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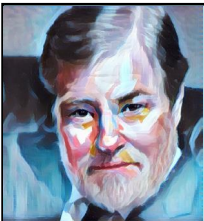


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Protests in Los Angeles: A Christian Call to Order

Responsibility & Kingdom Authority



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In early June 2025, Los Angeles—along with nearby cities like Compton and Paramount—has witnessed growing unrest following federal ICE raids targeting undocumented workers. What began as peaceful demonstrations has escalated into confrontations involving tear gas, burning vehicles, and the deployment of roughly 2,000 National Guard troops under a federal Title 10 order—an action that bypassed state consent and raised serious legal and moral questions.

1. Upholding Law and Order, Biblically Scripture emphasizes the importance of lawful conduct. Romans 13:1–4 teaches that governing authorities are instituted by God to maintain order and punish wrongdoing. When protests cross into violence—burning cars, hurling rocks at officers—they violate not only civic law but biblical standards of respect for authority. Leaders in Los Angeles have duly declared unlawful assembly zones and acted to disperse chaotic, destructive gatherings. **Cont. Page 10**

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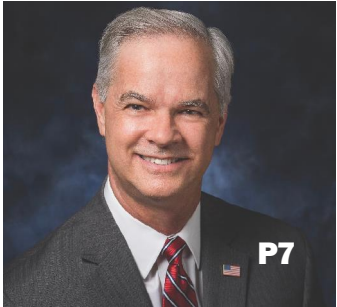
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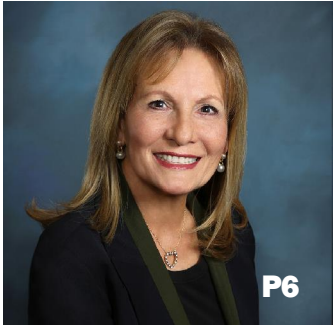
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Being the “Body of Christ”

By Terrence Wild

Being the "Body of Christ" and the Christian community of believers in today's world carries profound significance, both spiritually and practically. The phrase originates from the New Testament, particularly in Paul's letters, where he describes believers as different members of one body, with Christ as the head (1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Ephesians 4:15-16). This metaphor emphasizes unity, diversity of gifts, and mutual dependence among Christians.

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Empowering Businesses and
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Stacey Hyatt of Salem Surround

In today's media landscape, where the right exposure can make all the difference, Salem Surround stands out as a powerhouse for conservative and Christian radio. With over 120 stations across the country, Salem Surround offers unmatched reach and influence. At the forefront of this dynamic organization is Stacey Hyatt, a dedicated media technician whose expertise is transforming how businesses grow and connect with their communities.

Salem Surround operates a robust network that includes notable stations like The Answer San Diego (<https://theanswersandiego.com/>) and KPRZ (<https://kprz.com/>), serving the San Diego market with a clear and impactful voice. However, the influence of Salem Surround is not confined to a single region; it spans the entire United States.

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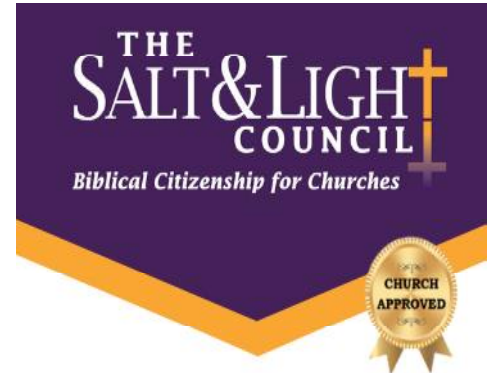


Christians and Politics — How Salt & Light Council Can Help



DRAN REESE President Salt & Light Council
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In today's cultural and political climate, it is more important than ever for Christians to be actively engaged in shaping the policies, leadership, and moral direction of our communities and nation. Jesus called His followers to be "salt and light" in a world in need of truth and transformation (Matthew 5:13-16). This divine mandate isn't limited to personal morality or church attendance—it extends to every sphere of society, including the public square.



WHO IS THE SALT & LIGHT COUNCIL?

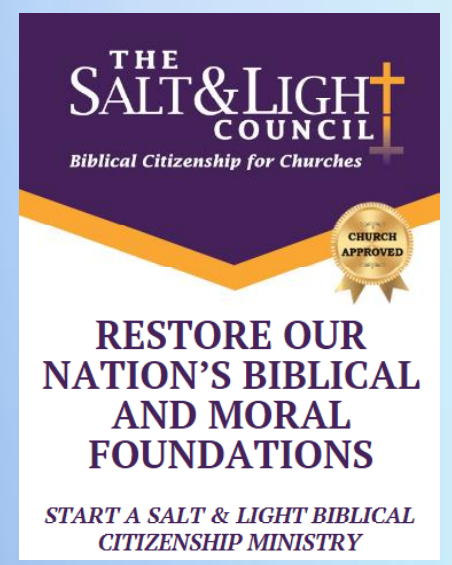
We are a non-political, non-partisan 501c3, dedicated to promoting biblical moral values in the public sector. Further, we are a coalition of cross-denominational churches with active Salt & Light Biblical Citizenship Ministries working to rebuild our

Judeo-Christian heritage in America.

We mobilize Christians at the grassroots level, helping them to live out their responsibility to influence government and civic affairs for good. History has clearly shown that without a strong, godly influence to overcome the natural tendency toward evil, governmental authority will destroy God-given rights, including the right to hear and speak His truth.

We seek to love and care for all of God's people, transforming hearts and minds through prayer, education and action.

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POLITICS IS A PLATFORM FOR BIBLICAL VALUES

Government is one of the key institutions God established to maintain justice, order, and peace (Romans 13:1-7). When believers withdraw from civic engagement, we leave a vacuum that is often filled by voices that do not share or honor biblical principles. As a result, laws and policies drift further from godly standards, affecting everything from religious freedom to the sanctity of life, parental rights, education, and moral values in public discourse.

