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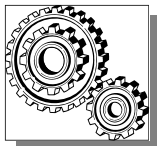
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In the Works

**Constitution Seminar
September 13
KrisAnne Hall**

Are you interested in becoming involved? CAM is looking for interested and active people to act as liaisons to their church, helping to keep the Christian community informed. Contact CAM at 372-6442.

The Greater Threat

By
William Parkinson

Why is it we as Christians so often miss what is right before our eyes? We bemoan the lack of liberty in a country on the other side of the world, but we sit back while more and more of our liberties are taken away by the very people we ignorantly elect to run our government.

As the Christian remnant still here, we are the hope of this great country. Our forefathers were the creators and builders of this great nation. God's blessing was poured out upon our country because of the prayers and actions of our forefathers and those who came before us, but as so often happened in Old Testament Israel, later generations became soft and complacent, they turned from God's commandments and they lost the blessing and protection of their — our — God.

Our world is a very different place than it was even just a few years ago. We face an external enemy that is growing in power and size at a terrifying rate.



Radical Islam threatens our lives, our country, our way of life, even our freedoms to worship our Lord. Again, all too often, that is our focus - we are blinded to what is right before our eyes; because an equal and perhaps even worse threat is not a new power evolving, it is an old power decaying and being wiped away. The threat right under our noses

is the ongoing destruction of the nation God has so richly blessed — the United States of America — our country, the one our forefathers sacrificed and died to create and maintain. And now we who have been so blessed are allowing the freedoms won at such high cost to be eliminated one by one. Unlike any other government before, ours was one where all rights not given to the government in the Constitution belonged to the people. Every new law, every new ordinance, not only costs us money and makes the government stronger, it makes us weaker. And it not only hurts us here in the United States, it hurts all people in the world, who used to look upon us as a shining example of what could be. It diminishes us and it diminishes our power to be an example and to help others to rise up to something better. As we erode our freedoms



“Now more than ever before, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness and corruption.”

President James Garfield

thinking we are helping government to do more for us, as we spend ourselves deeper and deeper into debt thinking someone else will pay the bill later on, we are destroying the country. As an older man I am heart sick to think I was blessed to be born into the greatest nation on earth and I am leaving something so much less to my children and grandchildren. I can't help but remember how in school during the cold war years we were taught over and over about the great evils and threat of socialism and communism, and yet now, after they were proved right and communism has fallen all over the world, we are suddenly turning in that direction and becoming more and more socialist every year. Abortion, homosexuality, immorality at all levels condoned or even encouraged, symbols and mention of God considered improper in public, Christianity belittled while other religions are protected and honored by our own government and media, dismantling of our military, ignoring our laws, sending vast sums of money to our enemies, assisted sui-

cide, confiscation of arms looming; how can we continue to sit idly by and let it all happen? How did we become so blind, so lazy, so apathetic? God has left a remnant here to be a light, but we are not shining people! You are being naive if you believe the masses who are getting free stuff will at some point in the future vote to turn off the spigot.

Short of a miracle of God or perhaps a military coup, unless we act very quickly, our children will have only two choices. They will either live in a third world nation broken economically and turned socialist, or they will have to follow in our

founder's footsteps and resort to armed revolution. Against popular rhetoric, the United States was not created as a democracy, our founding fathers knew pure democracy cannot be sustained once the masses realize they can vote themselves money from the treasury and legally rob from the rich to take care of their desires. We were founded as a



Republic but we have degenerated into a democracy, and we are right at that tipping point where there will soon be no possibility of turning back democratically — by a vote. As long as there is any freedom left there will always be a smaller number of people with

greater wealth at the top of the economic pyramid, so in a pure democracy, with a greater number having less, they will always by their nature vote to take from the rich to supply themselves.

If we allow the current trend to continue, we abandon our children, we dishonor our forefathers and we turn our backs on the Godly principles that made the country great. To a student of Biblical history we are practically asking God to withdraw his blessings upon our nation. That will clearly be the result; it is surprising it hasn't happened already. Were it not for the remnant I am convinced it would have, but how long we have before His patience runs out only He knows. We had better, as a people, each and every one of us, go to our knees in prayer, and then get off our butts and work like the water is rising and we are about to be flooded; because that's a pretty good analogy of the disaster that is coming if we don't turn our country back to its founding principles.

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Looking for more information? Try Lifelines!

Lifelines is an educational program that can be found on Lake Champlain Access Television. They broadcast on cable TV on Channel 15 and are also available for streaming on line at www.LCATV.org/Lifelines.

CAM has presented information several times on this program. Search the Lifelines archives for programs #28, #40, and #48. Program #49 will air in July.

How the Constitution Ended Slavery

Part II

By

KrisAnne Hall

Editor's Note:

This is a two-part article. The first part appeared in our May – June issue and outlined the problem our Founders had with slavery.

