

Top of the Week: Supreme Court Ends California's Total Worship Ban

Here's a quick summary of the top stories on this week:

Supreme Court Ends California's Total Worship Ban

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of Harvest Rock Church and Harvest International Ministry and partially granted the injunction pending appeal in the federal lawsuit against California Gov. Gavin Newsom's total ban on indoor worship. This was the second time Liberty Counsel appealed to the high court on behalf of these churches. The ruling also included South Bay United Pentecostal Church. Liberty Counsel represents Harvest Rock Church, HIM and Pastor Ché Ahn.

Scientology Super Bowl Commercial Again Sparks Controversy

The Super Bowl commercials remain some of the most highly anticipated (and expensive) promotional spots of the year. And as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Kansas City Chiefs battled it out on the field, the Church of Scientology, widely regarded as a cult, served up another offering of New Age mystery in a spot that sparked controversy among viewers.

Charismatic Pastor Says the Rapture Is Real and Imminent

Pastor and Bible teacher Jack Hibbs says many believers are not excited about the imminent return of Jesus because they don't believe in a pre-tribulation rapture. That, he says, is one of the reasons for the prevailing apathy that exists in the church today.

But, Hibbs says, Scripture makes it "absolutely clear" that the rapture will take place. The only questions are: When will it happen, and what will we do to prepare for the coming of

Christ for His bride?

From a Christian Conservative to a Transgender Man: Love Calls Me to Action

As the social media giants continue to crack down on those who violate their trans-activist talking points (see here and here), another perspective has been raised from an unexpected source. I'm talking about a powerful, deeply moving article posted in *Newsweek* and titled, "We Need Balance When It Comes To Gender Dysphoric Kids. I Would Know."

The author of the op-ed is Scott Newgent, self-described as "a 48-year-old transgender man." What Newgent has written is courageous, deeply revealing, poignant and accurate.

Investigation Finds Ravi Zacharias Guilty of Sexual Misconduct; RZIM Board Apologizes

Renowned apologist and Bible teacher Ravi Zacharias was guilty of multiple instances of sexual misconduct and abuse, an independent report commissioned by Ravi Zacharias International Ministries has concluded. RZIM is now apologizing to victims of its founder, who died of cancer last May, and asking forgiveness as it seeks a way forward.

Released on Thursday by the Atlanta-based law firm of Miller & Martin, the investigation report said Zacharias lied in his 2017 statement that "I have never engaged in inappropriate behavior of any kind." Through multiple interviews conducted with massage therapists and others who interacted with Zacharias over a period of years, the report reveals a pattern of gross sexual misconduct as well as inappropriate texts and emails and one accusation of rape. {eoa}

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