

'Amazing Grace' Echoes Through Mississippi Church as Deadly Tornado Rips Through Town

A retired pastor in Northern Ireland has been convicted for preaching near an abortion facility after delivering a sermon that included the reading of John 3:16, a case many Christians are warning marks another alarming erosion of religious liberty across the Western world.

Pastor Clive Johnston, 78, was found guilty Thursday at Coleraine Magistrates Court of violating an abortion clinic "safe access zone" law after holding an open-air Sunday service near Causeway Hospital in July 2024, according to reporting from Christianity Today.

Johnston, the former president of the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland, now faces a criminal record and potentially thousands of pounds in fines under the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Act.

Commenting after the verdict, Johnston called the ruling "a dark day for Christian freedom."

"We held a small, open air Sunday service near a hospital. We made no reference whatsoever to the issue of abortion," Johnston said. "And yet the buffer zones law is so broad that holding a Sunday service has been found to be a criminal offence."

The pastor stressed that no harassment or intimidation occurred during the gathering.

"If someone is out there causing trouble, stirring up

violence, harassing or verbally attacking people, then, absolutely, go ahead and prosecute them," he said. "But I wasn't doing any of those things as the police video shows and as everyone involved in this case accepts."



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The message at the center of the prosecution included the reading of John 3:16, one of the most recognized verses in not just Christianity, but the world: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

The Christian Institute, which supported Johnston's legal defense, condemned the conviction as a dangerous attack on freedom of speech and religion.

Simon Calvert, deputy director of the organization, said before the hearing that "John 3:16 is a wonderful, famous verse and everyone knows it says nothing about abortion."

He accused authorities of "overstepping the mark" by treating gospel preaching as political protest.

"Prosecuting Pastor Johnston for preaching 'God so loved the world' near a hospital on a quiet Sunday is a shocking new attempt to restrict freedom of religion and freedom of speech," Calvert said.

The case is already drawing international concern among Christians who see it as another sign of a rapidly shifting culture increasingly hostile toward biblical Christianity and public expressions of faith. For many believers watching events unfold across Europe and the West, the conviction stands as another reminder of Scripture's warnings that societies rejecting God would eventually call good evil and evil good.

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Historic UAP Disclosure: Pentagon Releases Never- Before-Seen UFO Files to Public

The federal government officially opened the vault Thursday on one of the most controversial subjects in modern American history, releasing a new wave of previously classified files on Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena in what officials are calling an unprecedented transparency effort.

The announcement came directly from the Department of War, which unveiled a new online portal housing declassified UAP records from across the federal government. The release is part of a sweeping interagency initiative called the Presidential Unsealing and Reporting System for UAP Encounters, or PURSUE.

According to the Department of War, the effort includes coordination between the White House, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Department of Energy, NASA, the FBI, the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office and additional intelligence agencies.

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“This release follows the direction of President Donald J. Trump to begin the process of identifying and declassifying government files related to UAP in the interest of total transparency,” the Department of War said in its announcement. “No other President or administration in history has followed through on this level of UAP transparency.”

The newly launched government website, , now hosts declassified videos, photographs and original source documents connected to UAP investigations. Officials said additional material will continue to be uploaded on a rolling basis.

“The American people can now access the federal government’s declassified UAP files instantly,” the statement said. “The latest UAP videos, photos, and original source documents from across the entire United States government are all in one place – no clearance required.”

The announcement marks a dramatic shift from decades of secrecy, ridicule and fragmented disclosures surrounding UFO investigations.

“While past administrations sought to discredit or dissuade the American people, President Trump is focused on providing maximum transparency to the public, who can ultimately make up their own minds about the information contained in these files,” the Department of War stated.

Secretary of War Pete Hegseth called the disclosure effort

historic.

“The Department of War is in lockstep with President Trump to bring unprecedented transparency regarding our government’s understanding of Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena,” Hegseth said. “These files, hidden behind classifications, have long fueled justified speculation – and it’s time the American people see it for themselves.”

Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard said the release is only the beginning.

“Today’s release is the first in what will be an ongoing joint declassification and release effort,” Gabbard said, adding that intelligence agencies are conducting a “careful, comprehensive, and unprecedented review” of UAP records.

FBI Director Kash Patel described the move as a “landmark release of UAP records.”

“For the first time in history, the American people have unfettered access to declassified government files on Unidentified Anomalous Phenomenon – a level of transparency that no prior administration has delivered,” Patel said.

NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman emphasized the scientific implications of the disclosures and the ongoing search for answers.

“We will remain candid about what we know to be true, what we have yet to understand, and all that remains to be discovered,” Isaacman said. “Exploration and the pursuit of knowledge are core to NASA’s mission as we endeavor to unlock the secrets of the universe.”