Christians are called to be good stewards — not just of finances and personal conduct — but of their freedoms and responsibilities as citizens. Voting, holding public office, serving on school boards, and influencing legislation are not just rights in a democratic society, but spiritual responsibilities in a fallen world.

THE SALT & LIGHT COUNCIL: EQUIPPING THE CHURCH TO ENGAGE

The Salt & Light Council (www.saltandlightcouncil.org) is a national organization that exists to equip churches and individuals to bring biblical truth into the civic arena. Their mission is to revive the role of the Church in engaging culture through informed citizenship, prayer, and action.

THE COUNCIL OFFERS A RANGE OF ESSENTIAL RESOURCES AND TRAINING PROGRAMS:

- **Salt & Light Biblical Citizenship Ministry:** This turnkey program provides churches with the structure and tools to create a civic ministry that educates congregants on current issues, encourages voter registration, and mobilizes prayer for our nation and leaders.
- **Biblical Voter Guide:** Trusted, non-partisan voter guides help believers vote wisely and in alignment with Christian values during elections.
- **Online Training and Webinars:** Ongoing educational opportunities inform believers about critical legislation, court decisions, and cultural trends impacting families and religious liberty.
- **Public Policy Alerts:** Subscribers receive up-to-date information on bills and initiatives that demand immediate prayer or action, helping Christians respond in real time to key events.
- **Youth and Student Engagement:** The Salt & Light Biblical Citizenship Academy empowers the next generation with the knowledge and confidence to stand for truth in their schools and beyond.

A CALL TO ACTION

We are not called to be passive observers but active participants in God's redemptive work in the world. Involvement in politics isn't about partisanship; it's about advancing righteousness, justice, and truth — values that transcend party lines.

Through education, equipping, and encouragement, the Salt & Light Council serves as a vital resource for Christians who want to influence their culture without compromising their faith. By partnering with organizations like this, believers can fulfill their calling to be salt and light in a nation in desperate need of both.

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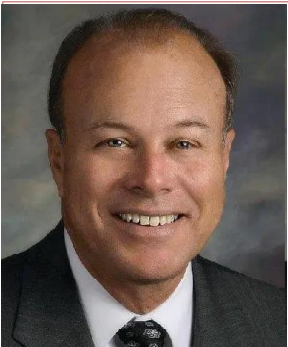
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“Grading for Equity,” was set to launch this fall as a pilot program in 14 high schools in San Francisco. The initiative, spearheaded by Superintendent Maria Su, would have drastically changed how grades are calculated—eliminating homework, participation, and classwork from consideration and basing 100% of a student’s grade on “summative” testing.

Passing thresholds would be significantly lowered...a C grade could be awarded for a score as low as 41, and a D for as low as 21 out of 100!

Not surprisingly, San Francisco Unified School District Test scores are in the tank! English/Language Arts (Reading, Writing, Spelling) test score is 53% of district students test at grade level or above, while only 45% test at grade level or above in Math. Seems that a more rigorous academic standard is called for...not a more forgiving rating scale!

District officials said the policy was designed to promote fairness and reduce bias in grading. Consultant Joe Feldman, a leading voice behind the initiative, has worked with other districts on similar reforms. The San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) had allocated \$172,000 for his services, pending board approval.

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The plan quickly drew sharp criticism after it was first publicly reported. Critics—including San Francisco Mayor Daniel Lurie—accused the district of lowering academic standards and eroding student accountability. On social media and parent forums, many expressed concerns that the plan would harm student readiness for college and careers.

Adding to the controversy, the plan was not brought before the Board of

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Education for formal approval and was buried in the final pages of a lengthy agenda document, raising transparency concerns.

In response to the public outcry, Superintendent Su announced that the district would pause the initiative for at least another year. “I have decided not to pursue this strategy for next year to ensure we have time to meaningfully engage the community.”

In the professional world, excellence is the standard...employers expect competence, accountability, and results. Shouldn’t we hold our public schools, funded by taxpayers, to the same expectations? When a system lowers standards instead of raising achievement, it fails the very students it claims to support. Our children deserve better—and so do the families and communities counting on their success.

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I have always admired my father, Robert H. Schuller, for his courage.

It was natural for me to step into his ministry of love and mercy, but courage? That was a step too far for me. Or so I thought.

Then, my grandchildren, who are homeschooled and in private Christian schools, started telling me things I had hoped they had been sheltered from. “What’s going on Grandma?”

It was clear that there were no safe places anymore for the children.

So, I had to decide: stay in my comfort zone, or step into places that required courage.

Taking a Stand for His Children

I read in Joshua 1:9 to “Be strong and courageous!”

How could I, a grandma, do or say enough, to rescue all the children from the pervasive attacks on their true identity — God’s beloved children? But if I didn’t take a stand, what legacy was I leaving?

So, I found myself as a Lead Intercessor for Jenny Donnelly’s movement, “Don’t Mess With Our Kids” (hervoicemovement.com). Jenny joined with Ross Johnston to take this movement to the streets of 5 cities in America: NYC, Miami, Houston, Seattle, and LA. LA was my city. My role was to lead a national prayer team from the safety and comfort of my home, praying over the other cities, in real time.

In NYC, we prayed for the torrential rain to abate enough for the children of the city to receive the donated bikes and the parents the message of Christ’s love. It did. The rain abated. Miami and Houston were beautiful!

Then, Seattle! Over 400 protestors overwhelmed the police. Breaking

through the barriers, they became violent and publicly hurled abhorrent words and displayed deplorable acts in front of the children. We intercessors do not war against flesh and blood but against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. I will forever remember when the shift occurred, and the worship rose above the violence. And the park became infused with the sweet Holy Spirit of love and mercy.

LA was seven days later. LA required leaving my safe, comfort zone. Upon arriving there with my prayer team, we learned the city had not given us a permit. They had given a permit for the Pride parade the following week, but not for our Christian event.

