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Dear Christian leader and
co-defender on the spiritual ramparts
guarding the soul of America:

Enclosed you will find a lawsuit drafted under inescapable urgency and, I believe, under leading of the Spirit of God. Its jurisdiction is not in the courts of men but in the Courts of the Lord.

During twenty years in the private practice of law in perhaps the largest court district in the nation, I have drafted hundreds, if not thousands, of Complaints and filed many lawsuits. Although no action at law is to be taken lightly and can portend significant import, never have I labored under such a profound sense of both temporal and eternal consequences of my labor. I can assure you that while the enclosed Complaint and Plea was drafted urgently, it was not prepared hurriedly.

Perhaps I should open a window on my own background. From 1975 through 1993, I spoke hundreds of times to churches, civic, political and business groups, always translating principles of God's Kingdom from a businessman's and lawyer's viewpoint. In eight of those years, I served as a volunteer pastor among others in a large Southern California congregation. I currently pastor a small congregation; discipling leaders and encouraging pastors toward unity and revival in Richmond, Virginia, the birthplace of America.

I devoted three years of my life, from 1975 through 1978, walking a thousand miles door-to-door in two campaigns for the California State Legislature. It was during the interim between those two campaigns that I received what seemed to be an urgent call of God to "speak to my Church at large." Despite the sense of nearly overwhelming urgency, it appeared the time was not yet.

And so for 14 years I labored in the courts of men under that burden, until 1992, when the Lord spoke profoundly in my spirit, confirming the season of his call, and leading me to leave the courts of men to plea His cause in the land. In July 1992, having formed Save America Ministries as "A VOICE to the Church, A VISION for the Nation," the Lord directed our family to leave thirty years of business, political, and ministry investment in Southern California, and to remove to Richmond, Virginia...a city that perhaps more than any other symbolizes both the "blessing and baggage" of our nation's history, where the "Cross of the Covenant" was first planted in 1607.

We obeyed by faith, asking, "How long Lord must we wait? Will you again speak to your Church? How? When? And then it came. The Lord moved so urgently upon my heart that I

could not resist. In agony of spirit, the words began to pour forth. I intentionally stopped at two thirty-day intervals to "test the Spirit."

After six days of prayer and fasting on the shoulder of "America's Mountain," I received release and inspiration to complete the document. From Pike's Peak was inspired that beloved musical prayer that has bathed our nation during the "American Century"... "America, America, God shed His grace on thee." With solemn reverence, in the spirit of that prayer, I served the enclosed Summons and Complaint and Open Plea on 300 national Christian leaders preceding solemn assemblies in the Fall of 1996 at both Washington D.C. and St. Louis. It is NOW the SECOND and LAST time it has been and will be served, this time to 250. This may well be His FINAL WARNING.

A lawsuit is, in many respects, an invitation to settle. God is not intent on taking His case to Judgment. But, unlike the settlement of civil actions in the courts of men, God will not compromise. We must "settle" on His terms. The choice is ours. America's spiritual destiny lies in the balance.

The King of Kings is coming! The trumpet has begun to sound. But He promises He is not coming back for a Bride with spot, wrinkle, or any such thing. We should be embarrassed. "Shame hath devoured the labor of our fathers" (Jeremiah 3:24). But we "were not at all ashamed, neither could we blush" (Jeremiah 6:15). Therefore the Lord has declared, "Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word..." (Jeremiah 7:1-2).

And so it is done! "If MY people...."

Yours for a Revived Church
and a Restored Nation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Crismier III".

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Addendum: Another "solemn assembly" has now been announced titled "The Return" to be held in our nation's Capitol on September 26, 2020. Unless there is a radical change of heart among Christian leaders from the self-righteous spirit of the Culture Wars that has prevailed since 1976 and in all previous solemn assemblies which God could not hear (Amos 5:21-24), further spiritual obfuscation before a patient yet just God will spell the demise of "the last best hope of earth." We stand now on a historical precipice. Will this Gentile Christian nation follow the persistent trajectory of Israel's continued rebellion?..or RETURN in repentance beginning in "MY SANCTUARY"?

A CALL TO RETURN

DESPERATE TIMES CALL FOR DESPERATE MEASURES, and this is such a time for the American Church. The world sees that something is desperately wrong in our nation, but knows not how to fix it. This is because the answer cannot be found by worldly means or wisdom. *America's only hope lies in a wholehearted return to the God who made her great, in a genuine revival of Biblical proportions.*

“Revival” is a word often used in the Church today, and perhaps more often misused. So what is “a revival?” A revival, as demonstrated in the history of God’s people (both in Scripture and in the Church), is:

- A sovereign move of the Most High God;
- Orchestrated by God, not man;
- “Not worked up, but prayed down” as Leonard Ravenhill once said. We cooperate with God by persistent, prevailing prayer. However, we do not create nor earn a revival;
- **A RETURN** of God’s people to Himself through repentance;
- **A RETURN** of God’s power and presence to His Church, resulting in God’s name being glorified, God’s people being revitalized in love, faith and obedience, and in the lost being brought to a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Genuine revival will (must) include:

- Conviction of sin, leading to the cleansing of our lives and a heart’s desire to please God;
- A rekindling of love for Christ; lukewarmth destroyed, passion restored;
- A burden for souls, leading to salvation. A true revival not only revives the saved, but saves the lost;
- Restored hunger for and experience of the Spirit’s power and presence in our lives and churches;
- Societal transformation. Genuine revival of the magnitude to which we refer (and which we so desperately need) must bear the fruit of godly change in the society around us;
- Cleansing the altar of God’s Church. This invites the Spirit’s fire to fall, and endues God’s people with His power once again. Such a Church is impossible for the world to ignore or explain away, for true spiritual power demands a response, whether love or hatred.

A.W. Tozer wrote, “We must know again that awe-inspiring mystery which comes upon men and churches when they are full of the power of God.” This is the great need of our day, and the purpose of this book is to be one of the many voices humbly and lovingly urging the people to God to return.

It is a return to our FIRST LOVE, to faith-filled fellowship with Christ, to the power of the Spirit, and to our intended place of authority and Godly influence. Such a return is America’s only hope.

It is time to seek the Lord.

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*How does God
call a nation
to repentance?*

*He sends a
VOICE!*

What does “the voice” say?

- It **reveals** the error of personal and corporate ways.
- It **rebukes** for failure to follow God’s ways.
- It **reproves** for failure to do judgment and justice.
- It **repents** corporately while leading the people to repent personally.
- It **revives** the spiritual attentiveness of the people.
- It **renews** the spiritual attentiveness of the people.
- It **reconciles** men to God and to one another.
- It **rebuilds** the waste places.
- It **repairs** the breach.
- It **restores** the ancient paths to dwell in.

To whom is “the voice” directed?

- It is directed to the Church... “My people.”
- It is directed in rebuke to pastors who fail to teach the whole truth, lead by holy example, protect from error, and heal the people.

- It is directed to prophets who falsify, twist and lighten the clear Word of God in favor of the profits in money, merchandising, manipulation and men's adulation.
- It is directed first to the spiritual "power brokers"...those in public ministry...then to the civil power brokers of the day, politicians, corporations and businessmen.

Is "the voice" validated by God or men?

- God sends and inspires "the voice" because men have gone their own way.
- Spiritual leaders, as a whole, are generally last to validate "the voice," if ever.
- The people may, or may not follow or validate "the voice." Whether they follow or not is irrelevant to its validity.

How is "the voice" identified as being from God?

