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**** HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY! ****



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One Nation Under God (By: Andrew Lacroix)

Text: Psalm 33:12

How many of us can recite from heart our pledge of allegiance? If you need a refresher, this is it: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic, for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." The title of my challenge is "One Nation Under God" and the text that will underline this challenge is Psalm 33:12. The Bible says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance".

Believe it or not, this great nation, which turned 237 in July, was founded for the sole purpose of freedom to practice religion without fear of retaliation. Back in the 1600's, Roger Williams, among others, fought for the right to honor the God of the Bible and in so doing got kicked out of Massachusetts. Many of the founding fathers had religious beliefs, and some were even Christians. Prayers were offered in public schools. The Ten Commandments were either posted, plaqued, or etched in stone outside courthouses.

That was a time long ago. Between then and now, what happened? God was left out of our lives. We started worshipping possessions and claiming we serve God our own ways. False religion tickled itching ears and drew them away from simple Bible truth. Deceiving thinkers claimed humans were evolved from monkeys instead of our Creator making us in His glorious image. The Bible was pulled from the public schools. Television and Hollywood injected our hearts with wicked imaginations and worldly, irresistible desires and permeated their sinful agenda over the nation. Our flesh was further assisted and agitated with the introduction of immoral dancing, immodesty, primarily amongst women, and inexcusable language. Music followed suit. Prayer banners have been banished by the foolish group Freedom From Religion. A cross as a war memorial in front of a firehouse in Woonsocket, Rhode Island may go if something is not done or someone doesn't stand up to these deceived, liberal, atheistic groups. The Ten Commandments, I believe, are no longer posted outside any courthouse, save the one permanently etched at the US Supreme Court, and how long before they cry and it is covered with a tarp! We have turned our backs on the God of the Bible, and look at what our great nation has become!

The children of Israel received blessing when they followed God as their Lord and served Him only. They would receive rest at times. However, when they served idols like Baal, they were judged and cursed. They were attacked and people lost their lives. Then they would repent and turn back. However, after a while their hearts hardened, and they no longer repented. Their judgment was dealt with in the capturing of Jerusalem in 587 BC. Although Jerusalem was restored prior to our Lord Jesus Christ's arrival as a babe, the hearts of those were still hard and they rejected the Messiah fore long prophesied throughout the Old Testament.

I propose one question, and my question is found in Ezra 9:10: "And now, O our God, what shall we say about this?" I now bring you my twofold answer that America, like Israel, has answered. One such answer is seen throughout this text: "For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them, for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse. Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened" (Romans 1:18-21). The first answer is that they have an excuse. We have the witness of our conscience and creation. Creation can be seen all around. Study the complexity of the human and some of the animals. Clearly this couldn't have been

evolved! Look at the map. Everything from the luscious scenery in the White Mountains of upstate New Hampshire to the picturesque shorelines of Cape Cod was all in the mind of our Creator when he established planet earth. We have corrupted this planet with sin, and we have scoffed at the most basic concept of a literal six day creation. We call that an excuse. We are without excuse at the marvelous sight that God has created. For our ungodliness God will one day judge with wrath.

The second answer America, like Israel, has given God is that they have seen evil. In Luke 13:1-5 Christ brings up perhaps a poignant time in which those were in mourning. Apparently while Christ lived, in Siloam a building disaster occurred, which cost eighteen their lives. We too have seen evil. In the name of a false god nineteen cowardly terrorists took our aircraft and flew them into highly populated areas, killing almost three thousand people. Many question all the time to Christians, "If your God is so good, as you say He is, why does He not act and continue to allow these and other tragedies to occur"? My answer, and the answer of the Bible, is future judgment. Christ answered them, saying, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." We too will perish, perhaps not like those on 9/11, but we too will face God and give account. We are not to take a day for granted. Proverbs 27:1 says, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth". The eighteen that perished at Siloam may have died that day and the many killed in New York, DC, and PA are dead and we can't change the past or change their eternal destiny, but it ought to serve as a reminder, that one day, just as those who perished have stood before God, so will we. Therefore Christians are warned: "Redeem(ing) the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16). Evil will happen. Things arise. Did those going to see a wicked Hollywood production count on dying that very night? They too have stood before God, the twelve killed in Aurora, Colorado; and the other fifty shot will someday pass away and they will give account. Whoever has said they saw evil as their excuse before God is not acceptable, and God will clearly show them their rejection of Him if they have not trusted Him as Lord and Saviour. There is no such things as an accident. It all has a purpose in the overall plan of God.

