

# Set The Trumpet To Your Mouth!

*A Clear Message for a Clear Mission*

**Make it  
Clear!**

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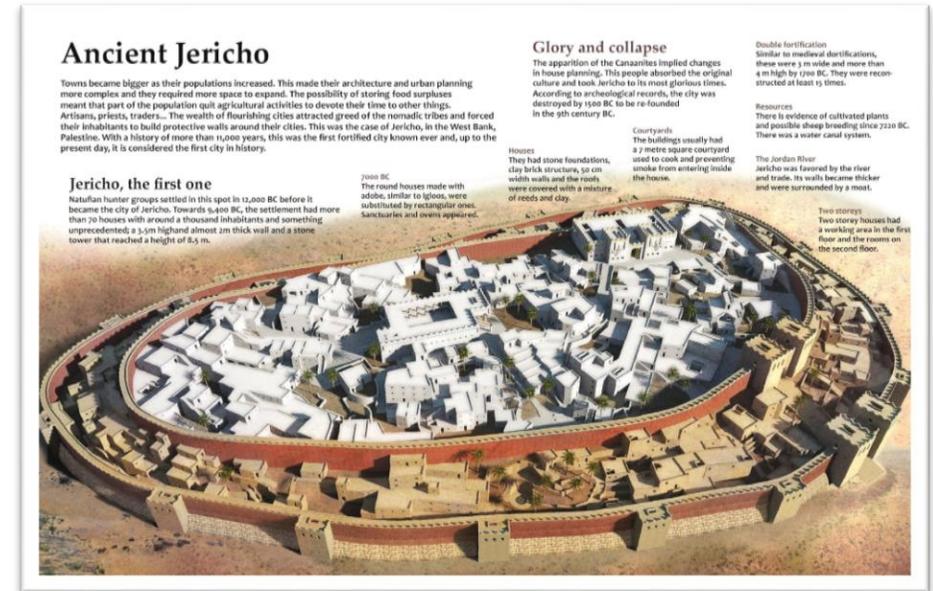
We live in times of confusion but God calls the church to speak clearly to the confusion in the world. Let's do that today!



# Walls, Watchmen, and Trumpets

In Biblical times, major cities would be surrounded by a wall for protection.

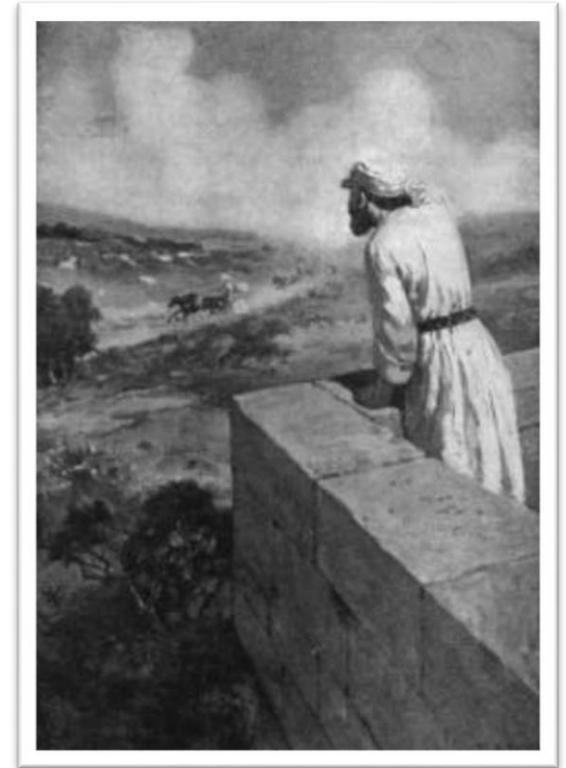
The wall would have several gates, all around the city. These gates would be open during the day and closed at night. The gates would have different names to identify them based on their function and the neighborhood they were in.



# Walls, Watchmen, and Trumpets

At different places on the wall, the king would place men to watch for invading armies and other dangers. They were called “watchmen”.

In times of danger, they would warn the people by blowing a horn. Different sounds would mean different things. So it was imperative that the watchman blow his trumpet clearly!