- It is like a trumpet call.
- It shakes, disturbs, confronts, reveals motives and discerns thoughts.
- It confronts principles, principalities and powers rather than personalities.
- It warns while providing hope for willing hearers.
- It speaks to the people rather than through political or spiritual power brokers.
- It is uncompromising.
- It is good news to the poor and the common man but upsetting to the prim and proper.
- It exalts the Word of God above all else.
- It brings both the Spirit and Truth into harmony for true worshipers.
- It exalts Jesus Christ while lessening self.
- It builds God's Kingdom rather than personal kingdoms.

Does God send more than one voice?

- God may send more than one messenger, but the messengers sound with one voice.

When does God send "the voice?"

- God sends "a voice" in the fulness of time...His time.
- God sends "a voice" when men have become tuned to every voice but His.
- God sends "a voice" when His own Church has lost its voice.

Presented By...

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5 **BEFORE THE HOLY ANGELS**
6 **AND THE**
7 **COURT OF HEAVEN ASSEMBLED**

8 LORD OF NATIONS
9 JEHOVAH GOD, THE "I AM",
10 Plaintiff,

11 vs.

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AND MANAGERS; AND CHRISTIAN
PUBLISHERS,
Defendants.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT FOR:

1. SPIRITUAL BREACH OF COVENANT
2. SPIRITUAL MALPRACTICE
3. SPIRITUAL MISREPRESENTATION
4. SPIRITUAL CONVERSION (TAKING ANOTHER'S PROPERTY)
5. SPIRITUAL FRAUD

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16 YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, WE, AND EACH OF US, ARE SUED upon the pleadings
17 set forth herein, upon the statutes and judgments of the Word of God as set forth in the Scriptures from
18 Genesis to Revelation; upon the testimonies and warnings of the prophets; upon the unprecedented
19 Christian heritage of America in the annals of human history; and upon the uncontrovertible evidence of
20 moral and spiritual darkness in the land.

21 You, and each of you, must respond to this Court within thirty days, after repentant and
22 contrite soul-searching, and you must further register your receipt of this summons and suit by appearing
23 forthwith in prayer in response to the attached ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.

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26 By Order of God Almighty,
27 Supreme Judge of Nations,
and the Court of Heaven Assembled
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17 YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, WE, AND EACH OF US, ARE HEREBY ORDERED, by
18 the SUPREME JUDGE of the universe and by His Son, who shall judge in righteousness, to appear
19 forthwith before the Great Throne of God to Show Cause, if any there be, why we should not be held in
20 contempt of His Holy Word, be stripped of our ambassadorship from the Kingdom of God, and be held to
21 account for: (1) leading an insurrection against God's authority and the authority of His Word, (2) failure
22 to faithfully deliver the entirety of God's Word to this generation, (3) building personal kingdoms instead
23 of God's kingdom, (4) building churches instead of making disciples, and (5) undermining the integrity of
24 his holy name and Kingdom.
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27 _____
God Almighty,
Judge Presiding
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CAUSES OF ACTION

I. **Spiritual Breach of Covenant**

“Know therefore and see...that thou has forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my fear is not in thee....” “Thou saidst, I will not transgress; when...thou wanderest, playing the harlot.” “How canst thou say, I am not polluted?” “Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely His anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned.” “...the Lord has rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt no prosper in them.” Jeremiah 2:19-37

“For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the Lord.” Jeremiah 23:11

II. **Spiritual Malpractice**

We have failed to meet the Father’s standard of care in leading the household of faith. The prophet and priest “have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace, when there is no peace.” Jeremiah 8:11

“My tabernacle is spoiled...The pastors...have not sought the Lord: their flocks shall be scattered.” Jeremiah 10:20-21

III. **Spiritual Misrepresentation**

We have taught the love and mercy of God but have declined to preach the fear of the Lord and the judgment of God. Because the fear of the Lord is just the beginning of wisdom, the people lack even rudimentary wisdom temporally and lack ability to measure the consequences of eternal judgment.

The people are “slidden back by a perpetual backsliding. No man repented him of his wickedness, saying, “What have I done?” “...my people know not the judgment of the Lord.” Jeremiah 8:5-7

“Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain. They say unto them that despise me, The Lord hath said you shall have peace.” They “cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness.” Jeremiah 23:16-32

“Through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the Lord.” Jeremiah 9:6

IV. **Spiritual Conversion**

Conversion, in the legal sense, is the wrongful act of taking dominion over another’s property without consent. We have taken God’s Church and called it “My” church. We have taken His ministry and called it “My” ministry. We have devised clever ways to induce people to become part of “OUR” ministry. Yet HIS ministry and flock has not grown a net of 1% in the last generation.

“Every one from the least unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.” Jeremiah 8:10

“Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of MY pasture! Saith the Lord.” Jeremiah 23:1

V. Spiritual Fraud

We have manipulated the people for money. We have induced them to give under false pretenses. We have promised blessing without the burden of obedience. We have lured the people into believing they can be saved without repenting, that the nation can be revived without repentance in the Church. And the people have relied on our fraudulent gospel “lite,” unaware that it is leading them to eternal damnation and the nation to temporal destruction.

“For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is gen to covetousness: from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.” “Will ye steal, murder,, and commit adultery, and swear falsely...and come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?” Jeremiah 6:13, 7:9-10

SAITH THE LORD:

“Shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?” Jeremiah 9:9

When Jeremiah made an end of speaking...the priests, and the prophets, and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die. And all the people gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. Jeremiah 26:9

What will be the response of America’s spiritual leadership?

FINAL ARGUMENT
An Open Plea to the Leadership
of the Church in America

SERVED 11 1996

God has a controversy with HIS people!

Whenever His people strayed, God has always first confronted the pastors, priests, and potentates, both wooing and warning. He reserved the sternest rebuke for the waywardness of the leaders of His people. And He denounced the heart motives that prepared the breeding ground for national moral and spiritual decay.

When God wanted to revive His people, He called first for the return of the leaders, pastors, priests, and prophets. The revival message has never changed, nor has the revival method. As leaders, We must repent!

For ninety days, through tears and agony of soul, I wrestled over this letter. My flesh cried, "No", but the burden in my spirit was unrelenting. Following a week of prayer and fasting on the shoulder of Pike's Peak from which was inspired the beloved ----"America, America, God shed His grace on thee," I found assurance that the message was indeed from God's heart. As you read, may God, indeed, shed His grace on you. Hopefully mercy and truth will meet as we open our hearts together.

Having pleaded the cause of men as an attorney for twenty years in the courts of men, I must now, on retainer to the King of Kings, plea His cause in the land. As a co-worker on the parapets of the decaying walls guarding the soul of our nation, may I, with tears, plead my case? The evidence has been overwhelmingly presented for twenty years by both media and ministry. It is time for summation.

Evidence reveals the non-believing world has readily seen through the radical inconsistency of profession vs. practice in the Christian community, yet we have been either unwilling or unable to recognize it in ourselves. We are outraged by their seeming violent reaction to our voice for moral standards while they are outraged by our hypocrisy in attempting to assert moral authority out of a morally corrupted household of faith.

Still we continue to talk to ourselves in moral outrage as if we cannot understand why our message has been marginalized. We stand convicted by the world outside but unconvicted by the Spirit inside. Yet the Lord of Nations has been trying to speak to His Church on this matter for at least four years through the "mouth of a donkey"...the secular media. Must he crush our foot also?

Let me ask you a soul-searching question. Don't answer too quickly.