Let's return to our original question, in Ezra 9:10: "And now, O our God, what shall we say about this?" The answer we need to have is the remainder of the text: "... for we have forsaken thy commandments". This country has by now had a lot of time to repent and get right with God. However, like Israel, we too have hardened our hearts. Israel was told they could be right again, 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" (II Chronicles 7:14). Look, America is not mentioned by name in the Bible. That means a slew of possibilities. Perhaps we will have no involvement by the Tribulation. If so, that means this nation will be gone sooner than later. However, citizens of a greater nation can do their part. Claim the previous verse and seek God's face. Ask Him to forgive your sins. Don't add to the vile pile of sins that has us on the wrong side of God's wrath. If you are reading this and you're not sure you are saved, why delay? You're not guaranteed another day, just like those at Siloam, those in the tragedies of 9/11 and the two Colorado mass murders. You too, need to recognize your sin and turn from your wicked ways and trust Christ to save you from such wrath that is coming. Then , you , being a citizen of the greater

nation that is the nation of the redeemed, can pray and seek God as to the future of this great country. As long as God allows, we can still turn to Him, both as His people and as a country.

We have forsaken God's commandments. As we look back on America's past, let's remember all God did for America, and do our part. Remember two things: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance", and remember that this still is One Nation Under God.

"In Christ" (By: Pastor Cas Reeves - Pastor of Heritage Baptist Church of Endicott, NY)

From the Book of Romans

(From the 6/2/13 Heritage Herald)

The phrase, **in Christ** is a technical phrase that refers to the regeneration of a believer in Christ Jesus. It points to the believer's relationship with Jesus Christ. The following is a theology of the phrase **in Christ** that is found in the Book of Romans in the KJV Bible.

1. There is Redemption in Christ: *Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:* (Romans 3:24, Cf. Romans 8:23)
2. There is No Condemnation in Christ: *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit* (Romans 8:1, Cf. John 3:19).
3. There is Life in Christ: *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death* (Romans 8:2, Cf. John 6:47, John 8:32, John 8:36).
4. There is No Separation from the Love of God in Christ: *Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord* (Romans 8:39, Cf. John 10:28, Psa.37:24).
5. There is Truth in Christ: *I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost* (Romans 9:1, Cf. John 14:6).
6. There is One Body in Christ: *So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another* (Romans 12:5, Cf. Ephesians 4:4).
7. There are Personal Associations in Christ:
 - Fellow-helper:
Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: (Romans 16:3).
 - Kinsman and fellow-prisoners:
Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me (Romans 16:7).
 - Helper:
Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved (Romans 16:9).
8. There is Approval [Acceptance] in Christ: *Salute Apelles approved [accepted, as tried or proved] in Christ. Salute them which are of Aristobulus' household* (Romans 16:10, Cf. John 10:27).

It is important to recognize from this study that both **truth** and **life** are **in Christ**. If you desire to have both truth everlasting and life everlasting then you must place your faith in Christ and receive Him as your Savior (Cf. John 14:6).

“Account” (Part 8) (By: Craig Glickman)

This is the continuation of a long, yet informative study on every appearance of the word “account” in the Bible. This word appears 31 times in the King James Version (*Account, Accounted, Accounting, Accounts*). For sake of space, I will show only the reference but I encourage you to take your Bible and read the passages.

Hebrews 13:17 – 'Barnes Notes on the Bible', I believe, is the best exegesis of this passage:

...The reference here is to their religious teachers, and not to civil rulers. They were to show them proper respect, and to submit to their authority in the church, so far as it was administered in accordance with the precepts of the Saviour. The obligation to obedience does not, of course, extend to anything which is wrong in itself, or which would be a violation of conscience. The doctrine is, that subordination is necessary to the welfare of the church, and that there ought to be a disposition to yield all proper obedience to those who are set over us in the Lord; compare notes on [1 Thessalonians 5:12-13](#).

