

Bridging Faith and Politics: Pastors Rise as Champions of Godly Leadership in North Carolina

In a resounding show of unity and commitment to restoring biblical principles in the face of modern challenges, legislators in North Carolina have taken bold strides to safeguard the sanctity of children's lives and protect traditional values.

Defending Children From Radical Gender Ideology

With unwavering determination, members of North Carolina's General Assembly exhibited unyielding resolve as they overrode multiple vetoes by Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper to pass three new laws that prioritize the well-being of children in the face of radical gender ideology. The legislature's action ensures that children are shielded from the potential physical and psychological harm of unfettered experimentation with gender identity.

These new laws represent a direct response to the rising concerns of Americans who recognize the indisputable biological and physiological differences between men and women. One law prohibits biological males from competing in women's sports, respecting the privacy and safety rights of female athletes. Another mandates that teachers communicate with parents about their children's gender confusion rather than making secretive decisions regarding gender transitions. A third law prevents medical professionals from administering sterilizing drugs to minors, acknowledging the long-lasting consequences of such interventions.

Spiritual Warfare in Politics

The catalyst for this resurgence of Christian engagement lies in the efforts of David Lane, who has been working alongside pastors and spiritual leaders across the nation for two decades.

A pivotal turning point occurred when Lane collaborated with Mark Robinson, North Carolina's first Black lieutenant governor. Robinson's poignant statement reflecting his encounter with spiritual warfare in the realm of politics galvanized Lane to enact change.

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In response, Lane orchestrated a series of events, enlisting the participation of pastors and spiritual leaders. The objective was to inspire 20 to 30 of these leaders to seek local government positions. In total, Lane hosted 13 events, engaging 2,700 pastors and spiritual leaders. The fruits of these efforts were evident in the 2022 elections, with 50 pastors and spiritual leaders running for office and 10 achieving victory.

Christian Values as Cornerstone

The yearning for leaders who adhere to Christian morals and values has intensified as the repercussions of sidelining God in the public square become more evident. The American Renewal Project's initiatives are intrinsically tied to the aspiration to reestablish the prominence of these values in society. Lane's ambitious vision for the upcoming years includes an additional round of pastor events aimed at rallying 50 more pastors and spiritual leaders to run for local office across North Carolina in 2024.

A Call to Action for Every Church

Lane's resolute belief in the [importance of Christian engagement](#) resonates with urgency. He calls upon every church to take a proactive role in safeguarding the nation's future by identifying and supporting candidates who uphold biblical principles. Lane's conviction is clear: If America is to be preserved for future generations, it is imperative that individuals of faith take on active roles in politics, ensuring that godly leadership remains at the forefront of the nation's transformation.

The journey toward restoring America's moral compass is a collective endeavor fueled by faith, conviction and a resolute commitment to biblical principles. As the American Renewal Project continues to forge new paths, its impact reverberates not only in North Carolina but across the nation, offering a beacon of hope for a future characterized by godly leadership and enduring values.

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UPDATE: Glenn Beck Podcasts Reinstated by Apple

It appears the voices of millions upset by Apple Podcast's decision to remove the Glenn Beck Program, in its entirety, was enough for the platform to reverse their decision.

Late Wednesday, Beck tweeted that his program had been restored, [but questions still remained.](#)

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– Glenn Beck (@glennbeck) [August 16, 2023](#)

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“I want to thank everyone (on the left, right and everyone in between) who spoke up today. I wish I had better answers from Apple on what happened, but you gave me hope that the issue of censorship is still bigger than politics,” he added.

So what's the “issue” @Apple?! pic.twitter.com/r111EXD8uS

– Glenn Beck (@glennbeck) [August 16, 2023](#)

This event shows just how terrifying and one-sided censorship has become in America. With the swoop of a simple button-click, one of the largest voices speaking against authoritarian control and evil in the country was silenced from one of the largest platforms.

