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**G**RACE TO YOU AND PEACE FROM GOD OUR FATHER AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family doing well. What a joy to be able to share this year in review with you as well as provide you with a look at what, as best we know now anyway, lies ahead.

# YEAR IN REVIEW 2018

## INTERNATIONAL

My international preaching schedule this year was not as robust as it normally is. I preached in Nicaragua, Israel and Canada. I was scheduled to preach in Japan but that trip fell through. It may be rescheduled, Lord willing.

The trip to Nicaragua was, by God's grace, quite fruitful. I preached at a pastors conference in Managua. They requested me to present my seminar, *Clouds Without Water*. The prosperity gospel has made huge inroads in recent years to the evangelical churches there. In fact, numerous pastors (there were about 250 in attendance) came up to me and told me that not only have their church members been influenced, but even some of them have been as well, particularly in the widely-held but erroneous belief that God still speaks today outside of scripture. They were genuinely grateful to have their misunderstandings corrected. Some thanked me through tears. What a joy it is to see God's people come into a better understanding of His word.



Pastors conference in Nicaragua

The trip to Israel was in November. Jim Harris, pastor of Heritage Bible Church in Boise, Idaho, and I were asked by a Christian tour company called Living Passages to teach on the trip. As we went to the various sites, Jim and I would teach from the pertinent passages, give background information, explain the meaning, and offer a bit of application when appropriate.

Due to a late connecting flight, my arrival in Israel was delayed by about a day and a half and so the group was already into the second day of the tour. My flight landed about 3 a.m. A driver, named Mahmoud, was hired to meet me at the airport in Tel Aviv and drive me an hour and a half to the hotel up by the Sea of Galilee to meet back up with the group. Not only was I by myself in the middle of the night, entrusting my life to a stranger I did not know in a foreign country rife with religious tension, but I also would soon discover that Mahmoud was (key the dramatic and foreboding musical notes – dum, dum, dum, duuuum!) a practicing Muslim.

Shortly after leaving the airport, Mahmoud pulled into a gas station to get some coffee to perk himself up for the drive. I offered to pay for his coffee, but he politely said, "Oh, no. That is ok." I said, "No, I would really like to buy you a cup of coffee. It's the least I can do since you are driving me so far so early like this." He reluctantly accepted my offer and I bought him the coffee. He seemed touched by the gesture.



Mahmoud and me in Israel

Once back on the highway, I began asking Mahmoud about himself and his family. He told me that he is married with three children and works two jobs. He asked what I do back in the states and I told him that I am a preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I asked Mahmoud, "Do you know the Gospel, Mahmoud?" He replied, "I am a Muslim. We believe Jesus was a prophet but do not believe he died on the cross." Well, that began quite the conversation. I listened as Mahmoud explained the basic beliefs of Islam regarding "Allah" and its view of the afterlife. I then shared the Gospel with him – fully. For right at an hour I told Mahmoud that Jesus was much more than a prophet; that He was, in fact, God in human flesh (the deity of Christ is vehemently opposed by Islam). I explained to Mahmoud that we are all sinners and we owe a debt to God that no amount of good works can repay and that if we die in sins eternal judgment in Hell awaits. I told him that Jesus willingly laid down His life on the cross and satisfied God's wrath for our sin. I told him of Christ's bodily resurrec-



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tion from the dead. I told Mahmoud that the only way for him to be forgiven is to repent of sin and place his trust in Jesus - and that he must trust in the right Jesus, not the false "Jesus" of Islam.

Did Mahmoud become inflamed and start yelling, "Allah Akbar!" at me? No, not at all. He listened. Not only did he listen, but he asked questions. I tried to be polite and kind toward Mahmoud and yet firm in the Truth I presented to him (Ephesians 4:15). When we got to the hotel, I gave Mahmoud my contact information and told him to contact me if I could answer any more questions for him. I would love to report to you that Mahmoud did contact me but as of this writing, I have not heard from him. Since that day I have prayed many times that God would open Mahmoud's heart as He sovereignly did for Lydia (Acts 16:14) and as He sovereignly did for you and me.

