

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of September 5, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Service -----	32
Sunday Evening Service -----	20
Wed. Evening Service, 09/08/21 -----	18

AND THE PEOPLE "TUNED IN"...

- Week of September 5, 2021 -

- Number of people who connected with our services on Facebook -
Sunday Morning Service:

47 Views	70 Engagements	51 People Reached
Sunday Evening Service:		
31 Views	33 Engagements	51 People Reached
Wednesday Evening Service:		
39 Views	49 Engagements	42 People Reached

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of September 5, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,084.25
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 09/05/21:	\$ 2,084.25

- Week of August 29, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 841.37
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/29/21:	\$ 841.37

- Week of August 22, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 613.46
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/22/21:	\$ 613.46

- Week of August 15, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 877.09
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/15/21:	\$ 877.09

- Week of August 8, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,082.38
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/08/21:	\$ 1,082.38

- Week of August 1, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,017.38
Love Offering, Dr. Phil Stringer -----	\$ 1,137.18
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/01/21:	\$ 2,154.56

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00



CHURCH INSURANCE FUND

Monthly Premium, Due 09/05/21-----	\$ 537.92
Amount Received For Sept. -----	\$ 0.00

AMOUNT SHORT FOR SEPT., 2021: -- \$ 537.92

Thank You For Your Faithful Help With This Need!

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. *Admit that you are a sinner.*
2. *Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.*
3. *Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.*
4. *You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).*
5. *By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, Who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.*



THANK YOU For Your Continued Faithfulness In Giving!

During the early part this pandemic, we were unable to meet in the church-house. But - that did not mean that the expenses of having a church-house were suspended. We still had bills to pay - electricity, gas, water, trash pickup, phone, internet, facility insurance, copier lease, office supplies, etc., and, praise the Lord, His people kept praying, watching online, & supporting their church with their giving.

Sadly, some people only give when they are in attendance at church - sort of like paying for "services rendered" - but the truth is that they are robbing **THEMSELVES** of God's blessings when they withhold their tithes and offerings and only give when they are here (see Malachi 3:10). Thankfully, most of our people have remained faithful, in so many ways, during this crisis, including financially.

WE HAVE 3 WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

1. **By mail** - 23 East Wells Blvd., Sapulpa, OK 74066
2. **Drop it off** - call the Church Office to arrange it. 224-1924
3. **Online** - Go to the link below and give electronically:

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=433047>

**WE ARE GLAD WE CAN NOW GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD & STUDY HIS WORD TOGETHER IN THE CHURCH-HOUSE!
 YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIFTS WILL HELP US KEEP UP WITH THE BILLS AND CONTINUE OUR RENEWED OUTREACH EFFORTS!**

Church Directory

Todd W. White -----	Pastor
Lois Mae Floyd -----	Pianist/ Organist
Mickie Shatwell -----	Evening Pianist
Derek Quinnelly -----	Greeter
Larry Byars -----	S.S. Teacher
Larry & Mary Byars, Susan Strain -----	Outreach
White Family -----	Custodians
Shirley & Brenda White -----	Flowers
Seth White -----	Sound/Video

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY
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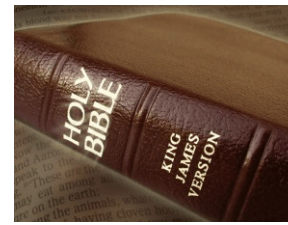
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WE WILL NEVER FORGET -





WE WILL NEVER FORGET WHO DID THIS TO US.....OR WHY.



A Tale of Three Cities: Where the Bible Versions Began

by the late Dr. David F. Reagan, Pastor
Antioch Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee
(continued from last week)

A *Tale Of Three Cities* begins in the Roman Empire during the time of Christ. The three cities (Rome, Alexandria, and Antioch) were the three largest and most influential cities in the Roman Empire. Yet, to the Christian, their influence concerning Bible corruption and preservation is of much greater importance.

As capital of the Roman Empire and the empire's largest city, **ROME** ruled the ancient world. Rome emphasized form, legalism, and tradition. Through tradition, Rome became the center of Biblical addition. The Apocrypha is one example of how Rome added to scripture. From Italy, Rome dominated the theology and spiritual life of southern Europe and northern Africa.