Ross and Jenny prayed and decided that if the Pride parade had a right to the street, so did the church. So, all of us were informed we would be holding the event without a permit. This meant no barricades or police protection.

So, along with 400 hundred others who came out to take a stand for the children, this grandma stepped out



into Hollywood Boulevard. We stood in front of cars, drawing a line in the sand with our bodies: Enough is enough!

Our peaceful stance allowed many beautiful children in LA, to receive a bike, free haircuts, face painting, music, and the love of Jesus. Not to mention — their true identity as His beloved kids.

These days call for courageous stands. If not the church of Jesus, then who?



By Richard Bailey

Getting Christians to Vote is Key in California

Christians who choose not to vote have created a mess. California is a one-party state. It shows.

California has a crumbling infrastructure. Its water system, once the envy of the world, is being dismantled. Ditto schools. It has the highest poverty rate in the nation. Based on rate of incarceration, California looks like the Alabama of 1870.

California leads the nation income disparity. Its economy features exploiting noncitizens through human labor trafficking, offshoring jobs and wage suppression. Its forests burn. Voters can no longer count on free and uncorrupted elections.

“Rendering unto Caesar” includes participating in the life of the community. That means paying taxes, obeying the law, serving on juries and in the military and, most significantly, voting. Christians who don’t vote ought to view themselves as responsible for California’s decline from Golden to Third World State. School kids suffer. Those in poverty and the homeless suffer. Families suffer. Unborn children never have a chance to live. The State’s forests burn. Those who can, leave.

Senator Ted Cruz put it this way, “There are 90 million evangelical Christians in the United States, it’s about 30 percent of our population. In the last election, 54 million evangelical Christians stayed home. If Christians will simply show up and vote our values, we’ll turn this country around.”

He went further, “The message my father conveys to pastors is that we have too many pastors hiding behind the pulpit who are afraid to preach the word of God, who are afraid to say to Christians, we have a scriptural obligation to be salt in the light, we have a scriptural obligation to be watchmen on the wall, and every one of us has a responsibility to be engaged in our public life, voting our values.”

In 2018, Pastor Franklin Graham put it bluntly when he described the class that calls the political shots on today’s west coast. “Progressive?” he said, “That’s just another word for godless.”

According to the Pew Research Center, Christians make up almost two thirds of California residents. Nationwide, an estimated 25 million Christians don’t vote in presidential elections. 65 million do not participate in local elections. 15 million are not registered voters. California includes about ten percent of the nation’s Christians.

Working it out, if California Christians follow the national trend, over two million California Christians will sit out the 2020 presidential election. Six and a half million will fail to vote in the next round of local elections. One point five million aren’t even registered to vote.

If even a small portion of Christians who now sit on the sidelines got involved, the state would be transformed.

In June of 2019, David Clausen of the Family Research Counsel, put it this way,

“It is no surprise that withdrawing from the political process has become a temptation for many Christians. . . . Do we really need to get involved in the messy world of politics?” His answer. Yes, it is. “Engaging in politics,” he writes, “is not only unavoidable, it is also an opportunity to obey God and show love to our neighbors. American Christians, with our right to vote, have a unique opportunity and duty to affect the political process.”

Dran Reese, of the Salt and Light Counsel, is on a mission to develop Biblical voters. “Christians,” she writes, “have written platforms on what they believe. This is called the Bible.” Other voters rely on their own platforms. Low information voters listen to the media and “parrot what they say.” Her guide suggests “Breaking free to become a true Biblical Citizen is to take your Biblical knowledge . . . and align to the party that most represents your faith and values.”

Getting Christians to vote is possible. It is a necessary step in moving California out of its political dead-end.



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CAPS Pregnancy+ Medical Clinics, with 5 licensed Medical Clinic locations throughout San Diego, will host its always fun and highly-anticipated 19th Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Monday, September 29, 2025, to support its mission of transforming lives and supporting San Diego families. Featuring an 18 hole Golf Scramble, this event will take place at the renowned Maderas Golf Club, located at 17750 Old Coach Road in Poway, California.

This glorious day on the links will start with check-in and registration beginning at 10:30 am, followed by the Opening Ceremony and boxed lunch at 11:45 am. Tee time for the start of the golf action will be 12 noon. After tournament play on the scenic and challenging top-rated San Diego County Golf Course, guests will enjoy a scrumptious buffet dinner beginning at 5:00 pm, complete with a fun raffle and Golf Tournament Awards.

CAPS Pregnancy+ Medical Clinics currently operates 5 licensed Medical Clinics located in downtown San Diego, La Jolla near UCSD, Kearny Mesa, Pacific Beach, and near the campus of San Diego State University. These licensed clinics are quite different as compared to other medical clinics, because CAPS receives no financial profit from patients’ pregnancies. CAPS does refer to other organizations for adoptions, if a patient is interested in that option. CAPS serves the San Diego community by giving patients options when experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. The organization strives to educate its patients on the variables for each option, so they can each make the best choice for their given situation. CAPS also offers low-or-no-cost STI/STD testing and treatment.

“We are excited to be holding our CAPS Charity Golf Tournament at the exclusive Maderas Golf Club once again,” said Julie Dowler, Executive Director of CAPS Pregnancy+ Medical Clinics. “We expect to have a full tournament this year, as we celebrate CAPS 25th Anniversary. This annual tournament helps to ensure CAPS services to over 1,500 women and couples annually at our five locations in San Diego. I am so grateful to all who have already stepped up to sponsor this year’s golf event.”

“Often, our patients are not well equipped to parent a child when finding out they are pregnant,” said Dowler. “And, because we know how important this is, we have been building practical social services in the last couple of years at CAPS. This is headed by our staff social worker to help them navigate the challenges they are facing before and after the babies are born. We have exceptional in person parenting classes and online life-skills courses. These classes are incentivized to give parents-to-be that extra encouragement to follow through with this important service. We are also able to help and support anyone who is interested in adopting out to a loving family. This is the heart of what CAPS stands for. We help families not just survive but thrive, built upon a strong foundation.”

