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“The God of Hope”

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We are living in trying times. Times that try the hearts and souls of men and women and bring fear and frustration to Christians and non-Christians alike. As I type these words, we are still dealing with the issues of the Coronavirus pandemic. The unjust and inconsistent policies of governors are destroying families and businesses financially and in other ways. Mental health problems are rising because of social isolation. The death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25th sparked national and international protests. Some have taken advantage of the situation to use it as an opportunity to riot, loot and destroy public and private property resulting in the destruction of communities already suffering from poverty, unemployment, and COVID-19. Police officers and business owners have been injured and some killed during the unrest. Protestors have been injured. Anarchist and criminal gangs are taking advantage of just protest to advance their own

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“Are We Compromising?”

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Acts 1:8 “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost shall come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth”

The gospel was to spread from Jerusalem, into Judaea, and Samaria, and then to the whole world. This commission was directed to the disciples before the Holy Spirit came and formed the church. This is a commission that still applies to each and every believer today! This is a direct command for us... it is our responsibility to get the Word of God out to the world.

But are we being successful in our efforts? Are we devoted to reaching the lost with the Gospel? To share the Gospel in

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Do You See the Signal?

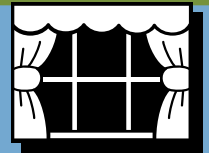
The United States of America has a very rich and proud history. Even though there are efforts to completely change our history books (rewrite them to support radical progressives and Communists), the truth of the founding fathers' dedication and sacrifice to establish the Land of the Free is inspiring. From the onset there were dangerous threats. Using the Bible as the basic foundation of principles of the Constitution to guarantee individual freedoms and especially concerning religion and worship.

One of the early threats intensified with the British headed for Boston. It was Paul Revere who established a signal to warn the colonists. In the steeple of the church he would signal "one light for land and two by sea." Then he hopped on a horse riding through the countryside warning that "the British are coming; the British are coming!"

With all that we are witnessing and experiencing in our country today makes me realize more and more that there is a real threat/battle going on, and we are right in the middle of it! Part of the battle is political and even a larger part is spiritual. The battle against abortion and the biblical definition of marriage and sexual

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From the Parsonage Window



Baby Chicks



There is no human being on the planet who isn't vulnerable to the impact of the pandemic, and it's hard to stay positive and cheerful. Some would say there isn't much to laugh about. Not so. There is always something funny to lift our spirits and lift our lips to a smile and our throats to chuckle out loud.

Our grandson works in a farm supply store. His store was allowed to stay open this spring, when most were closed. Among other things, they sold baby chickens, ducks and turkeys.

One day, he donned his mask, plastic face shield and started his work day. Two young fellows approached him that morning and asked to purchase six baby chicks. He took them to a newly received shipment of chirping yellow fuzz balls which were in a container clearly marked as chicks. With the customers examining each one, he boxed them, took them to the cash register and saw the customers out.

A short time later he walked by the container, stopped and caught his breath. Oh no, someone had mismarked them. It held baby turkeys! What could he do? He reported it to his manager who could only laugh with him as they wondered how long it would be until the new baby chick owners realized they had turkeys. To his knowledge the birds haven't been returned.

In this time when our hearts are overwhelmed, I wonder if we don't need to think about what can make us laugh. We often hear, "smiling" is good for you. The Bible says, "laughter" is even better. *"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones"* (Prov. 17:22).

Now, didn't it feel good to laugh a little. Jonathan, my grandson chuckles every time he goes by the area where the baby chicks were.

unjust causes. Anarchist have taken control of part of Seattle, Washington and threaten to spread to other cities. Angry people and some politicians are calling for the defunding and or dismantling of police departments. Police officers have resigned from special units because they are being put in a “Catch 22” position by their superiors. Instead of coming together to address the issues, our politicians in Washington DC and Harrisburg are involved in political sparing matches to gain political points for the upcoming elections. And now, the death of Rayshard Brooks, Atlanta, on June 12th has sparked the flames of another round of lawlessness. Is there any hope? Is there hope? Or is hope merely wishful thinking that things will go back to normal. Yes, there is hope, because the God of Hope has not been caught off guard by all these events.

