

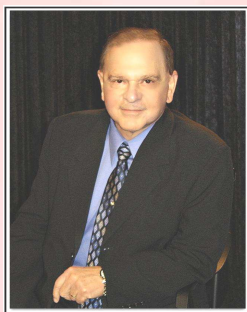
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THE GIFT OF LOVE

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February is the month we celebrate Valentine's Day... expressing the gift of love to all. However, no other person has ever loved or touched the world in quite the way Jesus did. The Gift of all gifts, Jesus is truly the gift sent by God the Father. He came as a babe in a manger and will return as King of kings and Lord of lords. What do you do with a gift? You must first receive it. Then, in order to receive the benefit of the His love, it must be used according to its purpose. Why did God give the Gift? How was it given? And what was the purpose?



No other book of the New Testament gives us these answers and records Jesus' birth and teaching in quite the way Matthew does. Built around five major addresses that Jesus gave His followers, Matthew records the essence

of Christ's message, the core commands that He not only wanted His people to live by, but spread to "all the nations...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20). Thus, Matthew contains marching orders for all of Christ's followers — including those of us who call Him Lord in this day. He sends us into the world to influence lives, reflect His ways, His love, and His values.

How appropriate, then, that Matthew is the first Gospel of the New Testament. All of the books that follow are God's Word, but Matthew sets the pace. It highlights "The Gift of Love" and gives us the agenda of our Lord: "Do all things I have commanded."

So this month, express your love for one another and show the Gift of love who is Jesus, to all. ♥♥♥



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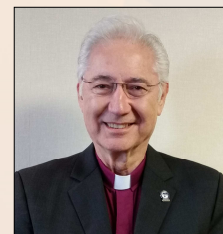
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FOOL PROOF? Make FULL PROOF!

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If we want our personal ministry to be “**FOOL PROOF**” then we need to do what Paul told Timothy. Make **FULL PROOF** of your ministry. Apostle Paul is speaking to Timothy (2 Timothy 4:5. KJV), “...How can he be made full proof?...” by *doing the work of an evangelist!!!*” The enemy has lied so long that the only person(s) who are responsible to preach the Word or win souls is one of the 5-fold ministry. (i.e. the Evangelist.) Most will tell you they don’t believe that BUT-NOBODY does evangelism anymore.

I recently led a whole church meeting where we repented for NOT obeying our Lord. The ‘**sin of omission**’ is just as great as the sin of commission because it carries a direct disobedience to our Lord’s commands to “*go and make disciples*” and *be endued with power from on high to become witnesses unto Him*. HELLO!..and yet, we say that’s not my job. If we don’t reproduce after our kind in the natural our genealogies cease. OK, so why write something like this to make me so uncomfortable when I’ve relegated soul-winning testimonies and evangelism to others.... Well the truth is every believer who is not engaged in some level of evangelism is walking in disobedience. We get our word, EV“**ANGEL**”ISM from the word, ANGEL. An angel is a messenger, remember the first announcement of Christ’s birth? Yep, the angel was engaged in evangelism. One sent to bring good news.

To make FULL PROOF the Greeks had an interesting definition on how “By evidence!” To completely assure or convince by full knowing, then in **persuading**, Paul spoke to Timothy about his part of the “Great Commission”. Someone once told me that evangelism was “missionary” work, whereas testifying about Christ to others is “outreach.” I asked them to show me in scripture where outreach is noted, then asked them about Christ’s word, “*go first into Jerusalem,*” is that outreach? Judea ,is it still outreach? Then, Samaria is it still qualifying for outreach? And then “*the uttermost parts of the world.*” Oh now you say that’s mission work. So then, did it change just by geography or distance? And now it’s evangelism?! How much can we convolute the truth to fit our lack of want to?

2 Timothy 4:5 (KJV)

“But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.”