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CAPS Pregnancy+ Medical Clinics with five licensed medical clinics in San Diego, provides pregnancy services, free of charge, for women and couples facing unintended pregnancies. CAPS serves over 1,500 individual patients annually with pregnancy consultations, nurse consultations, ultrasounds, and resources for healthy pregnancies. CAPS continues to provide strong support through the organization’s social services department after the baby is born. Women and couples receive quality medical care, loving support, and are empowered to make healthy choices for their pregnancies.

CAPS has served more than 16,000 pregnancy cases.

Further information about CAPS Pregnancy+ Medical Clinics is available at www.capspregnancyclinics.org or by contacting CAPS at options@capspregnancyclinics.org or by calling 619-337-8080.

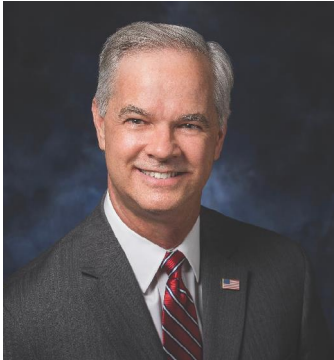


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California's public schools are falling short, jeopardizing both our students' potential and the state's future. Standardized tests reveal alarming statistics: 44% of 11th graders cannot read proficiently, and 72% lack basic math skills. For many of these students, the result is a minimum-wage job with little opportunity for growth. How can we turn this around?

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Leading this effort is Kevin McNamee, former Mayor of Thousand Oaks. As a professor, a 35-year business professional, and a doctor of chiropractic and acupuncture, McNamee brings extensive experience in networking and coalition-building to drive meaningful change for California’s students.

Christian’s First Amendment Rights Violated at Mayday USA Event by City of Los Angeles - Lawsuit?

On May 31, during the Mayday USA event in Hollywood, the City of Los Angeles allegedly violated the First Amendment rights of a Christian group seeking to assemble and protest.

Mayday USA had applied for a permit to gather on Hollywood Boulevard to support parents and children and to celebrate their Christian faith through prayer, song, and baptisms. However, the City denied the permit, classifying the event not as a protest or assembly protected under the First Amendment, but instead as a concert or performance. Officials instructed the group to apply for a different permit through the Bureau of Street Services (BOSS), which handles permits for concerts and entertainment events.

The BOSS office subsequently denied the request, stating that they do not approve permits for protests or free speech activities—effectively leaving the group without a path forward. Organizers claim this is a tactic the City uses to discourage groups from exercising their constitutional rights.

Notably, the same type of permit requested by Mayday USA was approved for the LA Pride event the following week—at the same location and time—which also included community celebration and advocacy.

Attorneys representing Mayday USA argue that the City’s actions amount to a clear violation of their First Amendment rights. The City later suggested the group apply for

a last-minute permit, which severely restricted their activities: baptisms were prohibited, and organizers were told that extended singing or speaking would not be considered protected speech under the First Amendment.

Mayday USA is currently exploring legal action against the City of Los Angeles in response to what they view as unconstitutional restrictions and discriminatory treatment.

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I told her that she and her husband are remarkable parents for making such a sacrifice. Every month, they pay \$5,500 in tuition to keep their children in the school of their choice. Since this is after-tax income, they actually need to earn \$11,000 to cover these costs.

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How to Stop Racism in America: A Real Solution for African American Plight



Neil Mammen’s new book: HOW TO STOP RACISM IN AMERICA, speaks from a personal experience as one who was born in Africa, has roots in India, raised in America, and has traveled throughout the world. Neil is a successful husband, father and businessman.

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It’s painfully clear to us that African Americans today are grappling with monumental challenges. Unemployment rates are nearly double the national average, a staggering literacy rate of just 17%, a poverty rate three times that of whites, and a homelessness rate four times that of whites—these statistics tell a harrowing story. As if that weren’t enough, many continue to perceive African Americans as dangerous, criminally inclined and untrustworthy, adding yet another layer to their struggles.

We must confront the critical questions head-on:

- 1. Is this disparity due to slavery?
- 2. Is this disparity due to racism?

Many on the left insist that the answer is undoubtedly both, but we can’t help but wonder: is this assertion truly accurate? In our groundbreaking new book, **How to Stop Racism in America**, we embark on a thrilling journey through history, rewinding back to the time of slavery to explore the incredible journey of African Americans. Our mission is to unearth the root causes of their plight and unveil real solutions to these pressing issues. While we won’t have the space here to fully address these two vital questions, we promise to start revealing the truth and continue this vital conversation in future columns.

Victors or Victims?

After the Emancipation Proclamation, many freed slaves made bold moves from the countryside, where they had been forced into labor, into the cities. When we examine African Americans in the 1920s, we don’t find a group of **oppressed victims** shackled by their past; instead, we uncover a community of **oppressed victors!** Despite the relentless oppression inflicted by Democrats and their Jim Crow laws, along with the horrors of lynchings, segregation, and racism and discrimination all which are far worse than anything today, African Americans were not merely surviving; they were thriving and that too against all odds. The cornerstone of their success was a robust family structure, anchored by a father. Moreover, since they were unwelcome in traditional schools, their commitment to homeschooling resulted in an impressive literacy rate of about 70%.

But there’s more! They were willing to take the same jobs as whites for half the pay, leading even the most racist employers to hire them, as the allure of green—money—eclipsed the color of one’s skin.

As a result, African Americans acquired new trade skills and reinvested them into their communities, building homes and launching businesses—law practices, banks, dental offices, medical practices, contracting firms. White dollars flowed into the black community, circulating an astonishing 36 to 100 times before leaving, generating wealth, products, and invaluable skills. Black Wall Street emerged as a beacon of prosperity, a symbol of resilience and

success. While many are familiar with the tragic burning of this vibrant community, few know that it rebounded fully within just two years. African Americans were not mere victims; they were true victors!