“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost” (Romans 15:13). My friends, the God of Hope offers us joy and peace through the power of the Holy Spirit during this time of crisis and social unrest.

The Apostle Paul describes the character of our God with five descriptions of His Person (Rom. 15). Four are specific and one is implied. First, He is the God of Patience (15:5). This describes Him as the One who endures and perseveres. I am reminded of the patience of God -- “... despises thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?” (2:4). By reading the Scriptures and applying its truths to our lives we are able to emulate the patience of God. We learn from the examples of those who have gone before us so that we too might be patient and receive hope through the Scriptures (15:4).

Second, we learn that our God is the God of Consolation (15:4). He summons us near to receive help in our time of need. The Rabbis referred to the Messiah as “the consoler, the comforter” (James Strong). The word “consolation” is translated “comfort” in verse four. Not only do we receive patience by reading the Word of God, but we also receive comfort that we might have hope. When I get discouraged I sit down with my Bible and read through the Psalms and other passages looking for verses that I have underlined to renew my spirit, strengthen my faith and give me hope. The comfort that the Lord gives us during our times of trials and tribulations are to be used by us to comfort others during their times of discouragement (2 Cor. 1:3-5).

Third, our God is the God who delights in the unity of His people. He wants us to be “like minded” toward one another (15:5). The church in Rome was comprised of both Jews (2:17, et al) and Gentiles (1:13, et al). Cultural difference and differences in religious backgrounds and traditions can cause friction and disunity unless we focus upon the Lord instead of pleasing ourselves (15:1-2). Our Lord Jesus set an example for us to follow (15:3). He did not live to please Himself. He lived to please His Heavenly Father and to minister to others (Matt. 20:28). Too often we focus on pleasing ourselves, when we should focus upon edifying our Christian brothers and sisters (Rom. 15:2). There are many exhortations in the Pauline epistles for us to be like minded (Rom. 12:16; Phil. 2:1-2, 5-7; 4:2 & Col. 3:1-2).

Fourth, our God is the God of Peace (Rom. 15:33; 16:20; Phil. 4:9; 1Thess. 5:23; Heb. 13:20). “We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5:1-5). We who were enemies of God have been reconciled by God Himself (Rom. 5:10) that we might enjoy the peace He offers us. Unfortunately, we often live our lives without enjoying the peace we have with God. Too often we live self-centered lives seeking the pleasures of this world which can never bring peace. Too often, we resist the Holy Spirit who leads us in the way of righteousness. Let us walk in peace by obeying the Lord and living in peace with all men (Rom. 12:18; Heb. 12:14).

Fifth, our God is the God of Hope (Rom. 15:13). This is the only time in the Bible that the phrase is used. However, the concept permeates the Old and New Testaments. Verse nine in our passage implies that God extended His “mercy” to the Gentiles. Both the words “hope” and “mercy” are full of deep theological meaning and significance in the Old Testament. I believe that the Greek word translated “mercy” should be understood with an understanding of the Hebrew word *hesed* which is translated mercy, kindness, lovingkindness, goodness, kindly, merciful, and favor in the King James Version (Strong’s). It refers to God’s steadfast loyal love. The Apostle Paul quotes from four Old Testament passages to emphasize that the God of Hope has extended His mercy to the Gentiles. As such, I believe that this is another example of the love of God to the sinners throughout the world (John 3:16, et al), and that our God is not a racist. We cannot allow some people to use the Bible to defend their racial bigotry. The God of Hope offers His mercy, love, and salvation to people of all nationalities and ethnic groups. We must emulate the God of Hope by loving our neighbors (red, yellow, black, and white) if they are to come to the God of Hope. Our Lord told us that we are to love one another as He loves us, and that our love for one another is the way that the world will know that we are His disciples (John 13:34, 35).