In Romans 15, Paul is speaking to his followers about his journey to Spain (mission work) and he knows that they can’t all go with him, so he asked them in fact (vs. 29) “*when I stop over here in Rome, my hope is that my visit with you is going to be one of Christ’s more extravagant blessing*”...i.e. offerings to support him. Now that’s a missionary! Here’s something to think about while we’re passing those in our work places, in Walmart, or family gatherings. In Acts 24:24, Paul is addressing Governor Festus, coming from a strong hold, he’s now 2 years in his imprisonment in Caesarea. So Festus comes with Drusilla, a Jewess, to listen to Paul about his conversion to *Christianity*. To Drusilla, a Jewess, this was an anomaly! It reads and says, “*He sent for Paul, and heard him concerning his faith in Christ.*” (vs. 25) “*And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come. Felix “**TREMbled**” (was afraid) and said go away at a more convenient season I will call you. He preached the good news and under the Holy Spirit’s conviction Felix trembled.*” In Act 26:28, Paul pulled out all the stops in his **witnessing** so as to make FULL PROOF of his ministry so Agrippa listens and says “*Almost thou **persuades** me to be a Christian.*” Sharing Christ should be a large part of who we are and what we do especially for the many who have other revelatory gifts that can really minister to people.

I was at dinner a week ago and one of my elders said to me about the waitress. “Hey, I’m getting from the Lord the name of “Hannah.” I believe there’s someone of importance to her with this name. I believe as Hannah sought God, this Hannah, is seeking God for something she’s expecting.” Turns out the waitress’ name was, you guessed it, HANNAH! And oh boy did she get blessed. Her expectation (are you ready), was “I want to know more about the Holy Spirit!” **I don’t ever want my convictions to die before I do.** I believe the Body of Christ has been “*weighed in the balance and found wanting.*” (Coming up short in God’s stated purpose for His Body.) I think God is calling for a Holy adjustment in how we order our lives in regard to souls. Webster says, **ADJUST**: to achieve mental and behavioral balance between one’s own needs and the demands of others”...to me that sounds like something Jesus would say. (I Peter 2) “*But you are chosen...that you (for this reason) may declare the praise of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.*” When Barna Group surveyed Christians only 51% knew what the Great Commission was, between 100-200 churches a week are closing, and 3500 hundred people a day stop going to church who also identify themselves as Christians.

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Below is an Excerpt from the Christian Law Association Article...

Proverbs 22:17

“A merry heart does good like medicine”

While the Supreme Court has delayed its hearing on the “cake shop case” there are others rising of great importance to the Church. Since the Court only grants hearings to 1% of those requested there is one we should all be in prayer about since it has great ramifications. It is the case of the American Legion v. American Humanist Association.

This case will decide whether or not a 93-year old memorial to fallen World War I soldiers should be deemed unconstitutional solely because the memorial is shaped like a cross. Does the mere presence of a cross in a state memorial “entangle” the government with religion? While it is heartbreaking that America has reached a point that this even has to be asked, let alone litigate, this will be a landmark decision that will create shockwaves across the nation. Start praying that the Supreme Court Justices would make the right decision now.

There are many states expanding their protection rights for transgenders and 40% of all adults say there needs to be more protection and rights given. We must pray that the courts will respect the religious beliefs of churches and ministers on this matter. In addition, churches need to pray

New Book By Christian Law Association

Life is filled with choices and some are easy some substantially more difficult. Today’s society is making it more and more common that we are faced with choices regarding our religious beliefs. How do we balance our religious beliefs when they appear to conflict with governmental laws? Should we as Christians obey the government even when we do not care for our government leaders or others in authority? When are we supposed to stand and fight?

The Bible has much to say on these matters. We address these issues and more in “Navigating the Christian Life,” an in-depth resource on how Christian should Biblically approach many difficult life-changing decisions regarding laws and government.

The only time we are Scripturally excused from obedience is when government violates what God demands. It is not when government violates what we desire. It is not when government violates the structure of our finances. It is not when government goes along with other Christians. We

about the best methods to reach these communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

2019 will undoubtedly present some of the greatest legal challenges to religious freedom we have yet seen in America. This country is in desperate need of revival and let us never forget that revival starts with us – each and every Christian.

