach director, provides an update on his condition, stating that the family is encouraged by signs of improvement. As a community, let us unite in prayer for Hans' complete recovery and for strength for his family during this trying time.

Navigating a world increasingly opposed to the message of Christ, let us not be disheartened. Instead, let this incident galvanize the response among Christians. The Great Commission, as given by Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20, implores us to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you." This mandate remains unwavering, even in the face of persecution.

Let us join in prayer for Hans Schmidt's recovery and for the restoration of our communities. May this incident inspire a renewed commitment to sharing the love of Christ in America and around the world, even in the presence of opposition. As we traverse these challenging times, may our faith stand firm, anchored in the promises of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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