

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN

(A New Call To Respond)

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I am a Blood Washed, Born Again Christian and I am an American!

When I gave my life to the Lord Jesus Christ, I died to my old ways of living, that I might live unto Him. When I accepted the call of God to be a minister, I willingly chose to also die naturally if called upon in the course of my duties for our Lord. Many times, I have been in harm's way and could have easily been killed while on various mission trips. I am prepared to die for my Lord.

In June 1961 I enlisted in the United States Army. I was required to give this oath: *"I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."* I was one hundred percent ready to give my life for my country.

From the beginning of our nation until now millions of our young men and women have paid the supreme price for our freedom. Since I enlisted back in '61 multiplied thousands have died defending our

country. (58,000 in Vietnam alone). They fought and gave their lives in foreign lands that American soil would not become a battle field. I don't know about you, but I thank God for those men and women that loved our country enough to die for it.

My wife and I have traveled to many countries doing what we could in mission work. We have preached the Gospel, given out Bibles and Gospel Tracts, fed and clothed the poor, and provided humanitarian aid to those whose lives have been devastated by disasters. Many of the countries of the world we have visited are beautiful: awesome mountains, spectacular cities and beautiful beaches. Our Creator has given us a beautiful world in which to dwell. As beautiful and inviting as some of these countries are, there is none like the United States of America! I would never want to live in any other nation of the world.

President Barack Obama once stated that America is not a Christian nation. I beg to differ! America is a Christian nation in the respect that the vast majority of people that live in America are Christians. America is a Christian nation because it was founded on Christian principles. America is a Christian nation because we give more in humanitarian aid than any nation in the world. America has always been the first responders in emergencies or disasters. We are a Christian nation because we have sent more Christian missionaries into foreign fields than any other nation. American Christians have built more Christian churches than anyone in the world.

Yes, we have our problems. We as Christians are not perfect, and neither is our country. But, as long as

we are striving to be the best we possibly can, there is hope. First, I am a Christian; secondly, I am an American. In my walk with the Lord, I am striving to attain unto the measure, and the stature, and the fullness of Jesus Christ. My goal is to be in His image! As a Christian I am committed to defending the Word of God, no matter the cost to me personally.

As an American, I am striving to prevent my country from being overtaken by anti-Christ laws and policies. I am striving to better my country by not compromising the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am striving for a revival that will turn our nation back to God! I want to see our nation's motto "One Nation Under God" and "In God We Trust" be restored to their true meaning. That is, we are *one nation under God*, and we are the people that believe, *in God we trust!* As an American I am committed to defending the constitution of the United States, no matter the cost to me personally.

I know some of you are probably thinking, "you're getting too political and should stick to preaching the Gospel." Well, I am sticking to the Gospel! I have good news for American Christians! We are America and we can change the present atmosphere throughout America including Washington through the power our God has invested in us! God has given us the power of prayer and faith. Our nation's forefathers have given us the power of voice, demonstration and vote.

If the far left Marxist liberals have their way and are allowed to continue their antichrist policies, we are in serious trouble. We all enjoy our religious freedom, don't we? We can go to the church of our choice. In

most states and cities, we can hand out tracts and preach on the streets. We don't fear any religious persecution from our government at all! We can freely preach against the sins of homosexuality and abortion. We can even get a break on our income taxes if we give to our churches.

All of these liberties will soon end if the present shift in socialism continues. There is an attack from within our nation that is against the Christian Church and if you can't see it, you are deceived and spiritually blind my friend!

When one understands that the politicians control the religious liberties we presently enjoy, you might want to do something about them. The politicians vote and influence affect every citizen whether they are Christians, Jews or Muslim.

You might add that the Supreme Court Justices are the problem as they are the ones who took prayer out of our schools, and are to blame for today's rampant abortion (Roe vs. Wade). You are right, they manifested this fruit of evil; however our politicians are the ones that voted these justices into office. And my friend, Americans (mostly American Christians) voted the politicians into office. The politicians are the branches that are bearing the fruit, but you and I are the root. And I might add, the root of the problem!

Some one hundred-seventy years ago the Supreme Court Justices had quite a different view: *"Why may not the Bible, and especially the New Testament be read and taught as a divine revelation in the school? Where can the purest principles of morality be learned so clearly or so perfectly as from the New Testament?" United States Supreme Court, 1844*

Obviously, the root (voter) that elected the branches (politicians) that brought forth this kind of fruit was also quite different than today's voter.

For two hundred years America has been the leader and envy of the world. Not only has the world marveled at our prosperity, but we have been known as a Christian Nation with high moral values the world over. It is evident from history that our nation was founded upon Christian principles.

There is no question, we have changed!