But what happened between that glorious era and now?

First, racists devised a new tactic to stifle black prosperity: The Minimum Wage. This law was specifically designed by the KKK and the Democrats to prevent black men from taking white jobs. With the minimum wage law in place, white business owners had no incentive to hire black men because they couldn’t pay them less. The origins of the minimum wage are rooted in racism, and today, it continues to act as a barrier to wealth. With the black literacy rate at a mere 17%, black youth struggle to read, write, or perform math at a level necessary for jobs that pay a decent wage of \$15 to \$18 an hour. Consequently, the effective minimum wage for most black youth is zero, thanks to this law.

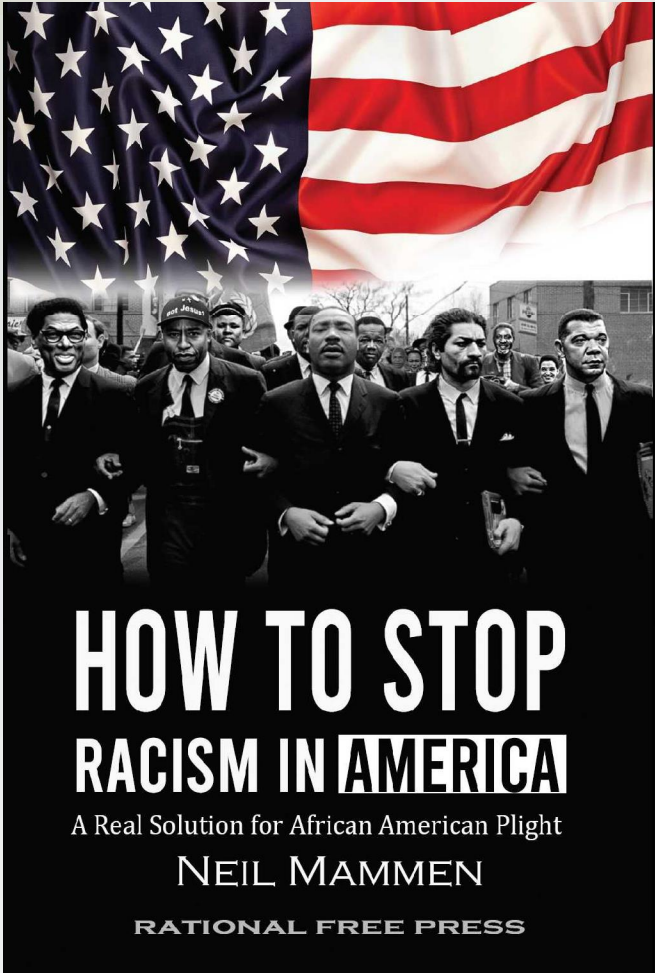
With this understanding, we cannot ignore the reality that anyone who supports minimum wage laws, like the new California law, is, in effect, perpetuating racism.

To be continued.

For deeper insights, we invite you to explore the book at StopRacism.j3ip.com.

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Moses Heredia is proving that business success and human compassion are not mutually exclusive.

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Heredia's dedication to community service is evident in GPS's culture.

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The 20th anniversary of GPS was not just a celebration of past achievements but also a reaffirmation of the company's commitment to future innovation and growth in the ever-evolving payment processing landscape. With Heredia at the helm, GPS is poised to continue its journey of excellence, underlined by a deep commitment to making a positive difference in the world.

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Moses Heredia: Leads Global Processing Systems into a New Era of Payment Processing Excellence

BY:  ACCESS newswire

In 2003, Moses Heredia embarked on a bold journey to revolutionize the payment processing sector. His founding principles - honesty, integrity, and exceptional service - have not only shaped the ethos of GPS but have also carved out a unique space for the company in a competitive market.

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Protests in Los Angeles: A Christian Call to Order Responsibility & Kingdom Authority From page 1



Seattle mayor orders emergency curfew, calls upon National Guard after protests escalate

As Christians, we affirm the role of law enforcement—not as oppressors, but as instruments appointed by God to promote justice (1Peter 2:14). Yet with such power comes responsibility. It must be wielded judiciously, not abused. The careful distinction between peaceful protest and harmful unrest must be maintained. Upholding law and order is not about supporting one political side—it’s about safeguarding peace, protecting innocent lives, and preserving the dignity of every person.

2. Personal Responsibility to Do Right

Jesus calls us to live differently, reflecting kingdom values in even the most heated contexts. Amid protests, Christians—regardless of political stance—should embody restraint, compassion, and truth. We can speak out against injustice and stand with the vulnerable, yet do so peacefully and lawfully. Personal accountability isn’t optional: Ephesians 4:31–32 urges us to “put away” **bitterness, anger, and slander**, and “**be kind to one another.**”

Every believer has a role. Are we praying for our leaders—police, military, government—and for those who protest, that they may act righteously (1 Timothy 2:1–2)? Are we stepping into community conversations with grace, not hostility? This crisis reminds us that faith is more than personal—it reshapes daily conduct, attitude, and interaction in times of tension.

3. All Authority Belongs to Jesus

The core of our reflection is this: every governing authority falls under the

ultimate sovereignty of Jesus Christ. Colossians 1:16 reminds us that “all things ... are created through him and for him.” In March 2025, as Los Angeles braced for the National Guard deployment—a move Governor Newsom vowed to legally challenge—the Christian witness must affirm that no regime, policy, or political agenda supersedes the Lordship of Christ.

This doesn’t mean passivity in injustice. On the contrary, we pursue justice, mercy, and humility (Micah 6:8). But we do so while trusting that Christ is working across governments and conflicts to bring redemption and reconciliation.

The city is tense, lines are drawn, and communities are hurting. Yet Christians are uniquely positioned to respond:

- By supporting lawful authority—advocating peaceful protest, not lawlessness.
- By owning our personal responsibility—modeling kingdom values in word and deed.
- By proclaiming Christ’s sovereignty—challenging factions that elevate mortal laws above the eternal Lawgiver.