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Fellow Republican Slams Tweet Professing Faith in Jesus, Backlash Follows

What is the world coming to when a social media post proclaiming the only hope for the world is Jesus Christ is accused of being bigoted and should be deleted?

[We are truly living in upside-down times.](#)

Republican Ohio Rep. Max Miller [found himself in a world of hurt](#) late Wednesday night. Upon seeing a tweet from fellow GOP'er Lizzie Marbach which read, "There's no hope for any of us outside of having faith in Jesus Christ alone," Miller appeared to lose his mind.

In response to Marbach's post, Miller wrote: "This is one of the most bigoted tweets I have ever seen. Delete it, Lizzie. Religious freedom in the United States applies to every religion. You have gone too far."

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Religious freedom in the United States applies to every religion.

You have gone too far. <https://t.co/QCx8oAT1Kr>

– Max Miller (@MaxMillerOH) [August 15, 2023](#)

Professing one's personal faith in a public, online forum is now a hindrance to religious freedom?

The sideshow gets even more unpredictable after Miller's post

began going viral. Marbach found an unlikely ally in one of “The Squad”‘s most vocal members: Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn.

“No! Stating the core beliefs or principles of your faith isn’t bigoted as Lizzie did, it’s religious freedom and no one should be scolded for that,” Omar responded. “It’s also wrong to speak about religious freedom while simultaneously harassing people who freely express their beliefs.”

Are we living in the twilight zone these days? Up is down, down is up, good is evil and evil is good?

Clearly, we are.

Receiving some backlash from her support base, Omar clarified her statement saying, “That’s her actual belief, you can disagree, but it’s not bigoted for her to say what her beliefs are. That’s all.”

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It’s also wrong to speak about religious freedom while simultaneously harassing people who freely express their beliefs. <https://t.co/NbgKr1MvIi>

– Ilhan Omar (@IlhanMN) [August 16, 2023](#)

Give credit where credit is due, Omar stood up for the religious freedom of a person whose faith is different from hers, and a Christian professing Jesus Christ as the world’s only hope, at that.

Miller must have seen the writing on the wall, because while he has yet to delete the mind-boggling tweet that started this hurricane of backlash, he posted an apology to Lizzie shortly after realizing how badly he had erred.

"I posted something earlier that conveyed a message I did not intend. I will not try to hide my mistake or run from it. I sincerely apologize to Lizzie and to everyone who read my post," Miller wrote.

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Exemplifying the Christian nature in which Jesus commanded His followers to live, Marbach graciously accepted Miller's apology, implored him to seek salvation in Jesus and posted the parable of the unforgiving servant to her timeline.

Yet one thing about this extemporaneous event does not make sense: why would a GOP representative attack a Christian professing their faith in Jesus in the first place?

Could this slip up reveal that there is a far larger portion of the Republican Party than suspected that holds an anti-Christian view?

Is the GOP simply using the faith, morals and values this country was founded on to appease their base and get elected into Congress so they can make their millions?

Another recent case of a Republican who tells the world that she is a Christian, [yet her actions do not match up to those claims](#) is Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC). When speaking at a prayer breakfast, Mace joked that she gave up morning sex with her fiancé, but assured him they would have time later that night.

Is sexual activity outside of the biblical definition of marriage a joking matter for Republicans these days? Because it is very clearly practiced by those who claim to be followers of Jesus yet do not abide by His teachings.

Of course, no one is perfect. All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, yet there is a key lack of remorse or

conviction on both Miller and Mace's part that shows, as Allie Beth Stuckey pointed out in the wake of Mace's faux pas: "These comments just go to show how little politicians—even Republican politicians—know or care about Christianity. They have no idea the values Christians hold.

"It's honestly worse than Democrats. It's better to deny Christianity altogether than to use Christianity as a campaign slogan," she added.