I am not naïve about Islam. I know that it is a religion that is more acutely connected with physical violence than any other. I know that it persecutes those who leave it - I've talked to many people saved out of Islam who were subsequently disowned by their parents. I have evangelized in Islamic areas and have seen stares of hate. But Muslims are not our enemies, they are the mission field! It takes no more effort for God to save someone out of Islam than it does for Him to save someone out of Roman Catholicism or Word-Faith or mere cultural Christianity bereft of sound doctrine. The Gospel itself is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16). We are to share the Gospel and then trust God for the results.

The trip to Israel was amazing. It was just incredible to see in person so many of the places of which we read in the Bible. We went to the Mount of Beatitudes, Megiddo (that's going to be a hotspot one day!), Masada, Capernaum (which served as Jesus' headquarters), Bethlehem, and saw Gideon's Spring. I had opportunities to preach on a boat in the middle of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus walked on water and calmed the storm. I preached at the Pool of Bethesda, the Pool of Siloam and in the Garden of Gethsemane. Last year, 2017, Kathy and I went to Greece to see many of the places the Apostle Paul visited on his various missionary journeys but to be in the places where Jesus Christ, God incarnate Himself, walked was just beyond what words can describe. We read of these places in the Bible and know they are real, but to see and touch them in person is truly a surreal and humbling experience.

One of the highlights of the trip for me, believe it or not, occurred in the Zurich, Switzerland airport on our way back. We all had to go through security, but I was selected for further, more enhanced, screening. Oh joy, right? Well, the officer, named Rhule from Ghana, asked me where I had been. I told him I was part of a group that visited Israel and that we are all headed back home to the United States. He said, "Was this a tour group?" I replied, "Yes, I was asked to do some teaching on the trip as we visited the various biblical sites." He said, "Are you a preacher?" There was something about the way he asked the question and the tone in his voice that gave me the sense that I was talking to a brother in the Lord.



Rhule and me in Zürich Airport

I replied, "Yes, I am." With a curious smile he said, "May I ask you to do something?" "Of course," I replied. He said, "Can you quote John 1:1 for me?" I smiled and gladly did so. His eyes lit up. "You are a real Christian!" he joyfully replied. "Yes I am. You are as well?" I said. "Oh yes, we are brothers in the Lord!" Rhule said with such enthusiasm and warmth. We had a nice few moments of fellowship right there in airport security in Zurich. I have been asked a lot of questions in airport security, but never would I have ever imagined I would be asked to quote scripture (I'm just glad he didn't ask me to quote something out of the middle of Leviticus!). That was an experience that I will always remember.

## DOMESTIC

I always feel a sense of frustration in writing this yearly newsletter because so many things transpire over the course of a year that I would love to share with you, but space and time do not permit it.

As usual I got to spend time in good churches pastored by faithful men. I am grateful for some of the well-known preachers that God has given us, some of the "heavy-hitters," if you will. I am grateful for men like John MacArthur, Steve Lawson, Voddie Baucham, etc., and have personally benefited from them. I am equally grateful, though, for all of the faithful pastors I meet who are not well known. I'm grateful for men like my pastor, Jim Osman, who is as fine of a preacher as I have ever heard and who took me to the hospital and back in the middle of the night in a blizzard to have a kidney stone removed. I'm grateful for men like Scott Neathery, a pastor friend of mine in Texas who came to pick me up in my hotel room and helped me get my compression socks on and off. I am constantly encouraged by all of our faithful pastors out there who labor in the word and shepherd their flocks and they do so largely in anonymity, known only to their people and to the Good Shepherd Himself. Men like these will be in the front of the line one day.