Is Belief in God
Killing America?

Please prayerfully consider and compare these simple evidentiary facts gleaned from George Gallup, George Barna, the Los Angeles Times, and advertisers, Patterson and Kim.

	The Testimony	vs.	The Truth
Now 85%	92% of America believes in God		91% of Americans lie regularly, conscious, premeditated lies. This means at least 75% of born-again Christians intentionally lie regularly.
Now 75%	82% of America claims to be "Christian" in general belief.		78% of America believes we are in severe moral decline.
	40% of America claims to be born-again, evangelical, Bible-believing Christians		<p>Yet</p> <p>96% of America's parents believe they are doing a good or excellent job in teaching their children moral values.</p> <p>And only</p> <p>11% of Americans believe their own lives and behavior have contributed in any way to our moral decline.</p>
	23% of all non -Christians ever married are divorced.		30% of all fundamentalist Christians ever married are divorced. <i>Now Cohabiting,</i>
	NOW - the divorce <u>rate</u> among pastors has approximated the nation at large.		

Do you agree with the two pastors, one black and one white, and with the three callers who participated in my daily radio broadcast, *VIEWPOINT*, that, indeed, it appears that belief in God is killing America? It may be the most politically or spiritually incorrect question you will ever answer. But I am convinced it is true.

From sea to not-so-shining sea, "We the people" (along with the Devil himself) believe IN God! From coast to coast and north to south, neither pastor, priest, potentate, or people really believe God. Our lips drip with religious rhetoric, but our lives display rebellion and unrighteousness. And God has a controversy both with the land and His people. From the Church house to the White House, our national motto has become, "I'll do it my way!"

For twenty years since our nation's bicentennial, we have been praying to God to heal our land. Twenty years of prayer must lead us beyond conservative rhetoric. But how do we get from the congress to the Cross? First - we must, without forsaking our civil duties, forsake our passion for power in favor of a passion for purity. We must come to God on His terms. We must humble ourselves.

America's Only Hope

America is besieged by the combined forces of human selfishness and rebellion coupled with open assault from hell itself. But **WE CANNOT REGAIN OUR CULTURE WITHOUT FIRST REGAINING CHRIST!** The Christian message has lost its persuasive authority in the land because Christ's message has lost its authority in the life of the Church. We must turn from rhetoric to righteousness. What I CAN DO is first defined by what I MUST BE.

Righteousness involves more than right “standing” with God. It involves right living. Right living requires right teaching and right preaching. For two, if not three, generations the pursuit of happiness has become our gospel, and greed has become our creed. God called us to holiness, but we preferred happiness. And now we are neither holy nor happy.

Right living also requires right methods of ministry. We learned, as leaders, to love the accolades of men but spurned the fear of the Lord. Now we are addicted to placating the people’s need and greed. Fearing the people, we plea to the God we spurned to deliver us from the consequences of our prostitutions of His truth. And God has a controversy with the pastors and para-church leaders of His people. We must repent! Publicly! It is America’s only hope!

Divine Compassion

Divine compassion is most often displayed by God’s warning to His people. He has declared by His prophets His intentions for cities, nations, and people groups. He has begged them to consider the dire consequences that will be precipitated by their continued pursuit of unrighteous conduct. Unrighteous ways, when continued, release untempered warning, and finally, destruction.

My friends, we have witnessed and winced at twenty years of warning since our nation’s bicentennial. We have seen the handwriting on the wall, but we have not been moved. If the warning signature of God means nothing in the land of the free, perhaps we will listen to the wooing and wrathful VOICE of His prophets...or...we will of necessity inhabit the home only of the brave.

Of Prophets and Profits

Profits have become the defining word of evangelical success. The criterion for identifying truth has become, “Did it bring in the bucks?” If the people do not pour in by the thousands and plunk down millions, “it must not have been from God.” By that measure, every one of God’s prophets were an abject, unmitigated failure, from Moses to Christ.

Apparently the words of the ancient prophets lacked the divine stamp of the Almighty’s approval...profits. Perhaps that is one reason their warning cry went unheeded.

Have we not in the American church exchanged prophets for profits? In spite of a 3 billion dollar Christian publishing business and over 2000 Christian radio and TV stations, there is a famine of the Word of the Lord in the land. We are obese with religious information but see little transformation. The Master now serves our ministries rather than our ministries serving the Master. Ministry is seen as eternal but the message has become temporal, ever changing to conform to feelings and fancy...whatever will yield profits. “We have to do it this way,” we say, “to keep the ministry going.”

And now even the prophets have succumbed to the profits. Promising peace and safety to keep the coffers full, they have exchanged the Sword of the Spirit for the solicitation of the SELF. Both prophet and priest have become profane in my house, says the Lord.

“Hearken not [America] unto the words of the prophets...they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not of the mouth of the Lord. They say...the Lord hath said, ye shall have peace; no evil shall come upon you. I have heard what the prophet ssaid, that prophesy lies in my name.”

"The prophet that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. Is not my word like a fire...like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? Behold, I am against the prophets that use their tongues, and say, He saith...and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the Lord." (Jeremiah 23).

Trashing of Truth

Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." We say, "You should know your feelings and be free." Jesus said, "If you continue in my Word, you will know the truth." We say if you continue in church programs and therapy you will find yourself.

We have become idolaters, exalting feelings over the Gospel of faith and experience over the God of truth. Now we are overcome with vast and painful experiences but see little truth; painful feelings are multiplied but our faith has crumbled. We have stolen life from the people because we have not told the whole truth...even the truth that confronts the culture and personal feelings. We have fleeced the flock in the name of faith and delivered only fleeting feelings. We have "healed the hurt of the daughter of my people only slightly." And we have left devastation in our wake.

Failure to tell the whole truth is as dishonest as telling an outright lie and perhaps more so. It is a fraud we have perpetrated on the Body of Christ in the name of **The Truth**. Is it any wonder secular advertisers tell us that lying has become an integral part of the American character, that 91% of us consciously lie regularly. Why? Because it "works"...at least temporarily...and we have not had the spiritual gumption to tell God's people the whole truth...the truth that hurts now, but that saves permanent hurt. So we too have lied, and deceived the people. If we had been as interested in protecting the Truth as we have been in protecting our turf, this nation would be a different place. There is no more classic example than our hypocrisy in the matter of divorce...and...remarriage.

Hath God Said?

God says, "Humble yourself and you will be exalted." (James 4:10, I Peter 5:5-6) We say, "Let us exalt ourselves in political hubris and the nation will be humbled." God said the gospel was to be directed particularly to the meek and the poor. (Isaiah 61:1, Luke 4:18) We direct the bulk of ministry to the proud and the proper. God said to bring the poor to **your** house...to feed the hungry with **your** food. (Isaiah 58). We bring the poor to Uncle Sam and send the hungry to the local soup kitchen. God wanted to meet men's needs with a person. We want to meet their needs with a program.

God said, "I hate divorce." We say, "I hate feeling down and God wants me to be happy, so I have 'peace'" to dismiss her or him. God calls it "treachery." We call it, "the thing to do if the going gets tough." God calls our replacement of spouses "adultery." We call them "answers to prayer." Are we not "making the Word of God of none affect by our tradition?" Could it be that we are "worshipping God in vain?" (Mark 7:5-9) Have you not "covered the altar of the Lord with tears and with crying out" yet "he regardeth not the offering anymore nor receiveth it with good will"? (Malachi 2:13-17) Have we not wearied the Lord with our words?