And submit yourselves - That is, to all which they enjoin that is lawful and right. There are in relation to a society:

- (1) those things which God has positively commanded - which are always to be obeyed.
- (2) many things which have been agreed on by the society as needful for its welfare - and these are to be submitted to unless they violate the rights of conscience; and
- (3) many things which are in themselves a matter of no express divine command, and of no formal enactment by the community. They are matters of convenience; things that tend to the order and harmony of the community, and of the propriety of these, "rulers" in the church and elsewhere should be allowed to judge, and we should submit to them patiently.

Hence, in the church we are to submit to all the proper regulations for conducting public worship; for the promotion of religion; and for the administration of discipline.

For they watch for your souls - They have no selfish aim in this. They do not seek "to lord it over God's heritage." It is for your own good that they do this, and you should therefore submit to these arrangements. And this shows also the true principle on which authority should be exercised in a church. It should be in such a way as to promote the salvation of the people; and all the arrangements should be with that end. The measures adopted, therefore, and the obedience enjoined, should not be arbitrary, oppressive, or severe, but should be such as will really promote salvation.

As they that must give account - To God. The ministers of religion must give account to God for their fidelity. For all that they teach, and for every measure which they adopt, they must soon be called into judgment. There is, therefore, the best security that under the influence of this solemn truth they will pursue only that course which will be for your good.

That they may do it with joy, and not with grief - Greek μὴ στενάζοντες mē stenazontes - not sighing, or groaning; as they would who had been unsuccessful. The meaning is, that they should so obey, that when their teachers came to give up their account they need not do it with sorrow over their perverseness and disobedience.

For this is unprofitable for you - That is, their giving up their account in that manner - as unsuccessful in their efforts to save you - would not be of advantage to you, but would be highly injurious. This is a strong mode of expressing the idea that it must be attended with eminent peril to their souls to have their religious teachers go and give an account against them. As they would wish, therefore, to avoid that, they should render to them all proper honor and obedience.

1 Pet. 4:5 – 'Barnes Notes on the Bible' gives the following exegesis on the passage:

Who shall give account - That is, they shall not do this with impunity. They are guilty in this of a great wrong and they must answer for it to God.

That is ready to judge - That is, "who is prepared to judge" - τῷ ἐτοιμῶς ἔχοντι tō hetoimōs echonti. See the phrase used in [Acts 21:13](#); "I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem." [2 Corinthians 12:14](#); "the third time I am ready to come to you." Compare the word "ready" - ἐτοιμος hetoimos - in [Matthew 22:4](#), [Matthew 22:8](#); [Matthew 24:44](#); [Matthew 25:10](#); [Luke 12:40](#); [Luke 22:33](#); [1 Peter 1:5](#). The meaning is, not that he was about to do it, or that the day of judgment was near at hand - whatever the apostle may have supposed to be true on that point - but that he was prepared for it; all the arrangements were made with reference to it; there was nothing to hinder it.

To judge the quick and the dead - The living and the dead; that is, those who shall be alive when he comes, and those in their graves. This is a common phrase to denote all who shall be brought before the bar of God for judgment. See the [Acts 10:42](#) note; [1 Thessalonians 4:16-17](#) notes; [2 Timothy 4:1](#) note. The meaning in this connection seems to be, that they should bear their trials and the opposition which they would meet with patiently, not feeling that they were forgotten, nor attempting to avenge themselves; for the Lord would vindicate them when he should come to judgment, and call those who had injured them to an account for all the wrongs which they had done to the children of God.

'Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible' says:

Who shall give account to him,.... "To God himself", as the Syriac version reads; of all their blasphemies, and hard speeches spoken by them against God, Christ, the Gospel, and good men, and receive their just punishment. This the apostle says, to calm the minds of God's people, and make them to sit easy under all censures, reproaches, and calumnies, and not think of avenging themselves, but commit themselves to him that will judge righteously; even to him,

that is ready to judge the quick and the dead; that is, all men, such as will be found alive when he comes, and those that have died before, who will then be raised from the dead, to receive their judgment; and by whom is meant the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom all judgment is committed; and who is ordained to be the Judge of quick and dead, and will judge both at his appearing and kingdom; yea, the day is appointed when this judgment will proceed by him, and he is at the door; so that he may be truly said to be ready for it, as he is every way equal to it,

and will finish it with righteousness.