Jim Osman, and I attended the Shepherd's Conference together in March. It is always just a tremendous time of edification through the Word and through fellowship with fellow brothers in Christ. Back in 2013 I preached in Uganda with another pastor/friend of mine, Mike Miller. Uganda is absolutely saturated with Word-Faith/Prosperity theology. One of the churches at which we preached was pastored by a man named Bill Issa. Bill was not Word-Faith but his church was full of people who were to one degree or another.



Pastor Scott Neathery

*For from Him and through Him and*

For those who have never heard me speak of Bill, he is a husband and father of 5. Bill was passing out some leaflets advertising the conference at his church before we arrived. A local Word-Faith pastor heard of it and bribed the police to arrest him. The police found Bill, beat him and arrested him in front of his family, then took him to the police station where they chained him to a tree overnight in the rain. He was released the next day. Undeterred, Bill welcomed us into his church and accompanied us to other churches across Uganda for the next two weeks. Bill and his family lived in a home with one spigot of running water and a bathroom that was nothing but a concrete closet that sloped to the outside wall with a hole at the bottom of it. Needless to say, none of us can relate to such living conditions.



Pastor Bill Issa at Shepherd's Conference

Though Mike and I have kept in contact with Bill in the years since we left, I had not seen him in person until I saw him at the conference. After exchanging warm hugs, Bill and I got caught up with one another and our respective families. I asked Bill how his ministry was going and he said, with a smile "You blew up my church!" After Mike and I preached the truth there, Bill's church did indeed blow up. The goats in his church attacked him for standing by the Truth and the church disbanded – but not without a very difficult ordeal for Bill and his family. A long story short, since then we were able to get Bill connected with Dr. Conrad Mbewe, pastor of Kabwata Baptist Church in Zambia. Conrad is a solid preacher and has been referred to as "the Spurgeon of Africa." Conrad's church and African Christian University, for which he serves as Chancellor, have been helping Bill a great deal.

Today Bill is pastor of a completely different church. It is a healthy church that is growing both numerically and spiritually. Bill and his family even have a new home that is much better, cleaner, and has running water in the bathroom. It was such a joy to reunite with Bill and hear of the gracious work the Lord has done and continues to do in his life and ministry.



Costi, me and Michael

If you are familiar with my ministry already, you have likely heard me speak of my friendship with Costi Hinn, Benny Hinn's nephew whom God saved out of the prosperity theology heresy. Well, Costi was contacted by a young man named Michael Cerullo. Michael's grandfather is Morris Cerullo, an internationally famous Word-Faith/Prosperity teacher. Just as he did with Costi, God saved Michael out of that deception as well.

This past year while in California, Costi, Michael, and I got to spend some time together. Michael is a great guy with a very gentle, humble spirit about him. He is soaking up truth like a sponge. Michael loves his grandfather dearly but loves him enough to tell him the truth. As of this writing, Morris has not heeded the pleadings of his grandson. What an encouragement and blessing it is, though, to count these two men as my friends and brothers.

The big theological issue of 2018 was the Social Justice Movement (SJM). There is much to this issue but the long and short of it is that there is a push to include social justice as an integral part of the Gospel and mission of the church. The push for social justice is playing out in four major arenas: poverty, same-sex attraction (SSA), gender roles, and racism.

Regarding poverty (often referred to in terms of "income inequality"), of course this exists. Income inequality is not necessarily a bad thing. The person who works little and has little has no right to feel slighted by the person who works much and has more, nor is the latter obligated to subsidize the former. The Bible is quite clear that "if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either" (2 Thessalonians 3:10). Some people truly are physically unable to care for themselves. Individuals such as this we are biblically obligated to help. But even here our first obligation is to "those of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10). Caring for those truly in need, however, is a very different thing than trying to eradicate "income inequality."