On Racism

Focus on fleshly differences is “flesh”. In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female, bond nor free, black nor white, but all are one in Christ. How can pastors stand before God with integrity while cheering their flocks into racially segregated congregations that defy the fulfillment of Jesus’ ultimate prayer for His Church that we may be one? We rhetorically call for reconciliation while relationally and structurally foster division, many to protect power, position, or tradition. It is time for culture to capitulate to Christ.

The God who gave us liberty will no longer tolerate a Church that in both black and white congregations not only tolerates but perpetuates America’s national sin of racism. Black and white are praying for revival with “unclean hands” and the Lord of the Church is neither humored nor honored.

On Moral Authority

America is not “Under God” because her people are not under God. The people cannot be under God if the Church is not “Under God.” And Father’s Word is not law in America’s “household of faith,” because it is no longer law in the life and practice of her pastors and leaders. When the divorce rate among pastors equals that of the nation as a whole, we need no further confirming evidence. Experience reigns supreme, feelings define faith, and obedience has become as a “four- letter word.” Jesus has become servant and SELF is king.

The first line of defense in the moral healing of America lies not with the cleaning of the culture but with the cleansing of the Church. America is losing her power because the Church is losing her purity. Purity in the pulpit must precede purity in the pew. And divorce is only one of our blatant exaltations of culture over Christ.

A pastor infected with moral impurity is in no position to call his people to purity. A leader who disregards God’s law with impunity can only expect those influenced by him to do the same. Hence...few spiritual leaders in this nation have either the moral platform from which to speak...or the spiritual fortitude to deliver an unmitigated message of sin in all moral areas for fear of stepping on another leader’s immoral toes. Purity and truth have become politically paralyzed.

We must wake up by repenting, we must stand up by falling on our knees, and we must speak up by crying out for forgiveness. Only then will “moral” authority be restored to the Church to speak, without hypocrisy, to a nation shrouded in relativism.

We tolerate sin in the Church while excoriating sin in the country. If we were as interested in purging the house of God as the White House, God’s honor might again shine through the tarnish that obliterates His glory in the land. (Numbers 25:1-15). We need a few Phineas’s who, without regard to princes, potentates, and political correctness in the Church, are willing to zealously pursue God’s honor among those who name the name of Christ, that His wrath may be turned from a Church that has embraced the world’s system and values. God’s honor will be restored not with the Moabites, but with the Israelites...not in pagan America but in the Church. Only then, by God’s mercy, will His light and glory again grace our land.

Can We Save Ourselves?

We must make up our minds! A leading “Christian” spokesman touted as a standard bearer for the “Religious Right” declared to national media that we can be moral without Christ or Christianity. He apparently has not read the founding fathers whom he purports to honor, nor has he read the Word of God the Father. As leaders of the Church in America, I fear we have sacrificed the gospel to gain the good will of the people. And we teeter precariously on heresy.

A frontal attack on morals proceeds from the belief that man can be changed from the outside in. A cry for repentance and spiritual revival proceeds from the conviction man can only be changed from the inside-out.

A frontal attack on Washington and liberal politics (without a universal call for repentance in the Church) proceeds from the conviction that America’s fundamental problems are of political origin and will be cured by political response. A frontal confrontation of the Church, with an unswerving call to repentance, proceeds from the conviction that the Church is the central heating system of the nation - that when the Church grows cold spiritually, the nation grows spiritually cold.

If the Church is the moral and spiritual lighthouse of the nation, when the light in the lighthouse grows dim, spiritual darkness and moral decay envelop the nation. And it grieves me to say that those manning the lighthouse of America are taking the lead in turning out the light.

Our battle lies not against flesh and blood, persons and personalities, but against principalities and powers of darkness...and plain old sin...that have gained a stronghold in the nation because they have gained a stranglehold on the Church.

Shifted Trust

Have we not shifted our trust from God to government? Is not the Church, like ancient Israel, looking for a political savior? Are we not frantically flailing in frustration to beat back the powers of darkness through fleshly weapons? (I Corinthians 10:3-5) Are we not pounding our chests in political hubris when we should be beating our breasts in personal repentance?

Do not our “shibboleths” reveal our true trust? As it is written, “Some trust in chariots...and some in horses....” In whom do we trust?

“...my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit. Be astonished...and be horribly afraid, saith the Lord. For my people have committed two evils, they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, that can hold no water.” “The Lord hath rejected our confidences, and we shall not prosper in them.” (Jeremiah 2:11-13, 37)

What About Our Godly Heritage?

God has graciously raised up voices this past generation to remind us of our unparalleled heritage as a “Christian” nation, not to engender pride but to encourage purity. The exaltation of our Godly heritage, without humble submission and repentance to the God of that heritage, is becoming idolatry. We cannot bring tomorrow’s America under God while living off of the spiritual capital of our forefathers.

Traditional Values Have Triumphed

Consider these absurd statistics from the Los Angeles Times!

76% of Americans believe
we are in severe moral decay

BUT

96% of America's parents believe
they are doing a good or excellent
job in teaching moral values.

We DO NOT NEED more traditional values but more eternal values. Again, as spiritual leaders we have pandered to the culture to gain political position, rather than preaching Christ to gain pure hearts. We have been eternalizing the traditional and trivializing the eternal.

Having become more interested in protecting traditional values than preaching eternal values, we have lost both the eternal and the traditional. What has been "traditional" to God is increasingly trivialized by men. What is traditional and exalted by men is frequently trivia, or even travesty to God.

When every man does what is "traditionally" right in his own sight, few do that which is truly right in God's sight. And for that reason, only 11% of adults in America believe they have contributed in any way to our nation's moral decline. My friends, we have majored on minors and minored on majors...and we must repent.

Solemn Assemblies

We revel in our solemn assemblies and run to and fro across the nation to be seen among the renowned of religious leadership, frantically begging God to protect the "American Dream." We pray, fast, and call on Congress and the White House to repent, while God is crying to His people to repent, that we might preserve the American Vision of a "City set on an hill," revealing His truth in living color. For twenty years we entertained ourselves with National Days of Prayer, calling the nation to change its ways, bellyaching II Chronicles 7:14 to the Lord of Nations until we are blue in the face. But we never seem to link the "If my people" to the "turn from THEIR wicked ways" as the sole condition for healing the land. Can we not read? Are we also too functionally illiterate?

Time to Tell the Truth

We must tell the people the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth - that revival, rebirth, and reconciliation begin not in Washington but by the washing of the Word, yielding the fruit of repentance in the Church. Anything less is hypocrisy and spiritual fraud. We must remember that the essence of hypocrisy is "HYPE" - words and actions that give the illusion of spiritual substance but deliver a product calculated to yield secularly religious superficiality.

Now, "Hear the Word of the Lord...To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifice unto me? Bring no more vain oblations...the calling of assemblies, even the solemn meeting. I am weary to bear them. When you spread forth your hands, I will hide my eyes...when you make your prayers, I will not

hear...Wash you, make you clean.” Read the rest of Isaiah 1, and then, on your face, read Isaiah 56 through 59:1-16. We can no longer play religious games of “Let’s pretend it’s the other guy.”

Rending Hearts vs. Rending Garments

“Ah sinful nation...hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers, you have forsaken the Lord and provoked the Holy One of Israel. Why should you be stricken anymore? The whole head is sick, and the heart is faint? Your country is desolate.” (Isaiah 1:4-10)

Yes, God did say to “Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly” but only that we would turn to him “with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning.” We were to rend our hearts, not our garments, and turn unto the lord our God. (Joel 1:14, 2:12-13). But we have been rending our garments for twenty years while pointing our finger at “THEM.”