Thinking about this again. These comments just go to show how little politicians – even Republican politicians – know or care about Christianity. They have no idea the values Christians hold. They'd be aghast to know we still think sex is reserved for marriage <https://t.co/allkgBo4p3>

– Allie Beth Stuckey (@conservmillen) [July 27, 2023](#)

If this turns out to be the case, and sadly the evidence points to that, where will these politicians who claim to be Christian stand as those who declare Jesus to be King become more persecuted?

History teaches us one thing, they will stand where it is most advantageous for their personal careers, which may be against those being persecuted.

As the world continues to prepare for the prophesied end times, persecution will come and it will separate the Christians who are rooted in Jesus and the Word of God from those who are not.

In the meantime, putting one's faith in God and God alone is the only way to navigate these confusing and trying times. By staying grounded in the Bible, the faithful will have the discernment granted by the Holy Spirit to recognize the massive amount of deception permeating these times. {eoa}

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Labor Day Conference 2023: A Gathering of Worship, Evangelism, Deliverance and Transformation

An extraordinary spiritual event will take place this Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2 to Sept. 4, at the renowned Global Vision Bible Church in Mount Juliet, Tennessee. Hosted by Pastor Greg Locke, this free admission conference promises a life-changing experience, combining elements of [worship, evangelism, discipleship and deliverance](#).

The anticipation for this event is immense, with pre-registration already surpassing 6,000 participants and an expected turnout of around 10,000 attendees. This remarkable response highlights the hunger for spiritual growth, community and connection in these transformative times.

A Multi-Faceted Spiritual Experience

The Labor Day Conference aims to create a comprehensive spiritual experience, catering to various aspects of a believer's journey. From vibrant worship sessions that uplift the soul to dynamic evangelism efforts aimed at reaching the lost, the event seeks to bring attendees closer to God and one another.

Discipleship and deliverance are core components of this conference. Attendees will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of biblical truths and strengthen their relationship with Christ through insightful teachings and practical applications. The emphasis on deliverance underscores the importance of breaking free from spiritual strongholds and experiencing genuine freedom in Christ.

An Unwavering Commitment to Gathering

The conference will be held in a tent format, showcasing a commitment to creating a welcoming environment for all attendees, regardless of the numbers. Overflow tents featuring live preaching are planned to accommodate the anticipated high turnout, ensuring that everyone can engage fully in the transformative experience. There will be a live stream of the event available, too.

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Documenting Transformation: “Come Out In Jesus Name” Sequel

An exciting development during the conference is the commencement of filming for the sequel to the highly successful 2023 documentary, [“Come Out In Jesus Name.”](#) This documentary, capturing remarkable stories of deliverance and transformation, has resonated with countless viewers. The sequel’s filming will further highlight the profound impact of faith and the journey to liberation in Christ. The sequel is scheduled for a Fall 2024 premiere, and its production during the Labor Day Conference adds an extra layer of significance to the event.

Cast It Out: Pastor Greg Locke’s Book Release

In conjunction with the conference, Pastor Greg Locke’s highly anticipated new book “Cast It Out” releases the prior week on

Aug. 29, 2023, with a LIVE Q&A event hosted by Locke at 4 p.m. that day. The new book promises to provide readers with insights, guidance and practical steps for breaking free from spiritual bondage and experiencing the fullness of God's freedom.

Gathering for a Transformative Experience

The Labor Day Conference 2023 is not just an event; it's a gathering of hearts and spirits seeking to draw closer to God and be transformed by His presence. With a combination of worship, evangelism, discipleship, deliverance, free admission and the excitement of documentary filming and a new book's release, the event is an unparalleled experience that will leave a lasting impact on attendees' lives. As believers come together under the tent, they embark on a journey of spiritual growth, renewal and empowerment that will resonate far beyond Labor Day weekend.

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Conservative Voice Glenn Beck Deplatformed by Apple

"The Glenn Beck Program," a show that prides itself on operating free of external influence or censorship on BlazeTV, has found itself caught in the crosshairs of Apple Podcasts, raising concerns about the targeting of conservatives by large tech corporations.