The God of Hope invites the nations (Gentiles) to receive His mercy and glorify Him (Rom. 15:9; Ps. 18:49). As such we are to join with them to confess His name and sing unto His name. I am so thankful that our church is privileged to be a multi-ethnic church family. We have the privilege of seeing and experiencing the unity and love of God’s people. “And again” (Rom. 15:10), the Holy Spirit has Paul quote Moses, “rejoice, ye Gentiles, with His people” (Deut. 32:43). Paul then draws from the psalter, “Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud Him, all ye people” (Rom. 15:11; Ps. 117:1). From the very beginning of national Israel, the Lord gave them a missionary purpose. Israel failed to fulfill their God given missionary mandate to evangelize the Gentiles. Israel went from one extreme to the other in the Old Testament. They either adopted the ways of the Gentiles into their worship or they were so separated that they failed to reach out to the Gentiles. We need balance, wisdom, grace, and mercy as we seek to take the message of hope from the God of Hope to a lost and dying world in need of hope and the Savior.

Paul quotes Isaiah who focused upon the coming Messiah (Rom. 15:12; Isa. 11:10). Of course you and I know that our Lord Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of all the Messianic promises. The God of Hope has provided a root of Jesse to reign over the nations (Gentiles). They shall trust in Him. It is interesting that some protesters are seeking some sort of utopia. They want to defund or abolish police departments. They believe naively that citizens will become law abiding people when there is no one available to enforce the laws. What I find interesting is that there will be one thousand years of peace when King Jesus rules from Jerusalem. Yet at the end of the millennial kingdom, Satan will be released from his prison. He will gather the unsaved born during the one thousand years of peace to battle against the Righteous Judge (Rev. 20:7-9). Men, women, boys, and girls need a Savior. They need to come to the God of Hope to give them deliverance

Churches Searching for Pastor

As of August 15, 2020

First Baptist Church – Corry
 Grace Baptist Church – Hazleton
 First Baptist Church – Roulette
 Carmel Baptist Church – Saegertown
 Tidioute Baptist Church – Tidioute
 Calvary Baptist Church – Union City
 Worthington Baptist Church – Worthington



Next Town Evangelism – Faith Baptist Church, Bradford

Pray for Pastor Gary Smith as he is in need of PARBC Churches supporting him and thus be able to receive matching funds from the PARBC for his support in his effort to build back up FBC.

2020-2021 Activities for Our Fellowship

Fall Conference – September 14-16, 2020
 Calvary Baptist Church, Jersey Shore
 Hosts: Pastor Jeff Howell & Congregation

Youth Retreat and Talents for Christ
 Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg
DATE: April 16-17, 2021
 See www.parbc.org (Teen Activities)

Spring Conference – April 12-13, 2021
 First Baptist Church of Ogden, Boothwyn
 Hosts: Pastor Dan Hicks & Congregation

Fall Conference – September 13-15, 2021
 Hope Baptist Church, Hanover
 Hosts: Pastor Allen G. Harris & Congregation

Future Dates for Conferences are on our website • www.parbc.org

from the bondage of their sin. They need to be delivered from the power of their sin. They need to be delivered from the penalty of their sin. Yes, the God of Hope gives the hope of salvation to everyone who believes (1 Thess. 5:8; Rom. 1:16; 10:13).

The God of Hope ministers to us by filling us with joy and peace (Rom. 15:13). Because He is the God of Peace (15:33), He is able to fill us with peace. This ministry comes through faith (in believing, 15:13). Grace, salvation, and faith are gifts from God (Eph. 2:8-9). We must exercise faith to please Him. He has promised to reward those who diligently seek Him (Heb. 11:6). Because faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17), it is important that we not allow the voices of this world to distract us from the voice of God through the Word of God (Rom. 12:1-2). In ourselves we are powerless to be what the God of Hope wants us to be. It is impossible for us to abound in hope in our flesh. Praise God that the God of Hope empowers us through the Holy Spirit to be filled with all joy and peace through faith to abound in hope. Scriptural hope is not wishful thinking. Biblical hope is the steadfast assurance and confidence that what God promises us He is able to accomplish in us through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are regenerated by the Holy Spirit (John 3:3, 7). We are exhorted to walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16, 25). It should not be a surprise to us that joy and peace come to us by believing in the God of Hope who empowers us through the Holy Spirit. Too many times we serve the Lord in the flesh. Is it any wonder that we then lose the joy of the Lord in serving Jesus? Let us focus upon the God of Hope who alone gives joy and peace during trying times and discouragement.