## God's Watchman

**Ezekiel 3:17 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

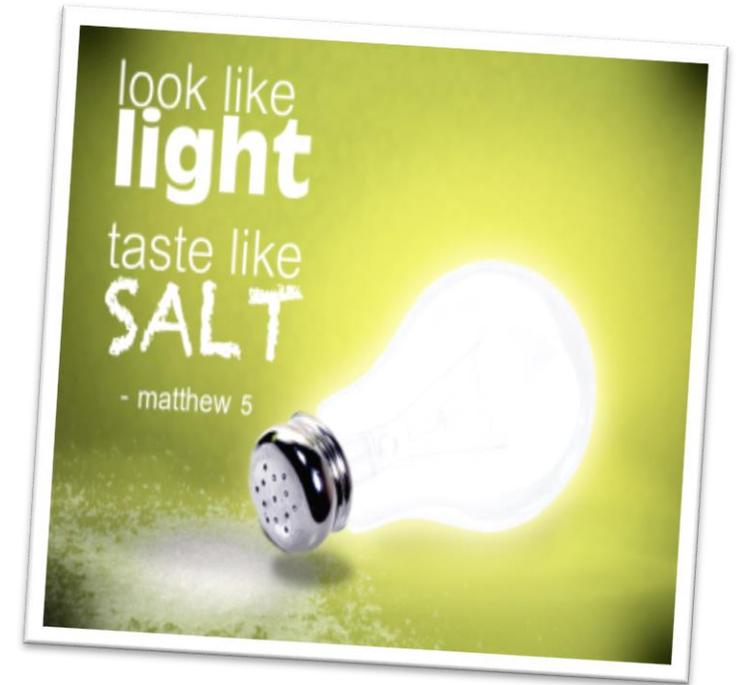


In the Old Testament, God called prophets to be watchmen over his people. They were to “hear from God’s mouth” and warn the people on God’s behalf. Today, that responsibility belongs to the church at large.

# God's Light and God's Salt

**Matthew 5:13-15 (CEV)**

<sup>13</sup> You are like salt for everyone on earth. But if salt no longer tastes like salt, how can it make food salty? All it is good for is to be thrown out and walked on. <sup>14</sup> You are like light for the whole world. A city built on top of a hill cannot be hidden, <sup>15</sup> and no one would light a lamp and put it under a clay pot. A lamp is placed on a lampstand, where it can give light to everyone in the house.



# God's Light and God's Salt

Could it be that the church is sometimes “walked on” because it has ceased to be salt and light?

Could it be that by compromising our message we are failing in our mission?

**1 Corinthians 14:8**

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**Speak Up...  
and Speak  
Clearly!**

**Hosea 8:1 (ESV)**

**<sup>1</sup> Set the trumpet to your lips!**

One like a vulture is over the house of the Lord, because they have transgressed my covenant and rebelled against my law.



In these times of confusion in the world, it is important that we the church are loving and gracious and also very specific and clear!

# Confusion



Genders?



Black?



Defund the police? Really?



Protest? Really?



Native American?

# Confusion



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## Rachel Dolezal

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Rachel Anne Dolezal**<sup>[pron 1][fn 1]</sup> (born November 12, 1977), also known as **Nkechi Amare Diallo**,<sup>[pron 2][fn 1]</sup> is an American woman known for identifying and [passing](#) as a [black woman](#) while being white and having no verifiable African ancestry. She is a former college instructor and [National Association for the Advancement of Colored People](#) (NAACP) chapter president.

Dolezal was president of the NAACP chapter in [Spokane, Washington](#), from 2014 until June 2015, when she resigned in the midst of controversy over her racial identity. She received public scrutiny when her white parents publicly stated that she was passing as [black](#). The statement by Dolezal's parents followed Dolezal's reports to police and local news media that she had been the victim of race-related [hate crimes](#);<sup>[8][9][10]</sup> however, a subsequent police investigation had failed to substantiate her allegations.<sup>[11]</sup> Dolezal had also identified herself as mixed-race on an application and had claimed that an African-American man was her

**Rachel Dolezal**



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Confusion

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OUT POLITICS AND POLICY

## California Paves Way for 'Nonbinary' Birth Certificates

California is the first state to allow "nonbinary" gender markers on birth certificates and the second, behind Oregon, to allow them on driver's licenses.