The Father and Lord we purport to serve has “had it” with our self-righteousness. It is time for the leaders of God’s people to come clean before Him and before His people. Let us “Confess our faults one to another, [and to God] and pray for one another that we may be healed.” (James 5:16) It is time to “rend our hearts - not our garments.”

Princes of Pragmatism

For twenty years since our nation’s bicentennial, we have been crying for “revival” in America, but have been unwilling to repent. We have torn our figurative garments to shreds as we bemoaned and bewailed the moral decay and secular assault that has characterized our government and culture but have winked at the same decay and secular, pragmatic thinking that has gripped the Church from the top down. We “minister” in the authority of pragmatism because “the end justifies the means.”

- We define truth by what sells.
- We validate ministry by “what works.”
- We publish books under celebrity names because “it gets the message out” and “expands the coffers of the Kingdom.”
- We pander to the “felt needs” of the people to assuage the consequences of our disobedience and rebellion rather than provide the truth - the whole truth - that will confront and reveal disobedience to make them free.
- We are more interested in changing man’s behavior (morals - to enable us to look good before men) than man’s heart (to enable men to appear righteous before God). And we have a nation that is now neither moral nor righteous.
- We refuse to preach against divorce and remarriage because it is politically incorrect in the Church. We know we come with “unclean hands” because the number of fundamentalist Christian marriages divorced now exceeds by 7% the nation at large.
- We are more interested in looking good before men than in appearing righteous and holy before God.

- We have chosen rather to be persecuted for the cross of political conservatism than for the cross of Christ.
- We preach a doctrine of “THEM” rather than “US,” because to point the finger at liberals, homosexuals, and abortionists (as bad as they may be) raises big money while obscuring the cancer of pride, sin, and SELF-ishness eating at the soul of the Church, which we refuse to talk about for fear we will lose “our” support.
- We are paralyzed with fear of losing tithes, donations, and advertising, for, after all, we cannot “minister” if we lose our resources and might jeopardize the building program. We might even go bankrupt. Has it ever occurred to you that we **are** bankrupt...morally and spiritually? Has it ever occurred to us that the Lord of the Church is not impressed with either our buildings or our programs? He is impressed only with obedience. Check it out with brother Saul. (I Samuel 15:20-26).
- We bow to the American dream, and have totally forsaken the American vision.
- We have been more interested in buildings than the Body, in programs than the people.
- We have desired God’s friendship, but have disdained His Lordship, and now have neither friend nor Lord. We have turned our “Friend” into a foe by repudiating the fellowship of His suffering on the altar of personal success.
- We bow and scrape to cultural tradition but sidestep God’s confrontive truth.
- We have exalted method over message. Godless theology has bred Godless methodology.
- We have become brokers of feelings rather than brokers of truth.
- We have substituted externals for internals and feelings for faith.
- We have labeled obedience, “legalism,” and license we have called “liberty.”
- We have abdicated the Fear of the Lord while embracing the fear of man, both in the culture and in our congregations and constituencies.
- We have become so sensitive to seekers that the “Sword of the Lord” has become the salve that validates a culture consumed with its own SELFishness.
- We pander to politicians in the name of God, sacrificing spiritual power on the altar of secular power.
 - We would rather promote than pray.
 - We would rather pray than obey.
 - We would rather fast than follow.
 - We would rather revile and rebuke than repent.
- We mourn our loss of freedom more than our loss of faith.

And God has a controversy with the leaders of HIS people.

The hour is late and the night, far spent. History is accelerating at breathtaking speed. The signs of our Lord's return flash across our screens and are emblazoned on the front pages of our newspapers and magazines daily. All eyes can at last behold His return at a single moment. **But He will not countenance a Church that says in her heart, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing," whether or not she calls herself "American."**

Celebrity Idolatry

Celebrating men rather than God has created idols of cultural icons. We have bowed and scraped to the world's system that worships men and not God. We listen, not to the anointed but to the appointed. Their authority comes not from God but from government, games, and entertainment gurus.

Do we not erase the commanding authority of God and His Word when we raise before the people the commanding celebrity status of cultural icons. Just look at what we do all across this nation! Have we not so conditioned the people this last generation that we now believe we must offer them a celebrity on our altar to induce them to hear from the Lord in our congregations and assemblies? Celebrities are a poor substitute for our loss of true power.

We have perverted even our "solemn assemblies" with celebrity offerings. And we must repent. We have used, and abused, many good people who happen to have celebrity status to satisfy our personal agendas and to build OUR ministries and OUR churches. Can you imagine the Lord of the Church making use of this offering of pride to build His Church? Then whose church are WE building? This may be tough, but it is the truth. It is the truth that hurts, but it is also the truth that will make us free.

Tearing Down the Family *(Now Cohabiting instead)*

Does not the fact that 30% of fundamentalist American Christians are now divorced as compared with only 23% of non-Christians reveal our utter contempt for God and His Holy Word? Does not the fact that the divorce rate among pastors now equals the nation at large reveal that those manning the "Lighthouse" of the nation have forfeited the moral and spiritual authority to speak. Does it not declare our consent to and leadership in the breakdown of the family by our weak-kneed example and deafening silence on the matter in America's pulpits?

Our hypocrisy reeks! On the altar of happiness we have sacrificed holiness. We are crucifying the authority of God's Word on the cross of our feelings. The Lord of the Church declared, "I HATE divorce." It is treachery! (Malachi 2:13-17) It reveals nothing but a hard heart. (Matthew 5:31-32, 19:8) Our purported compassion to placate feelings has destroyed the very foundation of the social order. And the Lord of the Church will no longer countenance insurrection against His authority and Word by leaders who, regardless of good intentions, have arrogated their whim over His will. It is tantamount to treason in the Kingdom of God and is travesty to the children of men.

Disaster of Discipleship

We proudly proclaim our technological power by polls and pentium computers to mastermind growth of great churches when Christ proclaim that He would build His Church, but commanded us to make disciples.

We cry, and rightly so, for ^(Now 62 million) 32 million aborted babies who will never have the right to lead another to the Savior, yet we proudly notch our belts to impress our flocks and constituents to keep the funds flowing, while babes in Christ who repeated the "magic words" for salvation, are aborted by the millions for want of genuine discipleship.

Is it any wonder, despite a burgeoning 3 billion dollar per year Christian publishing business, pastors rushing to "How to Grow a Mega Church" seminars, and unprecedented communication of the "gospel" on Christian television and radio, that there has been less than a 1% net growth in the American Church in an entire generation? America does not need to be evangelized. She needs to be disciplined. She needs to know God's Word is to be "obeyed," not "okayed."

Enslaving of the Saints

We have failed, whether negligently or intentionally, to equip the saints for the work of genuine ministry. We have perpetuated, in lieu thereof, an un-Biblical hierarchical class structure of clergy and laity which has paralyzed true ministry and the advancement of God's Kingdom while building personal kingdoms and advancing personal agendas. Have we not, as an ultimate consequence thereof, brought the true work of the ministry to a near stand-still in America to protect our plantations on Ministry Hill?

How can we explain the disastrous disillusionment that grips the entire American Church, resulting in 52,000 people a week leaving the back door of local congregations while 40% of the pastors of America's 300,000 congregations, in any 90 day period, now seriously contemplate leaving the ministry or their congregation in total frustration and despair while 70% of pastors admit they have no friends?