In a move that has ignited debates over free expression, [Apple Podcasts has effectively deplatformed the show](#), preventing its latest episode from going live and scrubbing all previous podcasts.

The abrupt decision was communicated to the show's host, the nationally syndicated radio personality and Blaze Media co-founder Glenn Beck, by the Apple Podcasts Team that there was an issue with his content that needed resolution before being made available on the platform.

Beck, a prominent conservative voice, described his suspicion that such actions stem from his show's poignant coverage, speculating that the more they address subjects directly, the more these corporate entities appear to target them. Beck emphasized the lack of warning or prior strikes, leaving him puzzled about the basis for this move.

The episode in question, titled "Trump vs. Biden: Which is the Crime Family?", seems to have raised Apple's eyebrows, leading to a chain of events that many view as undue censorship. Beck questioned whether the content's hard-hitting nature led to this suppression, a concerning prospect for a platform that had, until now, hosted diverse voices and opinions.

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The implications of Beck's removal from Apple Podcasts are significant. With millions of listeners relying on the platform, this move translates to the loss of a major fan base and potential revenue for the show. Beck expressed his disgust over the treatment, emphasizing his adherence to the platform's standards and rules.

The situation prompts the question: When did we veer away from being a nation that championed the right to express oneself, even if the views are unpopular?

Beck drew parallels between this scenario and the broader principle of freedom of speech. While acknowledging a private company's prerogative to choose its business affiliations, he cautioned against the potential for this power to be misused. He questioned whether this move was a result of genuine company policy or a symptom of the growing tendency to weaponize authority against certain perspectives.

The reaction from fellow conservative commentators has been swift. BlazeTV host Steve Deace raised concerns over the "one-way" nature of such glitches, suggesting a possible [pattern that stifles conservative voices.](#)

As this situation unfolds, it raises broader questions on the role and responsibilities of tech giants ensuring open dialogue and a broad range of opinions. The balance between protecting against harmful content and safeguarding free expression is delicate, and the actions taken by platforms like Apple Podcasts hold far-reaching consequences.

TheBlaze reached out to Apple Podcasts for their perspective on the situation but, as of now, has not received a response. This incident serves as another chapter in the ongoing debate about the undue power tech corporations wield over the shaping of public discourse and the potential consequences of their actions.

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Is 'Euthanasia Capital' Providing Frivolous Assisted Suicides?

The commission responsible for overseeing state-administered euthanasia in Quebec has issued a stern warning to doctors regarding the strict criteria that must be met for "medical assistance in dying."

This move comes in response to reports of doctors not adhering to the established guidelines, leading to cases of euthanasia that were either unlawful or against the principles of medical ethics.

The province of Quebec has gained notoriety [as the world's "euthanasia capital,"](#) with nearly 5,000 cases of doctor-assisted suicides reported last year. Shockingly, this number is estimated to account for approximately 7% of all deaths in the province by the end of the year, according to Dr. Michel Bureau, the head of Quebec's Commission on End of Life Care. Dr. Bureau expressed concern over the frequency of euthanasia practices, stating, "We're now no longer dealing with an exceptional treatment, but a treatment that is very frequent." The commission has identified cases in which ineligible patients were subjected to euthanasia against the law.

Between Spring 2021 and 2022, at least 15 out of 3,663 state-facilitated suicides were reported to be non-compliant with the established criteria. Disturbingly, some patients had not satisfied the criteria for lethal injection, while others were unable to provide consent. Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, has voiced concerns over the underreporting of unlawful euthanasia deaths.

The Canadian Supreme Court's decision in 2015 to permit doctors to assist in patients' deaths paved the way for the Medical Assistance in Dying Act passed by the Canadian government in 2016.

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Originally limited to individuals with grievous and irremediable medical conditions causing intolerable suffering, the criteria have since expanded to include individuals with various health issues such as PTSD, depression, anxiety and even non-terminal illnesses.