— In this photo taken Monday, Jan. 23, 2017, state Sen. Toni Atkins, D-San Diego, addresses the Senate in Sacramento, Calif.

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**By John Paul Brammer**

California became the first state in the nation to allow "nonbinary" gender markers on birth certificates when Governor Jerry Brown signed [SB 179, or the Gender Recognition Act](#), into law last week. The Golden State is also the second in the country, behind Oregon, to allow residents to be identified by a gender marker other than "F" or "M" on their driver's licenses.

The legislation, authored by Democratic Senators Toni Atkins of San Diego and Scott Wiener of San Francisco, allows residents who identify as "nonbinary" (someone whose gender identity is neither male nor female) or intersex to select a third gender marker on state-issued identification documents. It also makes it easier for those residents to obtain IDs that accurately reflect their gender.

# Confusion

## Isaiah 5:19-21 (CEV)

<sup>19</sup> And you say, "Let the holy God of Israel hurry up and do what he has promised, so we can see it for ourselves." <sup>20</sup> **You are headed for trouble! You say wrong is right, darkness is light, and bitter is sweet.**



*Woe to those who  
call evil good!*

<sup>21</sup> You think you are clever and smart.

First, good and evil become relative—a matter of opinion. Then, the tables are turned and evil becomes good and good evil.

Speak Up!

## Jeremiah 6:17 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Pay attention to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not pay attention.'



It is time the church blow the trumpet!

Speak the  
Truth in  
Love!

**Ephesians 4:14-15 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be **children, tossed to and fro** by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup> Rather, **speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up** in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

Immaturity (“children”) causes confusion (“tossed to and fro”) but we grow when we speak the truth in love.

## Grace and Truth

**John 1:14, 17 (ESV)**

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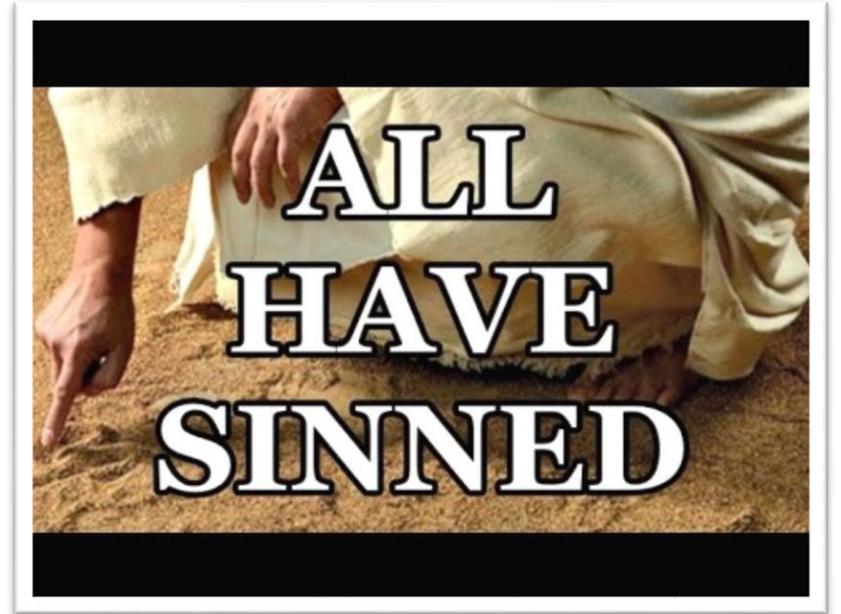
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Truths to  
Remember,  
Live, and  
Share

We have a deadly problem!

**Romans 3:23** (ESV)

<sup>23</sup> For all have sinned  
and fall short of the  
glory of God,



We, the human race,  
are tainted by sin. Left unchecked, sin will  
corrupt us all!

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There is healing for our deadly wound!

**John 3:7** (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, '**You must be born again!**'

Only the new birth—only a personal encounter with Jesus resulting in a personal relationship—can make a real and eternal difference!

Salvation in Christ is the only real and lasting solution to our problem!



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Set the trumpet to your mouth and blow it clearly!

Speak the truth in love!

Take a stand.

Let's be clear in our message so we can be effective in our mission!