The southern tip of Africa used to be called “Cape of Tempests.” Its swirling seas and continuously adverse weather conditions caused sailors great anxiety and took many lives. But a certain Portuguese, determined to find a safer route through those seas to the renowned Land of Cathay, discovered a safer passage round this promontory. And the area was renamed the “Cape of Good Hope.” (Paul Lee Tan, *Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations: Signs of the Times* (Garland, TX: Bible Communications, Inc., 1996), 565.)

My friends there is a safer passage in this world of chaos and turmoil. Let us walk in the light of the Word of God. Let us follow the Savior, Jesus Christ, the root of Jesse, who shall reign on earth some day during the thousand years of peace. Let us place our faith, trust and hope in the God of Hope who offers us joy and peace through the power of the Holy Spirit.

“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost” (Romans 15:13).

our day, it takes **direction and power**...Jesus promised us power in this verse **“But ye shall receive power.”**

Clearly it should be **our priority today** to get out the Word of God, but there is no power in us...there is no power in the church building. But there **IS** power in the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that moves a person, moves the church...but the big question is whether or not we permit Him to do so. **“Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.”**

Man has compromised...many churches have compromised...are we standing up for the Lord and what we know we should be doing, or have our churches become more of a social affair?

I Kings 18:21 **“And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him . And the people answered him not a word.”**

Elijah challenged the people of Israel to take a stand for the Lord. Elijah knew what was in the hearts of the people. They were **pretending to worship** the Lord, but they were also worshipping Baal. The people were silent in their response for they knew they were guilty of sin!

Elijah in this verse defines **“compromise”** for us in a biblical way...**“to be divided in opinion and action”**. To compromise on belief is to compromise on everything that our live touch.

We must not compromise God’s plan for us... with worldliness!

We are in the midst of a great pandemic right now and many churches have been unable to meet together. Social Media has helped some churches, but many don’t have that avenue available to them...folks are hurting, folks are dying, folks are not working. We need the Lord more now than ever, but instead of turning to God many are turning to a lost world full of things that may temporarily ease the pain like drugs, and alcohol...all tools in Satan’s backpack of deception and lies.

Many lukewarm Christians will fade from the Lord and His church during this time...**Sunday worship** is becoming just another day of the week for many...many enjoy social media too much...for they can turn the pastor on or off and the best thing is **“we don’t have to tithe.”** Folks are heard to say **“I like church at home...maybe I won’t go back when the doors open.”**

Satan loves it when we compromise!

Satan is a real person with a personality; he has intellect, emotion and will. He has great power, but he is not omnipotent. He has great wisdom, but he is not omniscient. He does not know all things present, nor does he know anything future. He is present every where to tempt us as believers, but he is not omnipresent.

Satan’s time is short lived. Jesus said as He was facing the cross: **John 12:31** **“Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world (Satan) be cast out”**

Satan is powerful, but Jesus is much **more powerful**...you and I are delivered from his reign of spiritual darkness because of Christ’s victory on that cross at Calvary.

On the night before Jesus died , Jesus said: **John 16:11** **“...the prince of this world is judged”**. Jesus death on the cross was a **“judgment”** of Satan and eventually he will be cast into the **lake of fire** at the future coming of Jesus in judgment.

Satan and his power are not eternal!

Revelation 20: 10 “ *And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.*”

Many don't believe that Satan even exists. Some pastors won't preach on the reality of Hell... it's too sad...it's called compromise!

Transition to Today

The church of Jesus Christ has been marginalized...it is no longer the central focus of main stream America as it is moving away from the Christian ethic.

Abortion is not murder...it's now called “pro-choice” or “family planning.”

Sodomy is no longer a sin...it's called an “alternative lifestyle.”

Pornography is no longer demoralizing...it's just “adult entertainment.”

Compromise has become a real part of our daily lives!