The recent adoption of a law in Quebec permitting euthanasia for individuals with "a serious and incurable disease, such as Alzheimer's," has raised further concerns among advocates for the sanctity of life.

The Bible speaks to the intrinsic value of human life and the responsibility to care for one another. Genesis 1:27 says, "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

In response to these developments, the commission's recent memo emphasized the need for physicians to rigorously uphold the established criteria and exercise diligence in evaluating patients' eligibility for assisted suicide. The memo underscores the importance of critical and contemporaneous independent opinions from physicians confirming the admissibility of medical assistance in dying applications.

[Debates around the ethical implications of euthanasia continue.](#) The Bible's teachings, such as in Psalm 139:13-14, remind us of the divine origin of human life: "You brought my inner parts into being; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will praise you, for You made me with fear and wonder; marvelous are Your works, and You know me completely."

Critics have expressed concerns about Canada's Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) program, suggesting it echoes Nazi-era Germany's eugenics program. As reported by The Blaze, "Dr. Louis Roy, speaking on behalf of the Quebec College of Physicians, told the government last October that babies with 'severe malformations' and 'grave and severe syndromes' should be eligible for the eugenicist's needle notwithstanding their inability to consent."

The comparison arises from the potential implications of MAiD's expansion to include individuals with non-terminal conditions, such as those suffering from mental health issues or disabilities. Like the eugenicist policies that targeted the weak, the vulnerable and those considered unfit, critics argue that the broadening scope of MAiD could inadvertently prioritize a "quality of life" assessment, raising questions about societal values and the intrinsic worth of individuals.

As society engages in these discussions, it remains evident that the sanctity of life as ordained by God is a paramount consideration for many. The Bible further emphasizes this truth in Jeremiah 1:5: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; and before you were born, I sanctified you and ordained you a prophet to the nations."

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Transform, Don't Conform: 7

Ways Christians Are Shaping Culture

In a world swiftly re-shaped by trends and technologies, Christians stand at a crossroads.

The Bible speaks directly to the balance between [engagement and separation from the world's culture](#). As believers, we are called to be salt and light, actively influencing the world around us while preserving our distinctiveness. Here are seven ways Christ's followers can carry out the Great Commission.

1. Impactful Engagement

Engagement doesn't mean assimilation, but transformation. Jesus, the ultimate example, engaged with society's marginalized while holding fast to His divine identity. In Matthew 5:13-16, He likens believers to salt, seasoning life with grace and light, dispelling darkness. Engaging culture means living out our faith, demonstrating love and embodying truth.

2. Guarding Against Conformity

The apostle Paul, in Romans 12:2, urges us to be "transformed by the renewing of [our] minds." Rather than conforming to worldly patterns, we're to renew our minds with God's Word. We must discern when culture contradicts biblical principles, remaining unswayed by its allure. Just as Daniel in Babylon remained faithful amidst shifting norms, we must stand firm without compromise.

3. Separation for a Purpose

While we engage, separation remains essential. In 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, believers are admonished not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers. This isn't isolation but

protection against compromising our convictions. God calls us to maintain a clear distinction between His ways and the world's, exemplifying holiness.

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4. Influencing Without Compromising

Christians can shape culture without succumbing to its pitfalls. Proverbs 4:23 teaches, "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Our motives matter; genuine influence emanates from hearts aligned with God's heart. By engaging thoughtfully, we avoid endorsing values that oppose our faith.

5. The Ministry of Reconciliation

Paul, in 2 Corinthians 5:18-20, underscores our role as ambassadors for Christ. We've been entrusted with the message of reconciliation, tasked to bring others closer to God. Engaging culture facilitates dialogue, enabling us to share the Gospel effectively. While the medium may change, the message remains constant.