The mainline Protestant denominations (Episcopal Church, United Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church USA, etc.) have long compromised on the sin of homosexuality. Until just a very few years ago it was unthinkable that evangelicals would compromise on this issue and yet, in 2018, we began to see huge cracks in the dam. The Revoice Conference, held in St. Louis in July, according to its official website was about "supporting, encouraging, and empowering gay, lesbian, same-sex attracted, and other LGBT Christians." What made this conference groundbreaking is that it was organized by (supposedly) theologically conservative Christians who, according to the website, affirm the "historic, Christian doctrine of marriage and sexuality." Put succinctly, they affirm that homosexual practice is wrong and sinful, but hold that one can still be a same-sex attracted, gay "Christian" as long as those desires are not acted upon.

In 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 the Apostle Paul gives a list of sins which, if unrepented of, will prevent one from inheriting the Kingdom of God. Among other sins such as fornication, drunkenness, reviling, theft and idolatry is the sin of homosexuality. Paul then writes the show-stopping words, "such were some of you." Though too much to fully explain here, the most literal reading of the Greek is, "this is what you used to be." In other words, Paul is not merely condemning the practice but the identity. The Corinthians were idolaters, but no longer are. They were drunkards, but no longer are. They were homosexuals, but no longer are. This is not an outward reformation, but an inward transformation. There can no more be a gay Christian than a murdering Christian. The believer's identity is not in sin, it is in Christ Who makes the old to pass away and all things new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

The third arena is that of the roles of men and women. The Bible is quite clear that men and women are of equal value before God (Galatians 3:28) but we do have different roles (1 Timothy 2:12; 3:2; Titus 2). Men have been designed by God to be the spiritual leaders in both the home and the church. Men and women have equally important but different roles. Their roles complement one another, hence

*to Him are all things. To Him be the glory*

the name of the biblical view known as Complementarianism. The opposing view is that men and women can fulfill the same roles within both the home and church. This view, known as Egalitarianism, holds that women can assume positions of spiritual leadership up to and often including that of pastor.

As with SSA, there are cracks in the complementarian dam as well. It is becoming increasingly accepted amongst evangelicals for women to assume roles the Bible reserves for men. Despite the Holy Spirit's clear instruction that women should not "teach or exercise authority over a man" (1 Timothy 2:12) this is becoming the norm. In 2018 there was and remains still serious discussion about Beth Moore soon becoming president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Whether or not that actually happens is a bit of a moot point. That these discussions are even taking place shows how far removed evangelicals are from their biblical moorings. Again, men and women are of equal value before God and are equal recipients of His divine, sovereign grace. But to blur what should be clear lines of distinction in God's roles for the genders does nothing to elevate women, it actually demeans them. Let us honor both men and women as equal bearers of the imago dei (image of God) and by affirming the different but complementary roles God has given them.

The fourth major arena of the SJM is that of race. SJM proponents say that racism is systemic and is a problem not only in the secular world but also the church. In April of 2018 the Evangelical Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) of the Southern Baptist Convention hosted the MLK50 Conference in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. What bothered so many of us is that MLK, Jr. was held up as a model of Christian character and orthodoxy. MLK, Jr. denied the virgin birth, the trinity, substitutionary atonement and said in a 1959 Easter Sunday sermon that the resurrection of Jesus being a bodily resurrection "isn't the important thing." While we all rejoice that God in His good providence used MLK, Jr. to bring about needed and overdue societal changes, to portray him as a Christian when he denied Christianity's fundamental tenets is to diminish the Gospel.

Does racism exist? Of course it does. But it exists in the unredeemed hearts of people of all ethnicities. By God's grace I have preached all over the world. I have been to countries in Central and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and India. No matter where I am in the world, when I am with like-minded believers, I have an instant bond with them and they with me. It does not matter what culture I am in, how much or how little they have, or even what language is spoken. You know what else does not matter? Skin color. I could not care less what color they are nor do they care what color I am. I love them and they love me – because we are family. We have been adopted into the family of God by the merits of Christ (Galatians 4:4-7; Romans 8:14-17). By His sacrificial and atoning death, Christ has broken down the barriers (Ephesians 2:14-15) and has made for Himself a family from all tribes, tongues, people and nations (Revelation 5:9). The Gospel and only the Gospel does this.