Alexandria, Egypt, the second largest city, was the world capital for science, education, and scholarship. Great minds gravitated to Alexandria. This home town of Philo and Origen dominated the theology of surrounding Egypt and Palestine. As is the practice of modern scholarship, Alexandria subtracted from the Word of God. ***The Alexandrian Text is still the basis of modern Bible corruptions.***

The third largest city of the empire was **Antioch of Syria**. Located in the East, Antioch dominated the regions of Syria and Asia minor, the lands of early apostolic work. Antioch was known for her luxury and cosmopolitan flavor, but also for a literal interpretation of scripture. Although belittled by the scholarship of today, the Syrian Text was the underlying basis for the King James Version of 1611.

These three cities were located in three important countries on three different continents. They represented the three major races. Why are they so important? How did these cities become so influential in the historical transmission of the Biblical Text? These questions and more are to be answered in the following text. ***But never forget that God promised to preserve His Word.*** Our greatest concern should never be to judge or criticize the Word, but to find it, then read it, study it, memorize it, obey it, teach it, preach it, and if necessary, die for it.

Last week, we looked at Alexandria. This week, we will look at the city of -

Rome

Rome is located in the country of Italy on the continent of

Europe. The date of the founding of the city of Rome is unknown. In the ancient world and in the Christian world, Rome's greatest influence was in the areas of form and organization. This influence was already increasing eight centuries before the time of Christ. Rome gained control of the Italian peninsula about 275 BC. By 133 BC, Rome governed a world empire stretching from Syria to Spain. At the time of Christ, Rome was the largest city in the world (population: 1.2 million) and was capital of the Roman Empire. It eventually became the center of the Roman Catholic Church and since 1871 has been the capital of the country of Italy.

Biblical Mention

The city of Rome is mentioned by name none times in the Bible. Of these nine references, special attention needs to be given to the one in II Timothy 1:17. The Apostle Paul wrote II Timothy while in a Roman prison, and in this epistle he praises a man named Onesiphorus because he refreshed Paul and, ***“was not ashamed of my chain: But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me” (II Tim. 1:16-17).*** Rome was, therefore, known as a place which persecuted Christians. When Constantine declared Christianity to be the state religion, this persecution did not cease. Those who stood for their beliefs still suffered at the hands of the developing church-state.

Attention also needs to be given to an indirect reference to the city of Rome in the prophetic book of Revelation. The seventeenth chapter of Revelation speaks of the mother of harlots who will be drunken with the blood of the saints. She is clearly the one world religion which will deceive multitudes during the great tribulation. The woman is said to be, ***“that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth” (Rev. 17:18).*** The identification of the city is made in verse nine which states, ***“The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.”*** Over and over again Rome is identified by ancient historians as the city of seven hills or seven mountains. Therefore, Rome will be the center of the future one world religion.

Doctrinal Development

The doctrinal development of Rome can most easily be understood by the study of three men. Although these three men were not born in Rome, they greatly influenced the city by advancing the position of Roman supremacy, by translating the Roman Catholic bible, and by establishing the Roman method of Bible interpretation.

The first man, **Cyprian** (195-258 AD), did much to develop the doctrine of Roman supremacy. During the first centuries after Christ, the churches of several large cities were elevated to high positions of respect and authority. Rome was only one of these important cities. However, Cyprian taught the doctrine of the primacy of the Roman church over the other churches. He further claimed that anyone outside the Catholic Church was lost and therefore made way for the Roman Catholic monopoly of salvation. The teachings of Cyprian were later used by Roman

Catholicism to establish its tremendous political strength over the majority of Christians during the Middle Ages.

The second man, **Jerome** (340-420 AD), is important because of his influence on the Bible. He lived as a hermit for several years. Later (with the help of several lady benefactors) he started a monastery in Bethlehem. He strongly promoted self-denial, the celibacy of the clergy, and the worship of Mary. Around 382 AD Pope Damasus commissioned him to retranslate the New Testament into Latin. He used the work of Origen to help in his translation which was later accepted as the official Roman Catholic bible. Copies of the already existing Old Latin Vulgate, which agreed more closely with the true text, were discarded and often destroyed. Jerome's Latin Vulgate triumphed at the expense of pure copies of the Word.