In order for a Republic to function properly, there must be equal representation. If there is a way to manipulate the number of representatives allotted to a State, then that would be another avenue for one party to seize the power of another. Representation was to be established through population and controlled through the popular vote. Incorporating the slave population in order to determine the number of representatives was causing some states to cry foul.

The slave owners wanted to classify slaves as “property” to avoid the application of rights to them as “persons,” but wanted to also classify them as “persons” for the purpose of establishing representation. The objection was that the States with greater slave populations would get greater representation, but since only “freemen” could vote, greater representation would be consolidated into fewer people. The large slave owners would almost assuredly control the vote in the State. This skewed representation could delay the desired end to slavery significantly.

The framers solution to this dilemma was the 3/5th Compromise which, along with Article 1 Section 9, would help to further the end of slavery. The 3/5th Compromise did not, as popular education teaches, count each slave as 3/5th of a person. It allowed the slave owners to only count 3/5th of the entire slave population for purpose of representation. By limiting the representative power of the slave owners, the framers knew that establishing a nation where all men are created equal would be possible.

The framers knew that by creating the union they would ensure the survival of Liberty. They understood through the establishment of the Republic they would guarantee the minority populations a society changing voice. They believed through compromise they had done everything that they could have possibly done to limit the growth of slavery and the power of slave owners and still create a union. But they were persuaded through a study of their own history that if Liberty is given the proper fertile ground, it always prospers and grows. They were convinced that Liberty was contagious!

Roger Sherman, a delegate from Connecticut to the Federal Convention (22 Aug. 1787) observed “*that the abolition of slavery seemed to be going on in the U.S. & that the good sense of the several States*

would probably by degrees compleat (sic) it.” Oliver Ellsworth, also a representative from Connecticut, very confidently stated, “*Slavery in time will not be a speck on our country. Provision is already made in Connecticut for abolishing it. And the abolition has already taken place in Massachusetts.*”

The final insurance for the cultivation of Liberty was established through the Amendment process. The framers realized that they had not achieved everything they wanted. They also wanted to ensure that as Liberty grew, it could also be protected through expansion of the Constitution. By offering the Amendment process, these expansions of Liberty could become permanent. The Amendment process prevents the Constitution’s interpretation to be based upon the whim of the current culture. Without the process of permanently amending the Constitution, the people of this nation would be subject to temporary interpretations. The prevailing party or culture would beget a conservative interpretation today, a liberal interpretation tomorrow, a socialist interpretation the next... subjecting the people to an ever-vacillating standard and leaving the people never really knowing the security of their rights.

It is unquestionable that slavery was detested by many at

the formation of our Constitution; only revisionists are served by denying this truth. But the formation of the union was essential to the preservation of Liberty and the end of slavery. Without the union these independent, sovereign States would be able to continue the practice of slavery without any national consequence. The Constitution did not preserve slavery, it was the source of its demise.

It is to be hoped, that by expressing a national disapprobation of this trade, we may destroy it, and save ourselves from reproaches, and our posterity the imbecility ever attendant on a country filled with slaves. James Madison, Import Duty on Slaves, House of Representatives 13 May 1789

It’s about time we stop rewriting history and start teaching our children the truth. Revisionists have had their way too long and the value of Liberty and the importance of our Constitution have been the greatest causalities. If we want to preserve Liberty, we must know what our framers knew: We must preserve the Constitution to preserve Liberty. The destruction of the Constitution leaves us unmoored from the anchor of truth and subjects to the whim of the sovereign.

KrisAnne Hall is an attorney who travels the county teaching the concepts of the Constitution.



“The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people; it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government—lest it come to dominate our lives and interests” - Patrick Henry



What can I do?



*Faith without
works is dead*
James 2:17

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Friday, September 13, 2013 at 7:00 pm

Sheraton Conference Center So. Burlington, VT

CAM is delighted to bring KrisAnne Hall to Vermont for an evening on the U.S. Constitution.

KrisAnne Hall is an attorney and former prosecutor, fired after teaching the Constitution to TEA Party groups. She would not sacrifice liberty for a paycheck. She is a disabled veteran of the US Army, a Russian linguist, a mother, a pastor's wife and a patriot. She now travels the country and teaches the Constitution and the history that gave us our founding documents.

KrisAnne Hall does not just teach the Constitution, she lays the foundations that show how reliable and relevant our founding documents are today. She presents the "genealogy" of the Constitution – the 700 year history and five foundational documents that are the very roots of American Liberty. One cannot properly understand or interpret the Constitution without a firm grasp of its very foundation.

KrisAnne will also be the keynote speaker at Constitution Day on Saturday, Sept 14 in Taylor Park, St. Albans at 10:00 am. Constitution Day is sponsored by American Conservative Women in Action (ACWA).



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August 20, 7:00 pm
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