People in positions of power have been quietly but methodically putting the SJM pieces on the chessboard for years but it was not until this year that the veil was really lifted for all to see. Once it was, though, many became very alarmed, and rightly so. Some pastor friends of mine, Josh Buice and Tom Buck, discussed what could be done. A long story short is that we assembled a group of like-minded believers – most notable among them Dr. John MacArthur – and we met in June in Dallas, TX to discuss the issue and begin formulating a response.



Over the next few months we crafted The Statement on Social Justice and the Gospel (SJ&G). The statement is comprised of 14 affirmations and denials dealing with everything from the authority and sufficiency of scripture, to biblical roles for men and women, to race, sexuality, and the church. As I write this, the statement has been signed by over 10,000 people. You may read the statement at [www.statementonsocialjustice.com](http://www.statementonsocialjustice.com) and, assuming you agree, may sign it too. The initial signatories have also written a number of supporting articles on the subject. One that I wrote is entitled "Thanks for Nothing" and may be read on the website.

Many of us see this issue as the single gravest threat to biblical Christianity of our day. What makes this issue so particularly alarming is that we are seeing some of the "heavy-hitters," if you will, within our own theological orbits buying into this movement at least to some degree. Anytime the Gospel is presented as salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone plus something, whatever follows the "plus" becomes the focus. For the Galatians it was by grace through faith plus circumcision. This addition earned them the stern rebuke from Paul recorded in Galatians 3:1, "You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you?"

That there is injustice in the world there can be no doubt. But that is part of living in a fallen world that groans under the strain of sin (Romans 8:20-25). We do long for the day when all sin and injustice is put to an eschatological end by the reign of Christ, but we must never succumb to the temptation that any of us is somehow owed justice in this life. The only justice that we are owed is the justice our sins have earned – and that, dear ones, is a justice we do not want. God gave Another our justice so that we could be made just (2 Corinthians 5:21). And that is the Gospel.

Another project with which I was involved is the American Gospel film produced by Brandon Kimber. This is a documentary that explores and refutes the prominent Gospel perversions of both Roman Catholicism and Word-Faith/Prosperity theology. Brandon interviewed numerous pastors, theologians and believers in general who gave compelling refutations of these heresies. It not only details the theological heresies but also the physical dangers that these movements pose. It shows the powerful testimonies of people whom God

*forever. Amen. - Romans 11:36*

has saved out of these deceptions. Though I do not endorse all of the views held by some of those featured in the documentary (and neither would Brandon), the project is very well done, and I would heartily commend it to you. You may purchase the film on iTunes and DVD. For more information, please see [www.americangospelfilm.com](http://www.americangospelfilm.com)

I did have a bit of a health issue arise this year. In September I was scheduled to go preach in Baltimore, MD. I woke up the morning of my departure feeling fine. As I walked into my office, all of the sudden, I felt a very significant pain in my left calf area. The pain was literally not there one step and there the next. I could barely stand up. I managed to hobble into my office and plop down in my chair. Once the weight was off my leg the pain went away but as soon as I tried to stand, the pain instantly returned. Never having felt anything like this before, I called a life-long friend of mine who is a physical therapist. When I described the pain he said, "That sounds like a blood clot. You need to get to the emergency room right now."

So, Kathy and I went to the ER where they performed an ultrasound on both legs. After a couple of hours the doctor came in and said, "Well, you don't have a blood clot in your left leg, but you do in your right – a big one." I had a very sizable blood clot in my right leg that, left untreated for long, likely would have broken off and gone to my heart. Such a scenario could be fatal. But on the upshot, I would have gone to Heaven and, if revived back on earth by the paramedics, could have returned and written a best-selling book about my celestial excursion (ahem).