The third man, **Augustine** (354-430 AD), was bishop of Hippo, North Africa, for many years. Although there is not space to discuss his doctrine, his method of interpretation needs to be considered. He established what came to be known as the western type of interpretation which teaches that the scripture must conform to the interpretation of the church. Thus he led the way for the Roman Catholic requirement that bible interpretation must adapt itself to the tradition of the church.

In some ways the Romans could be compared to the Pharisees of whom Christ said, **“Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition” (Matt. 15:9)**. And again, **“But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men” (Matt. 15:9)**. Some of the unscriptural ideas of the Roman Catholic Church (such as monasticism and infant baptism) may have developed in Alexandria, but they were established as lasting traditions by Rome.

Biblical Corruption

Although Alexandrian scholarship subtracted from the Word, Roman tradition added to the Word. However opposite these approaches may seem, the two movements joined in the development of the Roman Catholic bibles. Rome took Alexandria's diluted bible and added to it according to its traditions. This resulted in the corrupted bibles which we still have with us today.

The unchanging practice of Roman Catholicism has been to place tradition above the Word. However, this practice was made a dogma at the Council of Trent in 1546. This council declared that the apocryphal books together with unwritten tradition are to be received and venerated as the Word of God. In elevating tradition, God's Word has been lowered. In truth, this makes the Word of God of none effect.

The tendency to add to the Word of God can be seen in the two most influential manuscripts of the last century, the Vaticanus and the Sinaiticus. The Vatican manuscript was discovered in the Vatican library in 1481. It was discounted by early Greek scholars but was elevated by Westcott and Hort in the translation of the Revised Version in 1881, four hundred years after its

discovery. This manuscript adds the Epistle of Barnabas as well as the apocryphal books to the text of its New Testament. The Sinaitic manuscript was found in St. Catherine's Monastery at the base of Mt. Sinai in 1844. It contains the Shepherd of Hermas and the Epistle of Barnabas in its New Testament text. This tendency to add to the Word of God can also be found in the New American Standard Version of the English bible. Located at the end of Mark in large capital letters is the word ADDITION after which follows a short paragraph. A marginal note explains that a few later manuscripts and versions contain this paragraph. Absolutely no indication is given as to whether this is the Word of God or not.

Conclusion about Rome

The New Testament was being corrupted by men who claimed to be correcting it even before all of the New Testament books were written (II Cor. 2:17). There have always been and will always be those who handle, **“the word of God deceitfully” (II Cor. 4:2)**. The two major motives for changing the word of God are Scholarship and tradition. Scholarship, as found in Alexandria, usually subtracts from the Word while tradition, as found in Rome, usually adds to the Word. These two influences explain the corrupted bibles of today. Bible study, therefore, becomes a process of multiple choice. If you like it, leave it in. If you do not like it, take it out. If you want it, but it's not there, put it in. Why allow the Bible to change us when we can so easily change the Bible?

But what of God's pure Word? Is there not a preserved Bible in existence? The answer is **yes!** God has not left Himself without an absolute witness of truth. **He has preserved His Word!** Next week, In the next chapter we will consider the power of preservation and God's use of Antioch of Syria as well as the surrounding areas of Syria and Asia Minor to keep His Word pure from the corrupting influence of man.

- continued next week

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

☐ **BIDEN DEMANDS DATA ON ALL CITIZENS' FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS** - Banking industry officials and other financial services firms are bracing for a long fight over a bill that will require banks to share consumer account information with the Internal Revenue Service to boost federal tax revenue.

This notion originally gained traction this spring within the American Families Plan by the Biden administration. But bankers and even some consumer groups have slammed it as a compliance concern and a privacy issue.

Financial institutions already provide the IRS with large quantities of data.

As part of the 3.5 trillion dollar budget reconciliation package proposed by the Biden administration, legislators are considering this invasive proposal as an income source to fund the massive budget.

The Biden administration argued that bank surveillance would prevent tax evasion, but many are obviously concerned that it's a breach of the Fourth Amendment (which protects people from unreasonable searches and seizures by the government) and would also favor those who are embracing the move towards decentralized finance and cryptocurrencies, as well as those that use off-shore accounts.

The proposals would force banks to report every deposit and withdrawal related to a bank account and would also include centralized companies such as PayPal, Venmo, (owned by PayPal), CashApp, and cryptocurrency exchanges.

This would take place on bank accounts that have an incoming or outgoing amount of \$600 within a year, meaning that most Americans would be the target of the surveillance.