Look at the present fruit of our nation in regards to the Word of God. With the exception of President Donald Trump and most Republicans, his opposing political leaders have openly and blatantly declared their approval of gay rights; men marrying men and women marrying women in holy matrimony! These leaders have smilingly approved the murder of over 50 million babies in their mother's wombs and called it a choice. These leaders have embraced profanity and pornography and called it freedom of speech. Many of America's political leaders continue to call evil good and have taken their stand against God's Word. This is why President Trump is hated! No other president has done more to reverse the antichrist agenda that has gripped America for years!

If every Born Again Christian in America voted in accordance with the Word of God, there would be no gay marriages being administered and millions of innocent babies would be alive today!

Politicians that had views contrary would simply be voted out of office. It really is that simple!

Since Karl Marx, the intent of those politicians on the left everywhere on earth has been to institute a godless society.

Many of our politicians in the United States have now positioned themselves on the far left of liberalism. President Franklyn Roosevelt, (a Democrat) was called a left wing president concerning the role of state government and federal government. But, he regularly spoke of the need to defend and preserve "Christian civilization" and of the importance of the Bible and religion in American life. In one speech, he said "We guard against the forces of anti-Christian aggression." (Madison Square Garden, October 28, 1940)

As already stated, things have changed! Although Roosevelt was a left wing Democrat, he still understood the importance of preserving our Christian heritage and spoke to defend it.

I do not believe that every Democrat is a left wing anti-Christian politician. However, I do believe that the Democrat party of today is anti-Christian and it is obvious why I believe this. Look at their platform! Look at what they stand for as a party.

Wake up! America's left wants a godless society here in the United States and they are presently controlling the Democratic Party. You have it in Europe and it is coming to America fast! Listen folks, millions of Democrats say they are Christians, and they believe in God. My question to them is simple, if you are a Christian, and you believe in God, how can you support a platform that is blatantly against God's Word?! I cannot believe God's people can be naïve enough to think they can straddle the fence with God on one side and Satan of the other and think they are pleasing God.

I know I have painted you a sad and disgusting picture of present day America. But, I am not discouraged, I am encouraged!

Everywhere I go, I talk with non-Christians, fellow Christians, and ministers and they feel the very same as I do. People are disgusted with politicians! We believe America is ripe for revival! Thank God, Christians and non-Christians alike are waking up. Thank God there is hope for us!

Our elected officials have made us partakers of other men's sins! The taxes we pay our government is used to promote lifestyles that can never be accepted by real Christians. *"Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure."* [1Timothy 5:22]

Yes, I am fed up! I can no longer sit back and do nothing while the country I love is being destroyed from within. No matter the color of your skin, All Lives Matter!

Ignorance is a horrible condition. This is an awakening cry for all Americans. God's will is to save and not destroy. It is not the will of God to destroy our nation. It is His will to save our nation!

The message of judgment is to bring salvation not destruction! This is why God raised up the prophets of old and this is still His way. Judgment is spoken in order that we might have a choice. Judgment is simply the knowledge of what is right and what is wrong. If it was purely and simply God's will to destroy, then there would be no message of judgment. The Word that would be preached would be clearly," GOD WILL DESTROY!

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. [Jeremiah 18:8]

I say again, we are not without hope. I firmly believe it is up to us, His people that are called by His Name.

Let's take back America for Jesus! My hope and prayer is for revival fires to sweep our nation. It all begins with us.

We must, and we will fight for "One Nation Under God" to be restored. We must, and we will fight for Christian principles to be restored in our government.

I believe it is up to us. Yes, you and I can change the course of our nation. It all depends on how you as a Christian and an American respond. You can continue to be silent, or you can let your voice be heard.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." [2Chronicles 7:14]

Prayer can certainly change things. We need to be a praying people. But we also need to be a church in action. I believe God is calling His church to fight. Let us fight with prayer, but let us also fight with every resource available to us. I also have a voice, and I have a vote.

But be warned my friend. If we do not turn to God, judgment will begin at the House of God and it will be harsh, very harsh.

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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We find the Holy Spirit has many ministries! He is our Comforter, Teacher, Guide and Revealer of God's truths. He is also a Reprover, Baptizer, Giver of Gifts, Helper and Intercessor. An important ministry of the Holy Spirit is that He actually prays for us about things we are not aware of! Every Christian needs the Holy Spirit in their lives!

COMFORTER:

"So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter. Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive" [Ecclesiastes 4:1-2]. The writer of Ecclesiastes writes of such torment that he praised the dead more than the living. In other words it would be far better to die than live!

Oh yes, there will be times in your life when you will need someone to comfort you. There is no better One to comfort you than the Comforter our Lord has given us. He will be there during our times of sorrow and despair. He can bring you out of the shadows of hopelessness and bring the Light of our Lord to smile upon you and give you an

everlasting Comfort and hope. Jesus called the Holy Spirit the Comforter! *"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever" [John 14:16].*

Many times I have prayed with grieving loved ones before a funeral and witnessed the comforting Power of the Holy Spirit.