6. Prioritizing Eternal Perspectives

Colossians 3:2 instructs us to "set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." Engaging culture is vital, but our ultimate allegiance lies beyond this temporal realm. Like Abraham, who lived as a stranger in a foreign land, we remember that our true citizenship is in heaven. Our actions reflect our longing for an eternal home.

7. Remaining Steadfast in Truth

Trends come and go, but God's truth endures. Ephesians 4:14-15 encourages us to "speak the truth in love." Amidst shifting cultural norms, we must anchor ourselves in His unwavering

truths. Our engagement should reflect God's unchanging character, leading others to the solid ground of His Word.

[As Christians, we're called to be active participants](#) in the world while being distinct from it. Our engagement should mirror Christ's transformative impact and uncompromising stand. The Bible's guidance equips us to influence culture without becoming entangled in its snares. By nurturing a heart aligned with God, focusing on eternal values and upholding biblical truths, we can effectively engage modern culture for God's glory.



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Walking in Truth: Anointing and Righteousness Illuminate Our Path with Pastor Greg Locke

In a world filled with clamor and confusion, where the prevailing winds of secularism seek to shake the foundations of faith, the Word of God stands as a steadfast beacon of truth.

Led by the Holy Spirit and armed with the scriptures, [Pastor Greg Locke discussed the timeless](#) wisdom that guides us, not

in passive contemplation, but in active devotion to a life of righteousness at a recent Global Vision Bible Church gathering.

Locke shared Paul's Epistle to the church which resonates powerfully with believers today, reminding us of our mission to uphold the gospel's sanctity. Our spiritual journey is not one of mere submission to doctrine, but of understanding the Word, allowing the anointing of the Holy Spirit to illuminate our path.

Walking the Path of Righteousness

As God's children, we are called to be vigilant, discerning the wolves in sheep's clothing who attempt to deceive us with diluted doctrines. The apostle exhorts us, not merely to live by practical applications, but to align our lives with the authoritative Word of God. Our interpretation must mirror the divine truth, not our own whims.

The Anointing of the Holy Spirit

With hearts attuned to the divine, we recognize the power of the anointing, a force transcending human understanding. Isaiah testifies to the anointing's potency, proclaiming it as the very essence that shatters yokes. In a world where "wokeness" seeks to dominate, we declare that the anointing breaks not only the yoke of bondage but also the misconceptions that cloud our spiritual vision.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed," (Luke 4:18).

Confidence Before God

In some cases, a church might employ fear-based tactics,

casting shadows of uncertainty upon believers. Yet, the anointing fuels our confidence before the King of kings. The anointing is not mere bravado or arrogance; it is a holy boldness stemming from intimacy with God. This confidence empowers us to approach the throne of grace, unashamed in His presence.

“Let us then come with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need,” (Heb. 4:16).

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Abiding in Truth

We are urged to abide, to be rooted deeply in Christ. This is not a vague call to lukewarm Christianity, but a clarion call to saturate our lives with the Word of God. As the anointing teaches us, we are granted insight into all truths, and we gain confidence in the veracity of the gospel. We shall not be shaken, for the anointing grounds us firmly in His promises.

“But the anointing which you have received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. For as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and just as it has taught you, remain in Him,” (1 John 2:27).

Bearing Fruits of Righteousness

[Let us not overlook the significance of our actions.](#) By our fruits, we are known. If we truly comprehend the righteousness of Christ, if we truly grasp His holiness, then our lives will reflect it. It is not a mere assertion of religious duty but a reflection of our genuine, transformed nature. We are born of Him, bearing the fruits of righteousness as evidence of our regenerated hearts.

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but so much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For God is the One working in you, both to will and to do His good pleasure,” (Phil. 2:12-13).

A Clarion Call to Holiness

In the midst of a world swayed by conflicting ideologies and relativistic truths, the Christian voice speaks resolutely. Believers reject diluted interpretations and divisive teachings, and wholeheartedly seek the anointing of the Holy Spirit that powers them to live lives rooted in righteousness. Our confidence rests not in our own righteousness, but in the transforming power of God’s Word.