As the LA and other protests across the country continue, may the body of Christ be a peacemaker, a bridge, and a voice of hope. We expose injustice, yes—but not by becoming unjust ourselves. We challenge authority, yes—but in a land where every ruler answers ultimately to the King of kings. In every instance, our call isn’t to stir division, but to be salt and light—reflecting the sacrificial, reconciling heart of Christ in the public square.

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Being the “Body of Christ”



By: Terrence Wild

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UNITY IN FAITH AND PURPOSE

Being the Body of Christ in the modern era means living in unity with other believers, despite differences in denomination, culture, language, or geography. This unity is not based on uniformity, but on a shared faith in Jesus Christ. It transcends social, racial, and political divisions, reminding us that we are all one family in Christ. We are called to walk in love, forgiveness, and humility, showing the world that true unity is possible when Christ is at the center. Christianity is not

meant to be lived out in isolation. It is a communal faith, strengthened through worship, fellowship, and mutual support.

A CALLING TO SERVE THE WORLD

The Body of Christ continues the mission Jesus began during His time on earth—serving the poor, healing the brokenhearted, advocating for the oppressed, and proclaiming the Gospel. Today, that mission lives on through churches, ministries, and individual believers who answer the call to serve. Feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, visiting prisoners, and sheltering the homeless are just a few of the tangible ways Christians reflect the love of Christ in a hurting world. Faith-based humanitarian work, community outreach, and even simple acts of daily kindness are all vital expressions of the Church being the hands and feet of Jesus.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY OF GIFTS AND CALLINGS

Paul teaches that each believer has been given a unique spiritual gift that contributes to the health and effectiveness of the Body. Some are called to teach, others to lead, encourage, or serve behind the scenes. In today’s

church, these gifts manifest in a variety of ways—pastors preaching in person and online, worship leaders using music to inspire, media teams reaching global audiences, and everyday believers using social media, business, or counseling to minister to others. The digital age has expanded the reach and influence of the Body of Christ, allowing believers to impact lives across the globe. Every role matters, and every gift—when surrendered to God—is a vital part of His kingdom.

A COMMUNITY OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND GROWTH

At its core, the Christian community should be a safe haven in a troubled world—a place where believers find encouragement, healing, and spiritual nourishment. In times of crisis or discouragement, the Body of Christ lifts each other up through prayer, accountability, and shared burdens. Small groups, Bible studies, discipleship programs, and church gatherings all help Christians grow in their faith and stay rooted in God’s truth. In a world plagued by loneliness and anxiety, the Church offers genuine connection, grace-filled relationships, and hope grounded in Jesus.

LIVING AS WITNESSES OF CHRIST

To be the Body of Christ means more than simply attending church—it means living out the Gospel daily. Christians are called to be salt and

light in the world, reflecting Jesus in their words, decisions, and relationships. Whether in families, workplaces, schools, or neighborhoods, believers are to be living testimonies of Christ’s love, mercy, and truth. Our actions should inspire questions, and our lives should point others to the Savior.

In every generation, the Body of Christ is called to be a visible, vibrant witness of God’s presence on earth. In today’s chaotic and divided world, a unified, Spirit-filled, and compassionate Christian community is more essential than ever. When we live as one body, under one head—Jesus Christ—we not only grow in faith, but we also reveal God’s love and truth to a world in desperate need.

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By George Yang,

The short answer is Yes. With California's open top-2 system, AND with 7 credible Democratic gubernatorial candidates splitting the vote in the June primary, it is indeed possible for 2 Republican candidates to lock out all the Democratic gubernatorial hopefuls. In that scenario, because there will not be a "write-in" option in the general election, a Republican is guaranteed to be the next governor.

Let's back up. In 2010, California passed Prop 14. Under Prop 14, candidates for all partisan offices (From state assembly to Governor) will compete in the jungle primary. The top 2 candidates, regardless of party affiliation, move on to the general election. THERE IS NO "WRITE-IN" option in the general election.

It is quite common for a blue district to have 2 Democrats, or for a red district to have 2 Republicans in the finals, (For example, in 2024, Republicans Dahle and Fennell faced off in the Republican majority Senate district 1.) Nevertheless, there is a path for 2 candidates of a weaker party to "lock-out" a district where the other party has a clear advantage, IF the stronger party has too many candidates splitting the votes.

So far, Republicans have been the primary victims of this: In 2022, 2 democrats "lock-out" 5 Republicans in the competitive 4th BOE District, which covers Orange County and San Diego County. Also in 2022, 2 Democrats, with 41% of the vote between them in the primary, "lock out" 6 Republicans in Senate District 4, a district considered a safe Republican seat.

On the flip side, Republicans ALMOST did it in 2014: In the statewide election for Controller, Republicans

Can The 2026 General Election for Governor be between 2 Republicans?



Ashley Swearengen and David Evans came within 0.7% of being the only 2 candidates in the November General election. That was in an election with only 2 serious Democratic candidates, while 2 other minor candidates shared 10%. Swearengen went on to lose to Yee in the General election.

Now let us get back to 2026. As of today, SEVEN major Democratic Candidates have announced their candidacy to replace Gavin Newsom, who is termed out. They are: Former President of the State Senate Toni Atkins; Former State Attorney General and former Secretary of HHS Xavier Becerra; Current Lt. Governor Elani Kournalakis; former Congresswoman and favorite of Progressives Katie Porter; Current State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond, Former Controller and current state Democratic Party vice chair Betty Yee; and lastly former mayor of LA, Antonio Villaragosa, who has the endorsement of Disney CEO Michael Eisner. YAY! (Meanwhile, Kamala is trying to court a couple of major donors. Donors are understandably leary after witnessing how she mishandled the finances of her last campaign.)