I was put on some strong blood thinners and am now on a daily maintenance dosage to prevent this from happening again. I will be on blood thinners for the rest of my life but am cleared to travel and preach as I did before. To this day I still have no idea what that sharp pain was in my left leg (it was the right leg with the blood clot). Whatever it was it is gone now. God used a mysterious pain in my left leg to alert Kathy and me to something in my right leg that could have killed me. I've heard a couple of people call this a miracle. It was not a miracle by the biblical definition of the term, but it was God's providence. Have you ever heard someone say, "God really intervened here"? Well, I know what people mean by that, but it is not technically correct. To say that God intervened is to suggest that most of the time He is up in Heaven twiddling His anthropomorphic thumbs without a great deal to do but, every once in a while, sees a situation in which He needs to reach down and "intervene." The biblical and theological reality, however, is that there is never a time in which God is not working. The Bible teaches that God "upholds all things by the word of his power" (Hebrews 1:3) and "in Him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:17). If God stopped working even for a millisecond every atom in all the universe would instantly vanish. He is constantly working not only to uphold all things but to work them "after the counsel of his will" (Ephesians 1:11). Charles Spurgeon once said, "The sovereignty of God is the pillow upon which the child of God rests his head at night." Selah.

# LOOKING AHEAD 2019

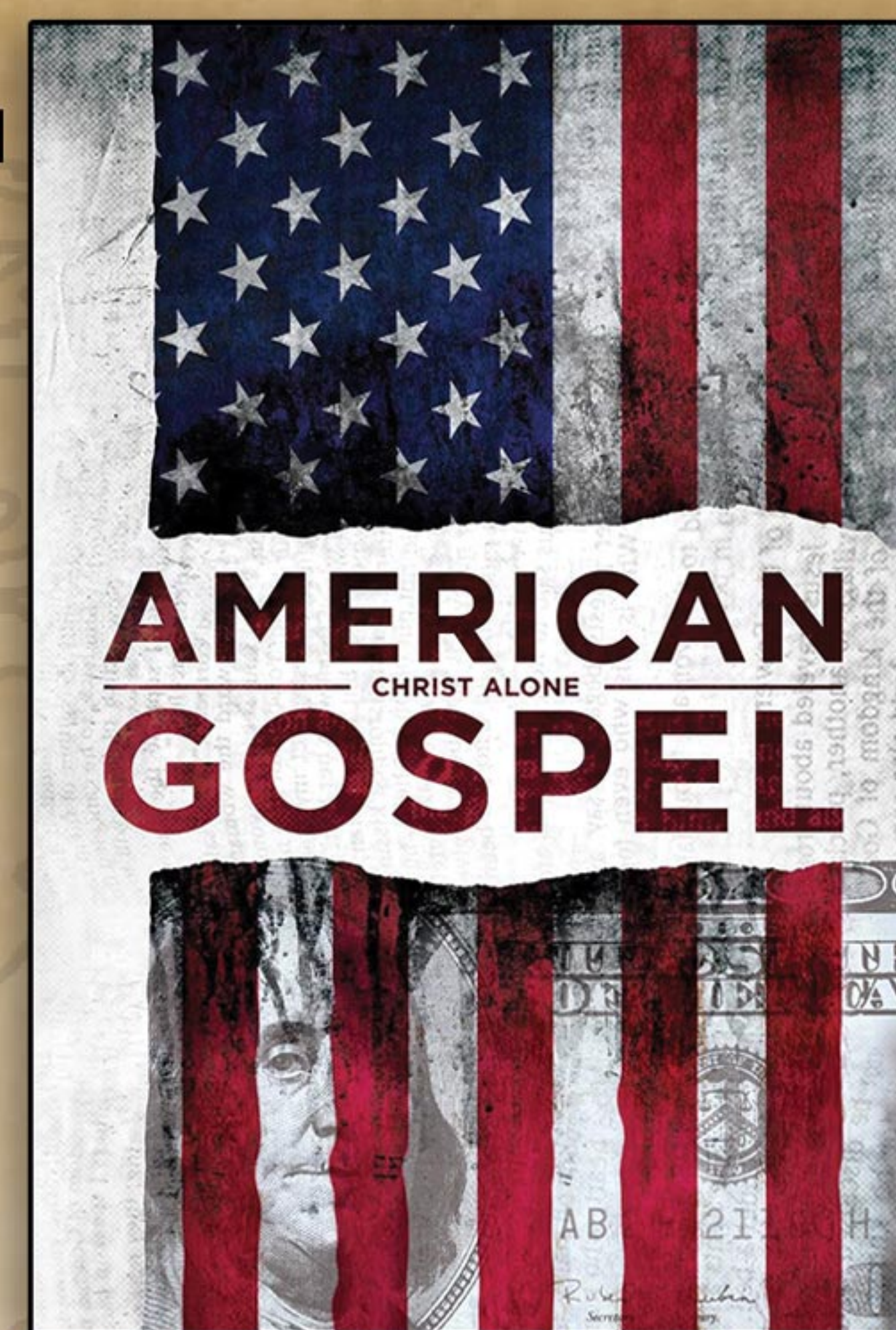
Looking ahead to 2019, it seems that it will be another busy and, by God's grace, fruitful year. I have begun a new radio program. It is entitled Didache (did-a-kay) which is the Greek word for doctrine. As of this writing it will be a bi-weekly program of about 30 minutes. As the name implies, I will be focusing on teaching sound doctrine for it is by this that our knowledge of God is deepened which enables our love for God to be deepened (Philippians 1:9). As of this writing I plan on doing a series on the doctrine of election, a series on the book of James and a series on the Holy Spirit. As events come up in the evangelical world which I believe warrant a discussion, I will engage those as well. I also plan on interviewing people from time to time. In my travels I meet so many people that have encouraged, edified and challenged me and I would like you to hear from them as well. If you would like to listen, search either for my name or for Didache in whatever podcast app you use.