Officials noted that while the files were reviewed for national security concerns before publication, many of the materials “have not yet been analyzed for resolution of any anomalies.”

The release instantly ignited renewed public fascination with UAPs and disclosure efforts that have accelerated in recent years following military footage leaks, congressional hearings and growing demands for transparency from both lawmakers and the American public.

Now, for the first time, the federal government says the files are open for anyone to examine.

To view the government's website on the UFO files, click here.

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Scientists Prepare to Breed 'De-Extinct' Dire Wolves in Shocking Genetic Breakthrough

The prospect of bringing extinct species back to life is rapidly moving from fantasy to reality.

Biotechnology company Colossal Biosciences announced its genetically engineered dire wolves are now old enough to breed, marking a major milestone in the controversial field of "de-extinction."

The company previously revealed it had created three dire wolf pups by reconstructing the extinct animal's genome using

ancient DNA and genetically modifying gray wolf embryos to resemble the prehistoric predator.

“The plan is to create an inter-breedable population of dire wolves in which they would eventually breed naturally to create a sustainable population of the world’s first de-extinct species,” chief animal officer Matt James told The Telegraph.



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The wolves currently live on a secure 2,000-acre preserve in the United States under constant monitoring.

“The dire wolves are doing great,” Ben Lamm, chief executive and co-founder of Colossal Biosciences, said in comments published by the Daily Mail. “We hope to have more dire wolf pups by the end of the year.”

The announcement has renewed ethical and ecological concerns about reviving extinct species.

Some scientists argue the animals are not true dire wolves, but genetically modified gray wolves designed to mimic the extinct predator. Others warn modern ecosystems may not safely support resurrected apex predators.

“There would also be the potential for increased human and wolf conflict,” paleontologist Nic Rawlence of the University of Otago previously told the Daily Mail.

Ecologist Stuart Pimm of Duke University questioned whether extinct species can truly be restored after ecosystems have changed so dramatically.

As biotechnology advances, the debate is no longer whether extinct species can be revived. It is whether humanity should revive them at all.

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LA Marzulli Reveals Why UFOs Are Not What Most Christians Think

Selfishness is often dismissed as a personality flaw, but Scripture presents a far more serious reality. A recent teaching from John Eckhardt confronts the issue head-on, framing selfishness as a destructive spiritual force that demands both recognition and action.

Eckhardt warns that selfishness is not harmless or isolated. "There are a lot of demons connected to selfishness," he said. "How selfishness can destroy a person's life and affect other people as well. It is a terrible, terrible bondage."

The Hidden Network Behind Selfishness

According to Eckhardt, selfishness operates within a broader web of spiritual issues that feed and reinforce one another. "It's in the rebellion side and it's connected with stubbornness, self-will," he said. "It's connected to lust and harlotry and whoredom... these are some of the spirits that work along with selfishness."

He adds that the problem often manifests in multiple forms. "There's self-will, self-pity, self-promotion, self-exaltation, there's selfish ambition. There are a lot of things that go along with selfishness. There's covetousness, greed, vanity, pride."



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What It Means to 'Cast Out'

Eckhardt roots his teaching in Scripture, pointing to the first appearances of "casting out" in the book of Genesis. "We see early in scripture that in the beginning... this term drove out, cast out is used as punishment. As punishment as judgment," he said, referencing Adam and Cain being driven from God's presence.

That pattern continues throughout the Bible and into the ministry of Jesus. "When you cast out demons, it is a picture of God's judgment upon them, upon their wickedness, their rebellion," Eckhardt said. "It is a sign of judgment."

He emphasizes that this authority is not limited to a select few. "Mark 16, in my name shall they cast out devils," he said. "It's really a sign of God using you to execute judgment against the kingdom of darkness... it's something that every believer can do."

The Danger of Ignoring It

Eckhardt cautions that neglecting spiritual issues allows them to take root and grow. "What you don't cast out, what you tolerate in your life will continue to dwell there," he said. "Some things have to be cast out. Some things have to be expelled."

He draws a parallel to Israel's failure to fully drive out

opposing nations. “The nations that Israel did not cast out became thorns in their sides and became a problem to them,” he said. “So what you don’t cast out will vex you, harass you, become a thorn.”

The Call to Deny Self

At the center of Eckhardt’s message is the call of Jesus to live a life of self-denial. “If any man will follow me, let him deny himself. Let him deny himself. Take up his cross... and follow me,” he said.

He points to practical steps believers can take to confront selfishness. “Fasting is a powerful way of self-denial, helping you to deny yourself,” Eckhardt said. “Really fasting can break the power of selfishness.”

The message is clear: following Christ requires more than belief. It demands surrender.

Selfishness cannot coexist with a life fully yielded to God. The call to take up the cross is a call to lay self down, confront what remains and walk in the authority Scripture makes available.

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