TEACHER, GUIDE AND REVEALER:

The Holy Spirit is also our Teacher, Guide and Revealer. I believe He accomplishes this in various ways. First, He opens up the Scriptures to us by supernatural revelation. Secondly, He anoints men and women to teach us. Thirdly, He guides us into all truth. Notice, the Greek word for *guide* is "to show the way". The Holy Spirit guides, He doesn't push, He is gentle, He shows you the way to go. Lastly, the Holy Spirit will *show you things to come*. He will reveal to you future events! *"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" [John 14:26]. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come" John 16:13].*

Please notice in John 16:13 Jesus said the Holy Spirit will not speak of Himself! *"He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you" [John 16:14].* He will glorify Jesus! The word glorify means *to esteem, full of (have) glory, honour, magnify*. Just as Jesus

glorified and magnified the Father, the Holy Spirit will only magnify Jesus. Jesus said, *"Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works"* [John 14:10]. In the same way the Holy Spirit will not speak of Himself but will magnify Jesus as Jesus did His Father. As the example given to us by our Lord Jesus, we should always magnify the God that lives in us. For it is He doeth the works!

REPROVER:

The Holy Spirit Reproves. *"And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged"* [John 16:8-11]. He corrects errors in the world and in your life! The word reprove means *to convict, convince, tell a fault, rebuke, reprove*. I believe the Holy Spirit will bring your attention to any area of your life that's not pleasing to God. I thank God for this! I realize that I might unconsciously do something that doesn't please the Father. I thank God for this ministry of the Holy Spirit that awakens me and stirs me to repentance. We desperately need the convicting power of the Holy Spirit in our lives!

BAPTIZER:

We must be baptized in the Holy Spirit. We discover in the following scriptures that the Holy Spirit is also a baptizer! *"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one*

body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" [1Corinthians 12:12-13].

Never forget, the body is many, but there is only One Spirit!

GIVER OF GIFTS:

The Holy Spirit is the Giver of the gifts of the Spirit! When reading through the nine gifts of the Spirit I realized this is a very important ministry of the Holy Spirit. Beginning with verse four of First Corinthians chapter twelve look carefully at these verses and you will find that Paul is talking about the same Spirit.

"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will" [1Corinthians 12:4-11].

Paul is talking about the Holy Spirit and how the Holy Spirit will be manifested: Through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit! We see there are nine gifts of the

Spirit! That is nine different ways in this single passage how the Holy Spirit ministers. Space in this article will not allow for us to investigate these nine different ministry gifts. Paul went on to say in the fourteenth chapter that we should desire spiritual gifts. I believe the Holy Spirit wants to give us spiritual gifts in order for Christ to be manifested!

Never forget that the gifts the Holy Spirit imparts in your life are for others, although they will certainly impact and bless you as well! *"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal" [1Corinthians 12:7].*

HELPER AND INTERCESSOR:

The Holy Spirit is our helper and intercessor. The Holy Spirit lives in our inner man. He knows all about us and according to Ephesians chapter three, verse sixteen *he strengthens our inner man!*

Because the Holy Spirit lives in our inner man he gives us the ability to pray in the Spirit. *"For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also" [1Corinthians 14:14-15].* The Holy Spirit enables us to both pray and sing in the Spirit with and without understanding. We can pray in an unknown tongue or with our native language! The unknown tongue you are speaking is to God. This is revealed in this verse, *"For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries" [1Corinthians 14:2].*

The Holy Spirit's ministry of intercessor has always amazed me. I read a little tract once that asked the question, "Can God talk to God?" The tract was referring to Jesus and the Father. There should be little doubt that Jesus most certainly prayed and talked to the Father!

But with the thought, "Can God Talk to God?" in mind let's look at the very important intercessory ministry of the Holy Spirit. He is our Prayer Warrior within!

In Romans chapter eight Paul writes that the Spirit helps our *infirmities* which is defined as, *feebleness* (of body or mind); by implication *malady*; disease, infirmity, sickness, weakness. *"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God"* [Romans 8:26-27].

These two verses give a powerful overview of this great ministry of the Holy Spirit! He helps our infirmities by interceding on our behalf. Paul knows there are times when we just don't know what to pray for. The enemy may be attacking us in an area that we are not yet aware of. However, the Holy Spirit searches hearts and knows the will of God for us. Therefore the Holy Spirit prays for us *with groanings which cannot be uttered!* Isn't it wonderful that you not only have saints and ministers praying for you, but you have the Holy Spirit Himself interceding for you!