2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the preaching and teaching ministry of Dr. John MacArthur. I have been all around the world and have yet to be on an international trip in which I have not seen first hand the good fruit being borne by this man's ministry and those who help him in it. He has pastored for 50 years untouched by scandal, has written dozens of books and an entire New Testament commentary set, has preached through the entire New Testament verse by verse, and has led a university and seminary. Through both the sheer volume of his work coupled with the mass dissemination made possible by the Internet, I think the argument could be made that he has done more to champion sound doctrine, expository preaching and equip churches and pastors than any single man in Christian history. One person recently wrote into Grace To You and reported that in Asia a large number of MacArthur's sermons had been translated and loaded onto portable "radios." This person said that a farmer had one of these radios hanging on the horns of his water buffalo so he could listen to MacArthur preach out in the fields. How encouraging is that?! Praise the Lord!



John MacArthur is the real deal. Kathy and I had the opportunity to share a meal with him in November and both of us were struck not only by his genuine humility but also his unwavering devotion to truth. His devotion to truth has cost him tremendously and will continue to cost him, but he remains steadfast. In October of 2019 Grace Community Church and Grace To You are hosting a conference in honor of MacArthur's half century of ministry and have extended an invitation to me to be one of the speakers. I am honored beyond what words can express to have a part in something this special. John MacArthur will go down as one of the giants of the faith.



Domestically I will be preaching in states from California to Texas to New York this year. I will be doing exposition, my Clouds Without Water seminar, and speaking at a conference on suffering and another on the Holy Spirit. In September I will be speaking at Grace Community Church's Conferencia Expositores (Expositors Conference) for Spanish speaking pastors. I also have several writing projects on my plate.