Are you on your knees pleading for Christ to bring revival? Are you sharing your faith with every individual you encounter? More than ever we need prayer and a firm fastening to Biblical thinking in America. As Edmund Burke said, “The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is that good men should do nothing.

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I recently talked to a person about their church services and they confided to me that the name of Jesus is rarely used but a half dozen times a year. This breaks my heart. We are not doing, we’re **omitting** the things we are called to do. **I hear church people talk all the time**, “We just want God’s presence, signs, wonders and miracles. So do I, but why would our Lord bless us with all these when we’re not obeying Him in the areas of souls. We have a misconception of God, that He’s a benevolent being who is satisfied when people manage to fit Him into their lives in some small way. In John 17:20, Jesus says, “*Neither do I pray for these alone*” (This prayer is extended beyond those who were there at that time, including you and me!) Now watch this, “**But for them also which shall believe on me!**” (Here it comes) **through their word.**” Did you get that? He is so sure about us telling, evangelizing, witnessing, and giving good news, that **He’s praying for those that you and I shall minister to!!!** That should encourage us to go tell! That just lets the “Air of Neglect” out of the balloons of many. It is a comfort to worship and talk about a God, a Savior that “we cannot exaggerate!” Halleluiah! Because we have no right to limit God to something, we are incapable of comprehending. Jesus says in John 4:4, “*I must needs go through Samaria,*” an out of the way place. I’ve always thought how precious that was that He would seek out ONE solitary woman who had five husbands and was living with another at the time. Then I heard His voice ask me, did I go just **for her** or to the **whole city that I knew she would evangelize, and bring the good news to?** Listen today to what the Spirit is saying to His people. ♥

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church/Ministry Tax/Law Dates To Remember



In addition to the regular semiweekly and monthly withholding requirements, churches should note the following dates for this month.

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February 10, 2019

- ◆ Churches/Ministries with nonminister employees (or ministers who report their federal income taxes as employees and who have elected voluntary withholding) may file their employer's quarterly federal tax return (Form 941) by this date instead of January 31 if all taxes for the fourth calendar quarter (of 2018) have been deposited in full and on time.

FEBRUARY 28, 2019

- ◆ Churches/Ministries file Copy A of Form 1098-C with the IRS by this date to report the sale or use of a donated vehicle.
- ◆ Applicable large employers, generally employers with 50 or more full-time employees (including full-time equivalent employees) in the previous year, must file a Form 1095-C for each employee who was a full-time employee of the employer for any month of the previous calendar year by this date.

IRS Standard Mileage Rate for 2019:

- 58 cents per mile for business miles driven (up from 54.5 cents in 2018)
- 20 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes (up from 18 cents in 2018)
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations (currently fixed by Congress)

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are to be obedient as in conscience unto God until what government asks of us would require us to break conscience with God. Every single religious belief is one of two types. It is either a conviction, or it is a preference...in the United States of America, only convictions are protected by the Constitution.

We encourage to you check out this new book, "Navigating the Christian Life". These attorneys fight every day to protect our freedom of worship. As they often write, "In the Christian faith we do not fight for victory, we fight in victory. We have already won. The only thing we are doing now is standing in that victory."

CHARTER RENEWAL DEADLINE!!!

Charters under the PCAI 501(c)3 Group Exemption have been mailed their annual renewal report packet.

It is also available on our website

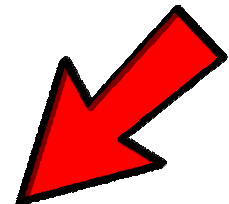
www.aega.org

under "Resources" tab in a PDF file.

It is important that your report be received in our

office no later than

March 28th.



These reports and renewals are in compliance with the IRS code to maintain your charter's tax-exempt status under the PCAI Group Tax Exemption.