Was not Jesus' entire ministry one of replacing himself? Why then do we seek to protect and advance ourselves while keeping the "laity" properly in their place? Christ commands us to be "endued" with power. We merely reach for power. Christ said the ministry was service to the saints. We say the saints must serve "the ministry." Have we not institutionalized the faith while frustrating the faithful? Having failed to transmit a ministry vision to the flock, we have reaped a ministry vacuum, which we seek to fill with money rather than men.

Is it any wonder we are not only physically but emotionally and spiritually exhausted? Have we not been pedaling a religious treadmill, building glorious churches when Christ commanded us to make disciples, declaring He would build a glorious church? Why do we decry the fires that destroy our buildings but ignore the flames of disillusionment and wickedness devouring His glorious Body? Are not our buildings becoming citadels of bondage while the Body languishes for want of a clarion call to God's people to "Arise and shine for your light is come?"

Defrauding the Flock

Disciples are made - not born. To be born-again is to become a spiritual infant. To be genuinely discipled is to become a spiritual adult. Have we not, whether consciously or unconsciously, functioned in fear so as to perpetuate spiritual childhood and adolescence (half-baked discipleship) to protect ourselves from the threat of those who might be able to lead as well or better than we?

Have we not defrauded the flock of their spiritual right, responsibility, and heritage to truly minister? This may require serious re-thinking of our paradigm for ministry. Meanwhile, an entire nation is wallowing in undisciplined disobedience to God's ways and Word.

How long did it take Jesus to disciple twelve uneducated, blue-collar laborers to replace Him? And then 70 others? We usher our "called one's" to seminaries just as they evidence power in their spirit life, and then we release them to "minister" as soon as spiritual rigor mortis sets in. There must be another way. And there is! It appears we missed it at the fork in the road 1700 years ago when a Roman emperor named Constantine formalized and institutionalized the Church, sending her on a 17-century detour.

To repent means to re-consider, and then change. The Reformation directed us to the "Word" of the Kingdom but not to the "work" of the Kingdom. The whole mission of the Church in America lies in shambles. We need more than reformation. We need a revolution.

The Lord of the Church is grieved, and our nation and His Church suffer. It is time to release a million "laity" into real ministry. It is our only way, on this issue, to repent. If Jesus risked being replaced, shouldn't we?

Poor, Blind, and Naked

My friends, we have an obedience crisis and a power shortage of monumental proportions. Can we not see that we are wretched and miserable, poor, blind, and naked? Yet we continue to proclaim that we "see." And so our blindness remains.

We must repent! We must be repentant before God, before the flock and constituents we have purported to lead, and yes, even before the nation. For our religious HYPE has deafened their ears and blinded their eyes to the trickle of truth that has managed to seep through our HYPocrisy.

God Will Not Hear...Unless...

Yes, it is time to rend our hearts and not our garments! We must stop crying about "them" and weep for ourselves. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy will come in the "mourning."

The Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, neither is His ear heavy that it cannot hear, but our iniquities have separated between us and our God that He will not hear. (Isaiah 59)

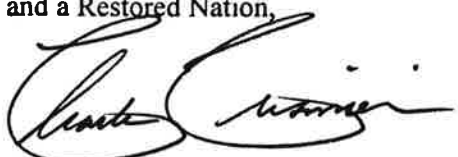
God has only one solution...REPENT! And we must have only one response. We, all of us, beginning with those in the most prominent ministry positions in the land, must repent...openly, publicly, and with particularity. This will be the test of true spiritual leadership. It will not be easy, but it is America's ONLY HOPE!

Closing Plea

Is our life so dear or our personal power and position so sweet as to be purchased at the price of the Church's or the nation's chains and slavery? Forbid it Almighty God!

Will you join with me, a fellow servant, in a soul-searching cry, asking the Lord of Nations to reveal the inner-most recesses of your heart by the laser beam of His Spirit? Today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your heart. The cost may be great! But a nation sits in the balance. It is time for the pursuit of holiness rather than the pursuit of happiness.

Yours for a Revived Church
and a Restored Nation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Crismier III", written over a horizontal line.

CHARLES CRISMIER III, President
SAVE AMERICA Ministries

P.S. Enclosed you will find a document entitled "In Public Confession..." If you believe this letter, however painful it may have been, to be an expression of God's heart in final plea to the leaders of His people in America, please read and sign the "Confession." If you are so led, please return a copy to me. Please feel free to copy the entire package and distribute it as you see fit among "the brethren" in your sphere of influence. Permission is given, should you be so led, to reprint or publish for the cause of revival, that we should be healed in openness, brokenness, and oneness.

FINAL NOTE

Are you really serious about revival? God is! But He is waiting for us. We cannot schedule revival to take place. We can only pave the way for God to bring revival, by our repentance and cleansing of our ways, and by leading the flock in repentance and obedience to the Lord. May God, by His grace, preserve us a nation.

SAVE AMERICA Ministries

Presents

A Message to the Church in America

From Jeremiah 2:7-26:8-9

2:6-37 “...I brought you into a plentiful country...but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination. The priests said not, Where is the Lord? And they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied...and walked after things that do not profit....”

“I will yet plead with you, saith the Lord...Hath a nation changed their gods...my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. Be astonished, and be horribly afraid...saith the Lord. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns that can hold no water....know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God,...that my fear is not in thee...thou saidst, I will not transgress;...I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?...How canst thou say, I am not polluted ...according to the number of thy cities are thy gods...my people have forgotten me days without number...Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned...the Lord hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.”

3:14-25 “Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you:...shame hath devoured the labour of our fathers...their sons and their daughters. We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned...we and our fathers...and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.”

4:4 “Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, and take away the foreskins of your heart,”

5:1-31 “Run ye to and fro through the streets...and see...if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth;...though they say, The Lord Liveth; surely they swear falsely...thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction...”

“Therefore I said...I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the Lord, and the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke ...How shall I pardon thee for this?”

“Thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods:...they then committed adultery...every one neighed after his neighbour’s wife. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? They have belied the Lord, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword or famine.”

“Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not: Fear ye not me? Saith the Lord:...this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart;...Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord....”

“Your iniquities...have withholden good things from you. For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait...they set a trap, they catch men...their houses full of deceit:...they judge not the...cause of the fatherless...the right of the needy do they not judge...saith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on

such a nation as this?...The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so:"

6:12-17 "I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land...For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness: and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abominations? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall..."

"Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls....I set watchmen over you, saying Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken."

7:2-34 "Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim...this word...Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place....For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour; If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not the innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt: Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers..."

"Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely...And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations? ...do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?...in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt...this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not...and went backward, and not forward....I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets...Yet they hearkened not..."

"This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the Lord their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth....Then will I cause to cease...the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate."

8:6-22 "...no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done?...my people know not the judgment of the Lord...everyone from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. They have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people, slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace...they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush..."

"We looked for peace, but not good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!...When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faith in me....Is there no balm in Gilead, is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?"

9:3-19 "...they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth;...Take heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slanders. They will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies...through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the Lord...one speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in heart he layeth his wait...saith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?..."