Matthew 24:12 “ *And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold*”

With false teaching and loose morals comes a loss of love for the Lord and others...sin turns away our love for others by turning our focus in life to self.

Matthew 24:24 “*For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect*”

The only way to keep from being deceived...to focus on Jesus and His words. In the midst of persecution even strong believers can be easily deceived.

Who would have thought that our colleges, schools, and even independent churches would have gone to great lengths to change what we believe, take control over our lives, and place all kinds of restrictions on what we are free to do.

For the Christian, this is very concerning, and puts God's plan for His church in jeopardy. God's plan for many lives seem to be “placed on hold, until further notice.”

Our Government cannot force us to think a certain way, but they can try to change what we believe through control of education, and legislation...leading folks away from what God teaches in His Word.

Evil is very prevalent in this world and legislation can only restrain evil...it can't make folks love each other. *What wins the battle for our minds will determine who or what controls us, and then our choices, then ultimately our actions, for what we truly believe, we act upon.*

2 Timothy 3: 1-5 “*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. (2) For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. (3) without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, (4) traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;(5) having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away*”

Paul's descriptive list of behaviors in the last days describes our current world and unfortunately many Christians who have compromised the Gospel.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 “ *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (4) for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to be pulling down of strong holds; (5) casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against*

the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

The Christian **must choose** whose methods to use, God's or the world's! God's mighty weapons include prayer, faith, hope, and love. No compromise...for God's Word is powerful and effective.

Acts 1:8 "...Ye shall be witnesses unto me" our witness is not to the world., but to Jesus. **"In Jerusalem"** is our back yard...our home town where we are to be a witness for Jesus.

"All Judaea" is our community. **"Samaria"** is all the folks we don't usually spend time with, but they need the gospel. We have the responsibility to get the Word of God to anyone and everyone we encounter in our lives.

It not just up to the pastor and the officials of the church...its up to all of us! We each need to ask ourselves the question **"What is my witness for Jesus Christ!"**

How can we cope and avoid compromising with all that is going on in our world?

2 Peter 3: 3-4 "knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts (4) and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation"

Any compromise with the world, whether in doctrine, morals, or relationships, has disastrous consequences. The outward damage may not be visible at first, but compromise with the world brings corruption into ones life and thus into God's church.

Satan is good at ensnaring believers...He's not up-front about the consequences of compromise with the world. He makes it look good. He makes it seem wholesome and it might feel just-right at the moment.

Satan doesn't approach a person and ask whether you want to become a drunk or drug addict, he doesn't ask whether you would like to have venereal disease or a baby out of wedlock, or have an abortion. Instead he says, **"You need to relax and feel good, your under a lot of pressure...your friends are all doing it...don't hold back...don't spoil the fun...go on use that drug, pop that pill, take that drink."** Then he ensnares the person and we compromise.

Today the battle rages over established truths:

1. The Biblical role of men and women in the home...whose in charge.
2. Did God design marriage?... For any two or three or more and of what gender?
3. Why marry... **"let's just try it out to see if we like it!"**
4. Whether God created mankind **"male and female"**...and can we change who we are if we were not happy with how we are born?
5. Whether children in the womb are human beings ...created in God's image, or just a hand full of tissue?

Many ask the question: **"What happened to good old common sense?"**

Conclusion

At the bottom of this **"compromise"** is sin-rebellion against God and His will for us...and Satan himself.

The only answer for man and his rebellion against the Lord is a **renewed mind.**

Proverbs 4:23-27 "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. (24) Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. (25) Let thine eyes

look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. (26) Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. (27) Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.”

It's in our hearts where our feelings of love and desire are formed and dictate how we live.

*Solomon says we need to concentrate on those desires that keep us on the **right path!** Put boundaries on your desires: don't go after everything you see or want. Look forward and keep your heart and mind on what God wants for you. Avoid detours and short-cuts that make us compromise.*

Philippians 4:8 “Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

*Paul says the things we put into our minds determines what comes out in our words and actions. We are to program our minds (**not with compromise**) but with thoughts that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous, and worthy of praise!*

Above all else we need to draw closer to the Lord by reading His Word and praying.