The proposals would mean the IRS would have up-to-date information about how much cash is in a citizens' bank account.

“For non compliant taxpayers, this regime would encourage voluntary compliance as evaders realize that the risk of evasion being detected has risen noticeably,” the Treasury Department said when asked for comment.

The American Bankers Association, the Consumer Bankers Association, and the Bank Policy Institute wrote a letter to the Senate Subcommittee on Finance earlier in the year, arguing against the extreme surveillance measures.

In the letter, the groups argue that the “new reporting requirements for financial institutions would impose cost and complexity that are not justified by the potential, and highly uncertain, benefits.”

In an age where decentralized finance looms on the horizon, the proposals targeting the traditional banking sector would be a major increase in surveillance over the bank accounts of everyday Americans.

The Electronic Transactions Association's senior vice president of government affairs, Scott Talbott said: “From a bank perspective, the administrative challenges and complexities of having a \$600 annual threshold may not achieve the policy goals of reducing tax avoidance. At \$600, the squeeze may not be worth the juice.”

This week, the results of a survey conducted by the ICBA found that 67% of those asked were against Biden's proposal. In the event that Biden's proposed reporting measure makes it to the final phase of discussion, the sector is expected to lobby Congress to at least raise the reporting level well above \$600.

☐ **ARKANSAS GOVERNOR PUSHES BACK AGAINST BIDEN'S VACCINE MANDATE** - Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R), who chairs the National Governors Association, pushed back on President Biden's vaccine mandate for businesses with more than 100 employees on Thursday.

Biden announced Thursday he would be requiring all private businesses that have more than 100 employees to have their

employees either get the coronavirus vaccine or get tested weekly.

“I fully support continued efforts to increase vaccination rates across our nation, but the federal government mandates on private businesses are not the right answer,” Hutchinson said in a statement.

Hutchinson has been traveling around Arkansas promoting the coronavirus vaccine as the delta variant has greatly affected the state whose vaccination rates remain low.

Hutchinson, unlike some other Republican governors, has allowed employers to implement vaccine and mask mandates in their businesses if they find it necessary.

“I have been consistent in freedom of businesses to require their employees to be vaccinated, and I have opposed the government from saying businesses cannot exercise that freedom,” Hutchinson said.

“The same principle should protect the private sector from government overreach that requires them to vaccinate all employees,” he added.

Biden received immediate backlash after revealing his plan to mandate vaccines on private employers, with multiple Republican governors saying they will take the mandate to court.

☐ **IF MASKS WEREN'T ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU MISERABLE, FAUCI NOW SAYS YOU SHOULD WEAR GOGGLES** - During an interview with ABC News Wednesday night, the universally-accepted, incorruptible Dr. Anthony Fauci suggested that masks really aren't enough, and we should all be wearing goggles to protect us from the coronavirus.

“If you have goggles or an eye shield, you should use it,” Fauci stated. “It's not universally recommended, but if you really want to be complete, you should probably use it if you can.”

The comment comes as most Americans are becoming fed up with the endless shenanigans government officials are pulling and the seemingly unrelenting hardship being placed on people who simply want to return to life. As if Americans aren't miserable enough, it seems like every suggestion Fauci makes soon becomes the next executive order in mostly Democrat-run states.

☐ **CONSERVATIVE CHURCHES LEAVING THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION IN RECORD NUMBERS** - The Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) has been in rapid decline over the last decade as the shift from the failed “conservative resurgence” into the social justice agenda has fully culminated. At the hands of several progressive leaders including Russell Moore, who has now done his damage and left, and various others including seminary heads, megachurch pastors, and denominational presidents and entity heads—who have created a self-seeking leadership circuit—the denomination can no longer be considered conservative.

While there are many conservatives in the SBC still hanging on by a thread, plenty more have packed their bags and hit the road

as the progressives seem to be showing no signs of letting up.

Now, another conservative church has announced its departure from the denomination with no regrets.

Chad Everson, the pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Southaven, MS, made the announcement via his Facebook page stating that he'd sent letters to the local and state conventions as well as the Southern Baptist Convention laying out their reasons for withdrawal.

Earlier this year, another conservative SBC church withdrew from the denomination citing "biblically weak, sick, and unhealthy local churches," at the hands of Al Mohler, Russell Moore, and JD Greear, among others. Last week, another SBC church also withdrew which was announced by Amy Spreeman, a member who decided to join the church the same day the church unanimously voted to withdraw.