"Who is the wise man, that may understand this?...who is he to whom the mouth of the Lord hath spoken, that he may declare it, for...the land perisheth...Because they have forsaken my law...and have not obeyed my voice...But have walked after the imagination of their own heart...we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land,"

- 10:2-21 "Learn not the way of the heathen...My tabernacle is spoiled...the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the Lord: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered."
- 11:3-13 "...Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant, which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt...Hear the words of this covenant, and do them. For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day...Yet they obeyed me not...therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant...according to the number of thy cities were thy gods,"
- 12:4-17 "How long shall the land mourn...for the wickedness of them that dwell therein?...Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard...they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness...the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart...if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the Lord."
- 13:15-26 "Hear ye, and give ear, be not proud: for the Lord hath spoken. Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadows of death, and make it gross darkness. But if he will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride: and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the Lord's flock is carried away captive...if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? ...because thou has forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood. Therefore will I discover thy skirts...that thy shame may appear."
- 17:5-27 "...Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm...For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."
- "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart,...to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings....Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved..."
- "hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers....And it shall come to pass, if he diligently hearken unto me, saith the Lord, to bring in no burden through the gates...on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein; Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes...But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day...then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces."
- 18:8-16 "If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them....If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them....And they said, There is no hope:...we will walk after our own devices,...my people hath forgotten me...they have caused them to stumble...from the ancient paths...To make their land desolate..."
- 19:3-4 "...Behold, I will bring evil upon this place...whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle. Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place...and have filled this place with the blood of innocents;"
- 22:3-21 "Thus saith the Lord; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.... But if ye will not hear these words...saith the Lord...this house shall become a desolation. And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say...Wherefore hath the

Lord done thus unto this great city?...Because they have foresaken the covenant of the Lord their God...”

“Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbours service without wages...That saith, I will build me a wide house and large chambers...Shalt thou reign, because thou closest thyself in cedar? Did not thy father eat and drink and do judgment and justice, and then it was well with him? He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him: was not this to know me?...But thine eyes and thine heart are not but for thy covetousness...to shed innocent blood, and for oppression...for violence...I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear.”

23:1-26 “Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!...both prophet and priest are profane:...in my house...”

“Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you:...they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord. They say...The Lord hath said, ye shall have peace...no evil shall come upon you. For who hath stood in the counsel of the Lord, and hath perceived and heard his word?...Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? Saith the Lord...I have heard what the prophets said...lies in my name, saying I have dreamed, I have dreamed....”

“The prophet...that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully...Is not my word like as a fire?...a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?...behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord...I am against the prophets...that use their tongues, and say, He saith...that prophesy false dreams...and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness;...therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the Lord....”

25:4-36 “...the Lord hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets...but ye have not hearkened...They said, Turn ye again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the Lord hath given unto you and to your fathers...go not after other gods...and provoke me not...Yet ye have not hearkened...”

“...the Lord hath a controversy...howl, ye shepherds, and cry...ye principal of the flock;...the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape...for the Lord hath spoiled their pasture.”

26:8-9 “When Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die...And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.”

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PUBLIC CONFESSION
BEFORE GOD,
BEFORE THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST,
BEFORE THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS the United States of America was founded by Godly men and women of vision who considered their great sacrifices a small price to pay to preserve the cause of religious and civil liberty, that the Kingdom of God might be established on these shores, and that His salvation might be extended to the ends of the earth;

WHEREAS America, declared by President, principle, and precept to be “UNDER GOD,” has rebelled against the God who gave us liberty and is reaping the devastating consequences of that prideful rebellion throughout the society;

WHEREAS the Church of Jesus Christ gave birth to the nation, has served as the moral and spiritual lighthouse of the nation, and the light in that lighthouse has grown dim, leaving the nation in moral and spiritual darkness;

WHEREAS God, who made and preserved us a nation, has decreed His only remedy for national healing to be the humble prayer and repentance of the Church, His own people, and;

WHEREAS I am a Christian, standing in a position of leadership within the Body of Christ, and within the Church in America, recognizing I cannot expect the Body of believers to repent if its leadership does not lead in repentance...

NOW THEREFORE, in humble reverence before God, before my brothers and sisters in Christ, and before the Citizens of this great nation so deeply torn and distressed;

I CONFESS that I have sinned, both individually and in concert with other Christian leaders, both negligently and intentionally, with regard to some or all of the items set forth herein, among others which may be of a more personal nature and not herein disclosed.

I confess that my actions, inactions, and attitudes have, in whole or in part, added to the collective failure of fellow Christian leaders and have deprived the Body of Christ of the Godly leadership to which it was entitled, both in precept and example. I also acknowledge that my failures have made me a participant in frustrating Christ's purposes for His Church in this nation, and that as a result, an entire nation now teeters in the balance of moral and spiritual destruction.

I REPENT! By God's grace, I now turn from my prideful and selfish attitudes that have led me to outright disobedience to God's Word and will, or have blinded me to understand, see, and do that which is now revealed.

I ASK FORGIVENESS, of the Lord I love and serve; of the Body of Christ to which I am committed and serve; and of my countrymen with whom I live and serve and who depend upon me and upon my leadership to avert the moral decay and spiritual darkness that now envelopes our land. I am truly grieved.

Lord, forgive me of my part in America's moral and spiritual decay. I ask that you reveal to me a deeper understanding of the personal and corporate ways I have breached your covenant, misrepresented your Truth and your Gospel, defrauded your people, and even converted your ministry to my own use and purpose. In the spirit of a righteous man in grief for his people and nation (Dan. 9), I cry to you, Lord, for mercy, and sign this Confession accordingly.

We have shifted our confidence from God to government, from the power of the Cross to the power of Congress.

We have talked a righteous talk but have failed a righteous walk.

We have forsaken our passion for purity in favor of passion for power.

We have pursued and taught happiness rather than holiness.

We have loved the accolades of men rather than the approval of God.

We have placated and pandered to the people's greed and felt need.

We have pursued profits when we should have proclaimed the prophets.

We have engorged the people on religious information with little transformation.

We have stolen His Church by calling it "My" church; We have perverted His ministry by calling it "My" ministry.

We have conformed God's message to "our" ministry rather than conforming the ministry to His message.

We have exalted SELF as king and made Jesus our servant.

We have deceived the people by failing to tell them God's whole Truth, to protect our reputation, ministry, and good feelings among the people.

We have caused untold pain to God's people and the nation by cowardly refusing to tell them explicitly that God hates divorce and to uphold a firm and righteous standard.

We have walked in pride before the people and before the nation.

We have twisted and wrested God's Word to conform to our own personal and ministry notions and promotions.

We have allowed the world into the Church rather than discipling the Church into the world.

We have become secular in our spiritual pursuits and religious in our secular pursuits, sandtifying the secular and secularizing the sanctified.

We have failed to obey God's command to bring the poor to our house and to feed the hungry with our food.

We have encouraged racially segregated congregations to protect power and position or to exalt "flesh" over "faith."

We have failed to provide a faithful and Godly example, and in so doing, have severely eroded the authority of

God's Word in the land.

We ignored God's call for repentance of and by His Church and called only for prayer.

We evangelicals refused to call the Church to repentance, but chose rather to call the secular world, government, liberals, homosexuals, and abortionists to repentance. And we raised big bucks doing it. While abortion and homosexual practice are abominations, we admit repentance in the Church is God's first priority.

We main-line and/or politically liberal folk twisted and ignored the express words of Scripture concerning abortion and the practice of homosexuality to conform to cultural and politically correct notions, all in the name of mercy and caring, while defying the very words of the God of mercy.

We have worshiped our traditions and traditionalized our worship.

We have become lords over the flock rather than servants to the flock.

We have exalted culture over Christ and fornicated with the world, adopting its values, its methods, and its ways.