Signal—Continued

identity are intensifying. Just a few week ago I was asked what sexual preference I wanted to identity with before seeing a new doctor.

It seems like every other day our government is making new edicts for us to follow. The very privilege and freedom to assemble in church is constantly put in question by our elected leaders. It has become frustrating and insulting. I see an extremely serious threat developing against churches in America even more so in 2020. I feel a need to be like Paul Revere and light the lantern and send a signal to all our churches “stand steadfast” and do not let them take away our right, our freedom to assemble in our churches. They are misusing COVID19 to do it now. What will they use tomorrow?

Scripture declares: “forsake not the assembling of yourselves together.” The Lord commands us not to stop assembling. However, there are some governors that are determined to close churches. Not just here in Pennsylvania, but in California the governor has specifically closed churches. One pastor is going to court because of the effort to stop to the assembling of his flock. Another pastor has been threatened by his mayor to turn off the church's water and remove the electric meter if they do not stop assembling. What has happened to our good old USA? Abortion clinics are “essential”, liquor stores and others are declared “essential”, but churches are not. Out on the west coast government is forcing churches to stop assembling. Yet in Democratic controlled cities across the fruited plain demonstrators /protestors are allowed to threaten citizens and burn and destroy historic monuments and private and public property.

I am ready to get on my horse and declare “it is not the British coming – it is the lib-

erals and the progressives and the communists that are not only coming – **THEY ARE HERE!!!**” Satan has his key people lined up. The battle is raging and we Christians need to be Standing Fast.

In the twenty years I pastored at Marsh Creek Fellowship Baptist Church in Well-boro, PA, (before coming the PARBC State Rep.) there is a song in the hymnal that was frequently requested in our Sunday evening sing-spiration time entitled “Hold the Fort.”

“Ho! my comrades, see the signal
waving in the sky!
Reinforcements now appearing
victory is nigh!”
Refrain:
“Hold the fort, for I am coming,”
Jesus signals still,
wave the answer back to Heaven,
“By Thy grace we will.”
2 See the mighty host advancing
Satan leading on;
Mighty men around us falling,
Courage almost gone. [Refrain]
3 See the glorious banner waving,
hear the bugle blow;
In our Leader’s Name we triumph
Over every foe. [Refrain]
4 Fierce and long the battle rages,
but our help is near;
onward comes our great Commander
Cheer, my comrades, cheer! [Refrain]

The hatred against the Gospel and Christians is magnified. There is no question the battle is intensifying to such a degree that churches in the United States of America may soon face so much resistance and persecution that we will be forced underground like communist Russia, communist Venezuela and communist Cuba!

So, while we still have opportunity to stand up for Christ and speak up for truth and righteousness let each of us and all of us be found faithful doing so. The signal is lit in the steeple and I can hear the rider on the horse warning everyone. We have very little time to act!

PARBC Fall Conference **September 14-16, 2020**

Calvary Baptist Church
Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania

Monday – 9/14

- 3pm - Revelation 2:1-7 (Ephesus) - State Rep. Paul Connor
- 4pm - Revelation 2:8-11 (Smyrna) - Dr. Charles Dear
- 7pm - Revelation 2:12-17 (Pergamum) - Pastor Donn Hauser

Tuesday - 9/15

- 9am - Revelation 2:18-29 (Thyatira) - Pastor Drew Fenstermacher
- 10am - Prayer Time
- 10:30 - Break and Fellowship
- 11am - Revelation 3:1-6 (Sardis) - Pastor Jeff Kistler
- 1:30pm - Fellowship Annual Business Meeting – Dr. Chick Dear
- 3:30-5pm - Question & Answers, Glen Lavy, Esq., Corp. Counsel,
Alliance Defending Freedom
- 7pm - “Salt & Light in This Increasing Darkness” - Glen Lavy

Wednesday – 9/16

- 9am - Revelation 3:7-13 (Philadelphia) – Pastor Dave Maitland
- 10am - Prayer Time – Pastor Todd Baker
- 10:30am - Break Time & Fellowship
- 11am - Revelation 3:14-22 (Laodicea) – Pastor Jeff Howell