As we stand unwavering, we invite believers to walk in confidence, casting aside fear and allowing the anointing to guide steps toward a life of holiness. The anointing doesn’t merely create a fleeting emotional experience; it transforms Christ’s disciples into beacons of His light, unashamed before God and unwavering in commitment to uphold His truth.

To watch Pastor Greg Locke’s full sermon, [click here](#).

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Skittles Promotion Draws

Swift Backlash from Conservatives

Skittles is finding itself in the midst of controversy as conservatives voice their disapproval of the company's new LGBTQ-friendly packaging.

This move has sparked comparisons [to a previous boycott that cost](#) Anheuser-Busch significant profits after a collaboration with transgender influencer Dylan Mulvaney.

The backlash emerged in response to Skittles' parent company, the Wrigley Company, owned by Mars Incorporated, unveiling new packaging adorned with LGBTQ-friendly illustrations and messages. The once-colorful packaging has been replaced with predominantly black and white designs that feature phrases such as "Black Trans Lives Matter" and "Joy is Resistance," according to a report by Newsweek.

These revamped Skittles packages were created in collaboration with the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), marking the fourth consecutive year that the candy maker has partnered with the organization to promote tolerance and inclusivity.

Though various brands have championed similar messages over the years, conservative sentiments have surged in recent months, particularly after a widespread boycott targeted Bud Light due to its association with Dylan Mulvaney.

Anheuser-Busch, the parent company of Bud Light, has seen its profits plummet by nearly 30% as a result of this boycott, with estimates suggesting a potential loss in core value amounting to a staggering \$4 billion.

Now, some consumers are urging a boycott of Skittles for what

they perceive as a “woke” approach in support of the LGBTQ community.

When visiting Skittles’ official website, a clickable option labeled “SKITTLES Pride” is prominently displayed. Clicking on it leads to an animation that states, “There’s a story in every rainbow.”

“We’ve given up our rainbow so that the LGBTQ community can share theirs,” the company explains. “This Pride Month, we’re amplifying stories within the LGBTQ community for all to discover. We begin by showcasing the designs of five talented artists on our SKITTLES Pride Packs, each with their own story to tell.”

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The decision to shift from the iconic rainbow-colored packaging to LGBTQ-friendly designs has drawn its share of controversy, particularly from conservative Christians’ biblical beliefs. According to the Bible, God created man and woman in a clear and purposeful distinction.

Among the newly unveiled package designs, one features the sun and the moon walking hand in hand on a rainbow. Another proudly displays the word “PRIDE” in multiple colors, accompanied by a mouth from which a rainbow flows, adorned with the words “bi, ace, lesbian, queer, trans and gay.”

Most notably, [it is Skittles’ direct targeting of young people,](#) as children are the ones depicted on the limited edition covers. The bright and pastel colors used leaves no doubt who the target audience was for this campaign.

The timing of this release also brings with it another question: If Skittles is celebrating “Pride,” why did they not roll this out during June?

Probably because the point of all of this “Pride” propaganda is to saturate the culture with it not just during the month of June, but all year long and worship it as the pagan gods of America.

Canada and the UK have already made moves to celebrate a “Pride” season, and anything less than heaping praise onto the LGBTQ community is met with swift repercussions, even arrest.

In case Christians have not seen it yet, this is the result of a society where Spirit-filled Christians were not active participants. Ground was yielded without a fight. Politicians were elected and bowed the knee to activists, who once they got their foot in the door, kicked it down and invaded society with their morality and ideologies.

This is bigger than Skittles or Target or Disney. There is a spiritual war going on between the heavenly armies of God and Satan with his fallen minions. Christians are called to be active participants in this battle and for too long they sat on the sidelines being comfortable.