We have exalted traditional values over God's truth and virtue.

We hypocritically tolerate sin in the Church while excoriating it in the country.

We have stripped the Church of the moral authority to speak to the nation by our own rebellion and disobedience.

We have desecrated and demeaned our Godly heritage by rebelling against the God of that heritage and His Word.

We have misrepresented the Gospel, declaring or intimating that men can become good without God and can become moral without inward cleansing through Christ's saving grace.

We have turned down the moral and spiritual lamp in America's lighthouse.

We have merchandized the ministry of our God.

We have directed our frontal attacks against persons and personalities while minimizing the principalities and powers we have allowed to overtake us.

We have pandered to our culture to gain political position.

We have eternalized the traditional and trivialized the eternal.

We have become irresponsible and unrepentant.

We have called our solemn assemblies on our own terms rather than on God's terms, and have made a mockery of His mercy.

We have led a nation to believe we can have revival without repentance.

We have rent our garments, but not our hearts.

We have preached a "conversion" of quips, quotes, and cures without repentance of sin.

We have replaced forgiveness of sin with feelings of self-worth.

We have defined truth by what sells.

We have "ministered" in the authority of pragmatism, considering that "the end justifies the means."

We validate ministry by "what works," not by what is true.

We publish books in the names of celebrities, deceiving the people for a buck.

We have shown more interest in changing men's behavior (morals so that they might look good before men), than man's heart (to enable men to appear righteous before God).

We have chosen to be persecuted for the cross of political conservatism or correctness than for the Cross of Christ.

We have been paralyzed by fear of men rather than promoting the fear of God.

We have built churches instead of disciples when Christ said, "I'll build my Church...you make disciples."

We have exalted buildings over the Body, and programs over people.

We have fostered God's friendship but forfeited His Lordship, and now we have neither friend nor Lord. We have turned our "Friend" into a foe by repudiating the fellowship of His suffering on the altar of personal success.

We have exalted method over message.

We have become brokers of feelings rather than brokers of truth.

We have substituted externals for internals and feelings for faith.

We have defaulted on truth and deified our feelings.

We have labeled obedience, "legalism", and license we call "liberty."

We have been more interested in protecting our turf than in protecting the Truth.

We have become so sensitive to seekers that the Sword of the Lord has become the salve that validates a culture consumed with SELFishness.

We have exchanged the "blood that cleanses from all sin" for books that coddle and codify the SELF.

We have pandered to politicians in the name of God, sacrificing spiritual power on the altar of secular power.

We would rather promote than pray.

We would rather pray than obey.

We would rather fast than follow.

We would rather rebuke than repent.

We mourn our loss of freedom more than our loss of faith.

We have offered celebrities and cultural icons on our altars to induce the people to "hear from the Lord" and to "build our ministries" as they bow down to a world system that worships the creation rather than the Creator.

We have, by our personal deafening silence on the issue of divorce, and remarriage, declared our consent to the carnage of family breakdown.

We have spawned a 3 billion dollar Christian publishing industry, unprecedented communication of the "gospel" from over 2000 Christian radio and television stations, have swarmed to seminars and conferences, and there is still a famine of the Word of the Lord in the land.

We have wept over millions of aborted babies (and rightly so) while babes in Christ who repeated the "magic words" for a notch on the "salvation belt" are aborted by the millions for want of genuine discipleship.

We have failed to equip the saints for the work of genuine ministry, resulting in disastrous disillusionment that grips the entire American Church from pulpit to pew.

We have repudiated the Spirit of God and the baptism of His power that would enable us to serve others, but have embraced the spirit of this age that empowers us to serve ourselves.

We are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked, yet we continue to proclaim we "see". And so our blindness remains.

I, a leader of God's people, hereby don the "shoes" of repentance that will enable me to walk in righteousness on the road to revival.

SIGNED- Before God and Men



THE LIGHTHOUSE

Prophet of the Seas

A LIGHTHOUSE is a BEACON of WARNING The very existence of a lighthouse reveals great danger lurking within the sphere of its base and beam. Failure to heed its message can spell disaster for a careless captain or crew. A mighty ship, once proudly churning the seas is suddenly humbled and destroyed simply by failure or refusal to heed its simple warning.

A LIGHTHOUSE is a BEACON of HOPE The beacon light from the lighthouse pierces the frightening fog and the enshrouding darkness. The first glimmer of its rays both woos and warns. The warmth of its light woos the weary sailor with the hope of land and promise of safe harbor. But the same light warns of destruction if unheeded. To the careful sailor who would correct course, it is a beacon of hope. But to the casual and careless, it may become a beacon of horror.

A LIGHTHOUSE is both POSITIVE and NEGATIVE To the careful captain and crew, the warning of the beacon that pierces the darkness is welcome, perceived as protection and guiding to a place of safety. To the careless and arrogant captain and crew, the mere suggestion of course correction is an affront to pride and personal experience. Whether the message beaming from the lighthouse is deemed positive or negative, warning or hope, is purely a matter of attitude. Viewpoint will likely determine destiny.

A LIGHTHOUSE will produce RESPONSE...either to HEED or IGNORE The message beamed across the water to passing ships is not neutral. The pulsing light calls for decision. The facts are clear. The ambit of danger is real. The message requires response. Land and looming shoals cannot change course. The captain and crew must choose to heed or ignore. Either is a response. To heed is to avoid calamity and embrace hope to attain the desired destination. To ignore is to tempt destruction and put all hope at risk.

A LIGHTHOUSE seeks not to PLEASE but to PROVOKE A lighthouse exists to declare light to ships in darkness. It stands unique among men and society. There are few of them. It is put in place for a salutary purpose... to woo and to warn the weary or wandering. Its purpose is not to please but to provoke to action. Its message may require immediate or emergency course correction. It does not pander to feelings or personal or corporate predilections. Its declaration is sure and without compromise.

A LIGHTHOUSE must either DECLARE or DOUSE its light The lighthouse has a single message. It does not teach sailors to navigate or how to power their journey but how to avoid destroying their intended journey. By blazing its beacon, it declares its message. By reducing its intensity or diminishing its light, it douses its message. A lighthouse that does not boldly blaze its message is an agent of deception. It becomes a house of destruction, notwithstanding its pristine outward appearance. Its moderated message lulls some to deadly inaction while others to deadly action.

SAVE AMERICA Ministries

An AMERICAN LIGHTHOUSE

The mission and mantel of SAVE AMERICA Ministries is to WOO and to WARN a nation nearing moral and spiritual shipwreck.

SAVE AMERICA is a BEACON of HOPE to a nation wallowing in the tempestuous seas of spiritual distress.

SAVE AMERICA is a BRIGHT LIGHT or VOICE to the Church, declaring VISION for the nation.

SAVE AMERICA presents a message both positive and negative. It produces great hope in those who heed it. It causes others to recoil in horror as they reject it.

SAVE AMERICA delivers a message that produces RESPONSE. People either heed it, or ignore it. Either is response.

SAVE AMERICA seeks not to PLEASE but to PROVOKE to righteousness, reconciliation, and repentance...spiritual course correction.

SAVE AMERICA must either DECLARE or DOUSE its light. To diminish the clarity, directness, or intensity of the message is to abandon both calling and purpose as a lighthouse.

SAVE AMERICA declares a message that must pierce the night of all American darkness, wooing and warning a religious yet unrighteous people seeking heaven but courting hell on the near edge of Christ's Second Coming!

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Bringing a prophetic message to a nation adrift.