After the Southern Baptist Convention enlisted a pro-homosexual speaker, Boz Tchividjian, to address the entire denomination and help form "sex abuse" policies for the denomination, people have simply had enough and are ready to get out.

□ **RUDY GIULIANI: WE WENT WITH 'GUT' ON 9/11, ASKED GOD 'TO MAKE IT RIGHT'** - Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani said he and then-Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik went on "gut" and "instinct" in the moments immediately after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, telling Newsmax on Friday that without information, he asked God to "please make it right."

Giuliani said he concluded he would have to improvise after seeing a man jump from the 100th floor of one of the towers because, while the city had been training for a possible attack by Islamic terrorists since the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, it didn't have a contingency for planes being used as missiles.

"I grabbed my police commissioner Bernie Kerik and I said, 'Bernie, this is beyond anything we've done before,'" he told "Spicer & Co." on the eve of the 20th anniversary of the attacks. "'And we're just going to have to make it up. We're going to have to go with our gut."

"And then we don't want to delay, because delay is the worst thing you can do in an emergency, so sometimes we're going to go with less than all the information we need. We have to go on our gut. And then how about we say a little prayer? And we say, God, would you please make it right?"

Giuliani called New York City "basically a major emergency every week and a catastrophic one every two weeks."

And while he and his administration had been informed repeatedly by the FBI of impending terrorists' intentions, they were more expecting a "ground attack, the kind of attacks that were going on at that time in Israel, certainly not airplanes being used as missiles attacking our buildings."

"I can't tell you how often I made a decision, and I said, 'Dear God, please make it right,'" Giuliani said.

Giuliani was widely praised for his deliberate and calm demeanor during the attacks that killed more than 2,600 in New York and its aftermath, earning the title "America's mayor."

But at least in the initial minutes and hours, his appearance was more for the public than a true reflection of what was going through his mind.

"I think it was more projecting for others," Giuliani said. "You know, I had been through a lot of emergencies at that point. This was obviously much worse than any of them."

□ **SOUTHERN BAPTIST ERLC ENLISTS TWO "EXPERTS" TO DENOUNCE RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS FOR VACCINE MANDATES** - The Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) lost its long-time leader, Russell Moore, a few months ago amid growing backlash to his leftist agenda and coziness with the anti-Christian propaganda outlets. The ERLC, which has become a sort of Evangelical "Pravda" in its own rights, has been the spearhead of the Southern Baptist Convention's drift away from solid biblical theology and toward an amalgamation of Pagan culture and Christian-themed social teaching.

Russell Moore spent his entire career at the ERLC attacking conservative Christianity and building bridges with God-haters while ushering in a new form of spiritual secularism - that is, secular doctrines with a spiritual twist on them.

If anyone could make it happen, it would have been former Democrat staffer and former Dean of Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary - hand-picked by Al Mohler - Russell Moore. Whether it be Moore's breaking bread with the gay community, his softening tone on homosexuality, referring to Jesus as an "illegal alien," promotion and teaching of inherent "white guilt" by sole virtue of skin color, yoking with Democrat and socialist groups, serving as an editor for a Catholic magazine, coddling the transgender community, partnering with animal rights groups and referring to animal rights as a "gospel issue," fighting for the right to build an Islamic mosque, accepting donations from billionaire leftists like George Soros to advance open-borders and amnesty, publishing articles claiming that the Bible affirms gender fluidity, or making the absolutely asinine claim that Western culture is demonic, one thing is for certain, Russell Moore's agenda wasn't just social justice, but overtly progressive; Russell Moore was always just a leftist acting like a leftist.

Now that Moore is gone, however, the legacy he left behind at the ERLC continues to thrive. While many of its "other" leaders have also jumped ship since Moore's departure, including Josh Wester - a far-left advocate of "anti-hair discrimination in the workplace" legislation - as well as its interim president following Moore, Dan Patterson, nobody really seems to know what the fate of the ERLC actually is these days.

Hopefully, it will be hauled to the scrap yard and any assets sold and returned to the faithful tithers who've funded this junk organization for years. But time will tell.