Barring any unforeseen hindrances, this year will be my busiest year for international travel. I am scheduled to preach in churches, conferences and seminaries in 6 different countries. I will be in the Philippines at a conference with my friend, Andrew Rappaport, head of Striving for Eternity Ministries ([www.strivingforeternity.org](http://www.strivingforeternity.org)). I'm making my third trip to Brazil to preach at a conference on Roman Catholicism and do some exposition. I will be making my second trip to Honduras to teach a seminary class and preach in a church there. A trip to the Ukraine scheduled back in 2015 had to be postponed due to military tensions with Russia. Those tensions have not completely abated but I'm scheduled to try it again this year. I will be preaching at a few different churches and teaching at Irpin Biblical Seminary in Kiev. I have also been invited by Dr. Conrad Mbewe to preach at his church, Kabwata Baptist, and teach at the

Central Africa Baptist College and Seminary. There is also a possibility of me going to Ethiopia but as of this writing, dates have not been secured.

I always jump at the chance to preach/teach at pastors conferences or at seminaries because of the multiplier effect. I love to preach at churches but if I can equip a group of pastors or young men who will one day be pastors then they, in turn, can equip their respective congregations. These opportunities give a lot of "bang for the buck" so to speak.

So, it is looking like a busy year but busy also means it is one full of opportunities. If you are so able, your financial support of this work would certainly be appreciated. The financial support of like-minded believers helps this work to continue and for its reach to expand. It enables me to travel and preach in poor countries that are in just as much need of equipping in the scriptures as others but are unable to pay my expenses to come. The most rewarding trips for me from a spiritual standpoint have been to countries that are the poorest from a physical standpoint. It also enables me to give away my teaching resources to those who cannot afford them. Recall the pastors conference I mentioned in Nicaragua earlier in the newsletter? Each of those 250 pastors received a free copy of my DVD, Clouds Without Water, that has been translated into Spanish, Nubes Sin Agua. Your support helps make this possible. This having been said, support your home church first. I do not want this ministry to siphon any money away from local churches.

Even if you are unable to support this work financially, Kathy and I would certainly covet your prayers for us. Pray that we (I say "we" because Kathy helps me with the logistical and paperwork side of the ministry, not in preaching – that would be weird 😊) would reach the most number of people in the most efficient way possible. Pray that I would grow in my understanding of God's word and in my ability to teach it to others. Pray that the seed of God's Word will find fertile soil and will bear good fruit. Pray that I always carry the name of Christ well.

In closing, I receive emails from people all over the world on a daily basis who, by God's grace alone, have been impacted by this work. A lady from Mississippi emailed me telling me that she, at age 61, has just recently come to true saving faith in Christ. She was worried, though, because she occasionally still sins and, based on 1 John 3:8-9 in the KJV, was worried that meant she might not really be saved. I emailed her back and explained that the NASB has a much better rendering and explained to her the meaning of that text and cross-referenced it with 1 John 1:9 pointing out that that verse is written to believers. I explained the difference between judicial and relational forgiveness. She emailed me back literally just minutes ago and said

*Dear Mr. Peters, I will never be able to thank you enough for replying to my email. Tears of joy are streaming down my face. If not for your gracious and kind clarification I might never have been able to understand the answer to my question. I have given my life to Christ and will spend the rest of my life pursuing and doing the will of our Father. You, your wife, and family are now part of my family in Christ, and I will always remember you in my prayers. I will keep watching your teachings. God bless you always. (name withheld to protect her privacy)*

Isn't that wonderful? How encouraging to see God's saving and sanctifying work in this dear lady's life. At age 61 the time came that it pleased God to reveal Christ to her (Galatians 1:16). He saved her and is now sanctifying her. I just love stuff like this.



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We want to express to you our heartfelt appreciation for your interest in and support of this work. If we can be of help to you in any way, please do let us know.

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" – 2 Corinthians 13:14.

*Justin and Kathy*