With a line-up like this on the Democratic side, 2 Republicans have a decent chance of locking out all SEVEN democrats in the primary and guaranteeing the governorship, if they can each get to 18% ~ 20% of the votes. The governorship in the most populous state would be hugely consequential (appointments, vetoes,

heads of key departments, national bully pulpit etc.) To make it happen, the Republican party needs to do 3 things: 1) Mobilize voters for the June Primary. 2) Fairly decide which 2 **Republican candidates to support, 3) Strive for an even split of the votes between these 2 candidates.**

1) mobilization, the GOP should aim to mobilize 4 million conservative voters for June 2026. It is hard: In 2022, the best performing Republican statewide candidate (Lanhee Chen for Controller) got 2.5 million votes in the June primary. But it is doable: Trump got 6 million votes in November 2024; even the cash-strapped campaign of Brian Dahle for Governor got 4.4 million votes in November 2022 against entrenched incumbent Newsom. 2) Focus on 2 candidates: This is just as hard: There will likely be up to a dozen Republican candidates signing up to run: Among them will be some with negligible chance of winning. But together they will take away somewhere between 5% ~ 12% of the total votes. The 2 top Republican candidates need these votes.

The State election code makes it quite easy to run for Governor: a few dozen signatures and a few thousand dollars are all it takes to put one's name on the primary ballot. The CAGOP cannot stop them. Thus, CAGOP would need a fair and transparent process, a process that can attract both major and lesser candidates. Some of these candidates may opt for other local or

statewide offices. More importantly, the supporters of these lesser candidates could be convinced to NOT waste their votes in the primary. 3) Communicate. Once the 2 leading candidates emerge, the next step for the CAGOP would be to reach conservative voters with a straight forward plan: The Northern Counties **(In Yellow) will mobilize for one candidate**, while the Southern Counties (in Green) will mobilize for the other. The mission would be simple too: "LOCK OUT THE DEMS". The CAGOP can enlist the help of Conservative talk radios, YouTube Channels, and even major media institutions such as Epoch Times. The 2 candidates need NOT spend money fighting each other.

Instead, they can marshal their limited resources in their respective counties to focus on voter turn-out. A Course Correction for California? After 16 years of Democratic Governors, California could use a sensible Republican governor to implement certain much-needed course corrections in this state. Admittedly, with a state legislature likely in Democratic hands, any Republican Governor can only be effective if he/she focuses on pragmatic solutions with broad support. But winning the Governorship still is a big deal. Could the State Republican party, under the new leadership of Chairwoman Corrin Rankin, pull off this groundshifting feat?

Apostle Paul: Authority on Sin or Unenlightened Ancient?

by Kathryn Cox



A popular cartoon drawing depicts a white sheep standing next to Jesus, who is embracing a rainbow sheep. The colorless one fusses about “the verses” while the Lord, crown of thorns atop his head, asserts that “love” transcends all.

Unsurprisingly, the alleged taboo verses aren’t listed, so what exactly is the sketch referring to? The Old Testament addresses homosexuality (Genesis 19, Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13), but any words Jesus spoke concerning the

matter were never recorded. I believe the texts “in question” are by Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 1 Timothy 1:8-11, and Romans 1:18-32—I recommend reading these in the NLT, a version noted for accuracy). Other scriptures mention “sexual immorality” (Jude 5-7 references Sodom and Gomorrah), but these passages are more specific.

The conundrum is this: Was Paul representing the heart of God or not? Jesus never intended to live on earth for eternity. After his resurrection, he promised the Holy Spirit, so although he no longer walked here “in the flesh,” he could still lead us. Christians are called to represent Jesus with our words and actions. Did Paul have the authority to speak for Christ, particularly in the category of sexual sin?

Here are a few examples (not a complete list) from Paul’s life I propose authorized him to speak for Jesus (from the book of Acts):

- **Jesus appeared to Paul** (Saul) and questioned him about his persecution of Christians. From that encounter, Paul transformed into a bold evangelist, proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah.
- **He preached the Gospel** under threat of murder. Jews vowed to kill him. Mobs threatened attack.
- **He performed many miracles**, including restoring the ability to walk to a man who had been lame from birth.
- **In Lystra**, Jews stoned him so severely that they dragged his limp, presumed dead body out of town. He also suffered many other beatings and whippings.
- **He cast out** numerous demons.
- **He found himself arrested** and thrown in prison multiple times because of the Gospel.
- **He raised a young** man from the dead.
- **A poisonous snake bit him**, but he did not die from the bite.

▪ **Acts 19:11-12 (NLT): “God gave Paul the power to perform unusual miracles.** When handkerchiefs or aprons that had merely touched his skin were placed on sick people, they were healed of their diseases, and evil spirits were expelled.”

When Paul warned against homosexuality, was he simply unenlightened, blinded by the norms of ancient culture? God certainly planned to preserve Paul’s letters for posterity. Would he have allowed the apostle to define sexual sin incorrectly (or fail to specify “overruling” forces such as “love”), resulting in endless confusion? I conclude the only reasonable answer is no. Yes, love is important; however, so is defining sin. Love compelled Jesus to submit to a brutal execution—because of sin. Especially in June during “pride month,” may conservative Christians, unashamed and proud, stand on the truth of God’s infallible word he spoke through his servant Paul.



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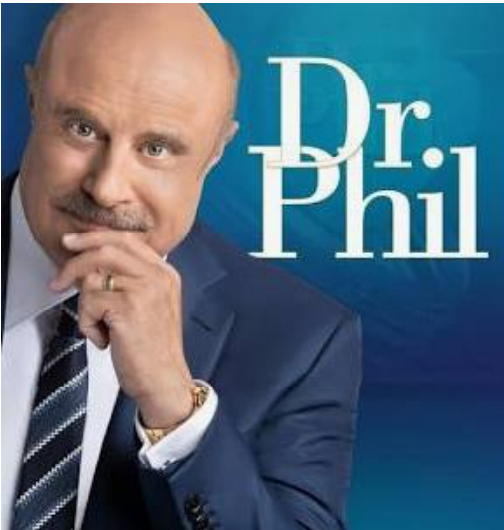
As the author of Death As A Salesman, What's Wrong With Assisted Suicide, I am frequently called on to explain the inherent dangers of legalizing the practice of assisted suicide.