With the targeting of children however, many are finally waking up to the reality of the evil pervading through the world. Now something must be done about it. Preaching the truth of Jesus Christi and His saving grace, love, mercy and victory over sin and death, in love, is a surefire way to beat back the forces of hell. It is time for Christians to do just that.

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Biblical Literacy a Requirement for End Times 'Daze of Deception'

The Bible is filled with examples of God sending warnings, using prophets or various other means, to warn His people of impending threats—but are believers equipped to understand them?

All too often, His calls to repent and turn back towards Him fell on deaf ears. Because of this stubborn response by God's people to turn from their sin, calamity would ensue after God's timeline for repentance would pass.

There are many strong, [Spirit-filled voices raising the alarm in America today](#), much like the prophets of the Old Testament. They are warning of a deception taking place right now, in the culture today, that is leading many away from the presence of God.

One of the leading voices, imploring Christians to deepen their knowledge of God's Word so that they may stand against the coming darkness, is senior and founding pastor of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills, Pastor Jack Hibbs.

In a recent message, Hibbs explains the duty that all Christians have to expose the deception that false teachers are preaching as commanded in the New Testament.

"Jesus says I will take care of that myself (vengeance), because it is regarding my church... What you are going to do in the New Testament era is expose them (Eph. 5:11)," explains Hibbs.

"That is what we are supposed to do. We are supposed to expose the evil, the false and what is being perpetrated in what is

called 'church.'”

What is the massive deception Hibbs and others are eluding as demonic activity being used to confuse the masses?

The recent explosion of [government and civilian accounts of UFOs](#), now called UAPs, [dominating news cycle headlines](#) over the last several weeks.

So much is being made about these unexplained phenomena that [Congress held hearings from witnesses confirming “non-human” entities existed](#).

“The question you ought to be asking is: Why is this happening now, and are there other things that are going on in our world that align with the warnings of the Bible. That such things would happen at the near return of Christ,” says Hibbs.

Alluding to Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21, all of which discuss the destruction of the Temple and the signs and persecutions that will occur before the imminent return of Jesus, Hibbs focuses on the warning from Jesus that precedes the signs of His return.

“Jesus promises mass global deception in the last days,” says Hibbs. “I do believe that we are living in the time or the age of deception, in the days of deception, today.

“Jesus said that deception will be so great, coming upon this earth, that if it were possible, my own elect, my own church...they would be deceived. None of us have experienced a level of deception that is forthcoming.”

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Trust in the message that all forms of media now propagate has fallen sharply in recent years, and in this wake of misinformation and propaganda, many do not know what is true

and what is false.

This uncertainty has sparked fear and hopelessness for those whose trust is not in God and His Word, making them vulnerable to the demonic messaging taking place over the airwaves.

[A grand deception is occurring](#) so that Satan's end-game goal, of seizing control over God's creation, can occur. This could be done any number of ways: through a cashless, digital currency society; ESG scores that track every purchase a person makes; social credit systems that will lockout those with low scores from society; and much more.

"These things are all being monitored. This is all part of moving toward a grand deception in the last days. It is not going to happen overnight: It is happening like Satan love to do in your life and mind and in the world, very gradually so that you do not wake up to it," Hibbs says.

All of this is the paving of the way to the Antichrist figure as prophesied in the Bible.

So how can Christian protect themselves from the deceptive messaging being spewed forth from every major media outlet?

"As a Christ follower, what do we know?" asks Hibbs. "Well, we know that the Word of God is the absolute truth. What is beautiful about this is, if you do not know the Word of God you are going to fall for the message that people are going to be announcing and some of those messages have already been put in print."

This helps explain the massive importance of biblical literacy for Christians. In an age when Bible reading and faith on the decline among self-described Christians, the exact opposite is needed to guide believers through these times.

Biblical understanding from the Word of God will shine light on the lies of the enemy so that the faithful can expose the

plans of those plans for what they are.

To watch Pastor Jack Hibbs' full sermon, [click here.](#)

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