In the meantime, the leftist propaganda continues as the ERLC

has now enlisted two anti-religious freedom "experts", Ashli and Matthew Arbo, to argue **against** religious exemptions for vaccine mandates for Christians. Arguing that most Christians who don't want to be injected with an experimental - possibly toxic-concoction-funded by an already untrustworthy government who is now forcing people to choose between taking the vaccine and keeping their livelihoods - are probably not valid religious reasons. In the article, "*How Should Christians Think about Religious Exemptions for Vaccination?*", the Arbos argue:

"In our experience, the reasons appealed to by some evangelicals for refusing vaccinations are not, strictly speaking, religious, but personal, philosophical, or political. This includes objections that invoke religious beliefs in general terms, but upon further scrutiny, appeal to other factors. Some may, for example, express concerns about infertility, or the lack of longitudinal studies, or that their employer has simply violated their rights. But none of these reasons are overtly related with the individual's religious beliefs."

They then go on to argue that, most likely, cults like the Jehovah's Witnesses or the Amish probably stand the greatest chance of being granted a religious exemption because these things are written into their confessions. They then go on to cite the far-left NBC news propaganda outlet to back their assertion that a religious exemption based on the grounds of not wanting to harm your own body is unfounded and should be rejected.

A relevant ethical question, drawn from scriptural teaching of the value of our bodies and treating them rightly, is whether vaccines harm the body. At present, there is little to no evidence that they do. Instead, data suggests that refusing vaccination risks severe illness and possibly death. At present, the unvaccinated are "29 times more likely to be hospitalized." Furthermore, refusing vaccination could lead to others experiencing bodily harm as the unvaccinated are at increased risk of transmitting the virus to others.

Of course, no consideration is given to the autonomy of the individual Christian to decide what's medically best for them, and no consideration is given to the actual mounting evidence that the currently available vaccines are nearly useless in preventing the spread of any of the new strains - appearing almost daily - of this virus. Why? Because this isn't about medicine or Christianity - this is about tyranny. And these far-left woke elites working in the top spots in Evangelical institutions claiming to represent the Christian base don't actually care about your conscience, your faith, your health, or your freedom - they only care about carrying out their intended purpose of ushering in tyranny and moving the Evangelical Church into full compliance with it.

This was by design, they were placed there for this purpose. And there is nobody in the SBC leadership who is going to do a thing to stand up for the consciences of faithful Christians; instead, they're going to hand-feed them to the anti-Christ.

□ **JOHN MACARTHUR REBUKES JOE BIDEN AND EXPLAINS WHAT THE REAL THREAT IS TO THIS**

NATION - John MacArthur took a swipe at Joe Biden who recently said that the greatest threat to this nation was systemic racism, white supremacy, and global warming. In classic John MacArthur fashion, Joe Biden gets corrected.

"Our president said in the last month that the greatest threat to America, he said on one occasion is systemic racism - which doesn't exist. He said white supremacy - which doesn't exist with any power. Then he said global warming - which doesn't exist either. And if it does, God's in charge of it. In reality, the greatest threat to this nation is the government."

□ **FORMER SBC PRESIDENT HOLDS CHARISMATIC FAITH-HEALING SERVICE DURING WORSHIP** - Steve Gaines, a former Southern Baptist Convention president, recently took his church full charismatic after holding a faith-healing service at the end of worship service. During the service, he called on members of the church who "needed healing" to come forward, be "anointed with oil," and be prayed over for healing by church leaders and deacons.

To clarify, we do not intend to mock or belittle God's ability to heal who he pleases, God can certainly heal and it is certainly biblical to ask for physical healing through prayer. But the entire act performed at Gaines' Bellevue Baptist Church this past weekend was quite the spectacle.

Many Evangelical pastors and leaders have embraced the charismatic faith-healing method of anointing with oil and laying on of hands to, in a sense, do their part to receive something from God. Francis Chan recently embraced this same theology of healing that his much more at home in the Word of Faith and Prosperity Gospel movements than they are in biblical Christianity.

Again, it is not unbiblical to ask God to heal us through prayer, but this type of production produces the same emotional response - an emotional "high" - that is elicited from faux faith-healers like Todd White (not our Pastor), Todd Bentley, and Kenneth Copeland. The production that is made out of it gives the recipient a false emotionally-driven faith that sometimes results in a placebo-like temporary healing that usually wears off once the emotional high is gone. ■