I have been on Dr.Phil's show twice. Each time as his guest, I was the only advocate for caring for, and comforting the patient instead of killing them. Each time, Phil and his producers stacked the other participants with advocates from the Death With Dignity crowd. In the most recent show, a woman with a disabling illness was seeking suicide. Sadly, instead of counseling her, Phil instead promoted and affirmed her depression. I felt Phil was violating the duty of a psychologist. Instead of redirecting her suicidal feelings, he affirmed her suicidal ideation, as did his other 'guests'." And yes, she then went to Switzerland and was killed there, by very dangerous and questionable death practitioners. The man who supervised her killing was then indicted by Swiss authorities.

Personally, I find Phil McGraw to be an affable man. Affable but deeply mistaken, and therefore dangerous. He likes being popular. He loves polling, he even took an audience poll that day. But It is very clear to me that his purpose was to position himself as a 'leader of the majority', a media icon.

He appears to follow polls and popularity rather than sound safety and protection of patients. And for a psychologist, that is truly shameful.

What many fail to understand is that in promoting and affirming such suicides, isolated and vulnerable viewers can easily be seduced by death's lure. Copy-cat suicide and suicide clusters are often directly linked to the errant promotion and commentary of suicide as a 'benefit.' Individuals who may view themselves as similarly situated, see the acceptance of suicide for that individual, and then justify suicide for themselves.



Promotion on media talk shows is bad enough. As early as 1989, the Center for Disease Control warned against even the reporting of suicides and how the article placement itself could cause suicide clusters and contagion. See Center for Disease Control, Suicide Contagion and the Reporting of Suicide. Recommendations from a National workshop, June 1, 1997.

If you or a loved one are facing a difficult, seemingly insurmountable situation, suicide is never the answer. Good, ethical medical care can address the deeper emotional issues that lead to suicidal ideation. Depression can be treated, and treated effectively, even if an underlying physical condition may linger.

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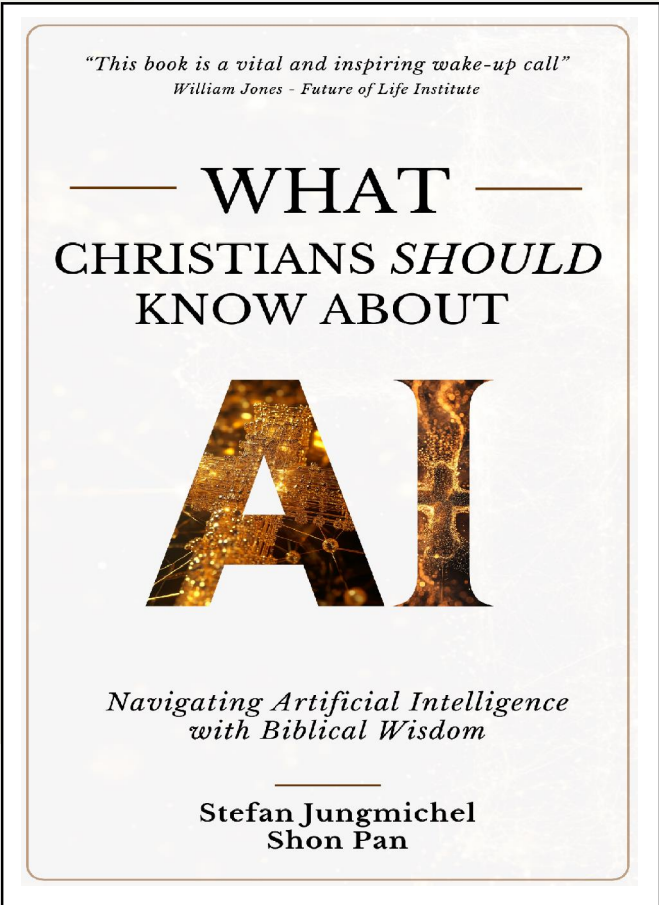
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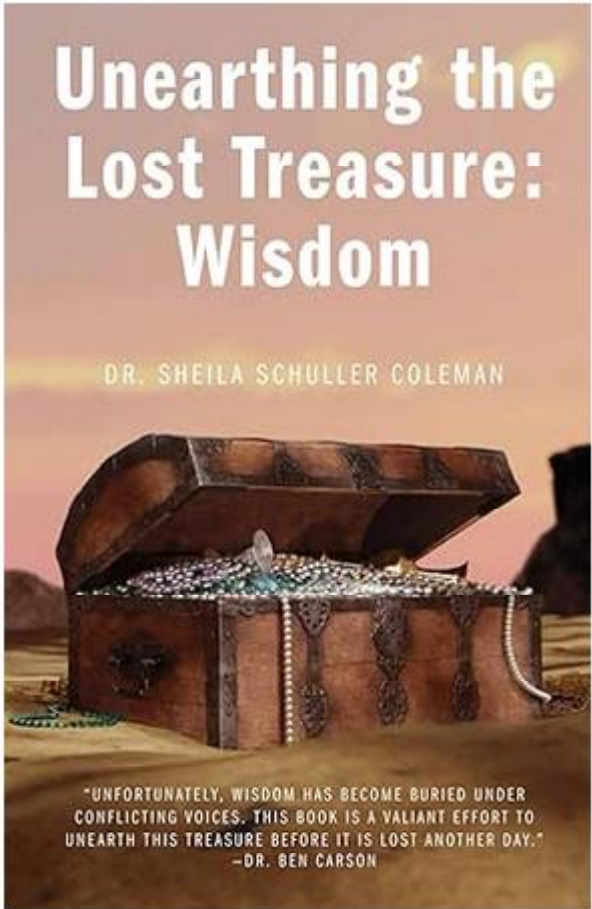
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