Emotions in The Bible (By: Craig Glickman)

There are many verses and passages in the Bible that relate to emotions and feelings of man and our Lord Himself in trials, suffering, affliction, and of course peace and joy. The following is an ongoing study of passages that have convicted, comforted, edified, encouraged or blessed me through hearing messages, devotions and studies over the years. I hope this is a blessing and help to you and I, and that the Lord may be honored and glorified in this series of studies on emotions in the Bible. Each issue, Lord willing, will have a verse or passage in the Bible covered. I am excited and privileged to do this. Praise God! I intend to break each passage down into the following: **Passage, Emotion(s), Cause, Effect, What does the passage say?, What does the passage say to you and I?, What should you and I do about it?, How do you and I stay accountable?**

Passage: 1 Cor. 10:13

Emotion(s): Temptation

Cause: Lust of the eyes, ears, etc. (the flesh)

Effect: Falling into sin by yielding to temptation

What does the passage say?: This passage is very important to know and memorize. It tells believer's that no temptation can dominate or control our lives. God has made a way of escape from temptations. Temptations are not necessarily trials or troubles, but rather something 'good' to the eyes, nose, ears, etc. Simply put, you smell a steak grilling outside, you will likely, as I would, be tempted to go eat a delicious steak! There is nothing wrong with that. On the other hand, you hear ungodly flesh appealing music at a store or restaurant, you may be likely tempted, as I also could, to enjoy that ungodly music! When someone angers you, you and I may be tempted to say something we should not. Thankfully God has a made a way of escape from temptation, that way is faith in Him and obedience to His word. We should look on and consider the spiritual, the eternal and not the temporal pleasures in all that we say and do.

What does the passage say to you and I?: Dear believer, go to God in prayer and ask Him to help you be careful of pride (lack of full trust and dependence upon God for all things). Ask Him to help you abstain from all appearance of evil (1 Thes. 5:22). This would be pleasures, people, material things that will likely cause you to sin and fall away from God. God says we are to abstain from those things. Ask yourself, what is good (or right) about what I am about to say or do? Is there doubt about what you are about to say or do? If so, don't do it! There is an old saying, "when in doubt, don't." Simply put, is what you are about to say or do honoring to God? Can it be done for His glory alone?

What should you and I do about it?: These things will help keep your mind on Christ and like Christ and far from ungodly temptations: First, establish your testimony early (let it be known). Don't hide the fact you are saved (Keeping your salvation to yourself). Tell others about Christ! Make reaching the lost for Christ and helping others a priority in your life. Second, make no provision for the flesh (Prov. 7, Rom. 13:14). Third, stay right with and under authority that God has placed in your life (Heb. 13:1). Lastly, set your heart upon God and love Him with your whole spirit, soul, mind and body (Psalm 91, Matt. 22:37-38).

How do you and I stay accountable?: As the old hymn says, yield not to temptation for yielding is sin. Seek godly counsel from your pastor, parents, spouse to help you get victory over ungodly temptations!

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

ONE WORD: "SAVED"

By: Pastor Cas Reeves (From 4/7/13 issue of Heritage Herald)

Jesus said, "...*these things I say, that ye might be saved*" (John 5:34).

This is a personal testimony. **I give thanks for one word.** It is the word *saved*. Out of all the words in the Bible, it was that one word, *saved*, that the Holy Spirit of God used in my life to convict me of my unsaved and lost condition. As a sinful man before a holy God, I first heard the word *saved* when a Baptist preacher and his wife visited in my home, sharing the Gospel. The pastor asked me if I was *saved*. After that, others from his church would ask me from time to time if I was *saved*.

Those who spoke with me all spoke with a confidence that they were *saved* and knew it, because the Bible told them so. I did not have such confidence. I did not know if I was *saved* and going to heaven. The LORD continued to convict me. He worked in my heart. Eventually, I went to see that Baptist preacher. I asked him to show me from the Bible how I could be *saved* and to be able to know it. Two of many verses he showed me were: "*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*" And then, "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved*" (Romans 10:9,13).

I saw the word *saved* in both of those verses. And then, believing with all of my heart in Jesus Christ, I called upon him in prayer to *save* me. You know, He promised me He would, and He did, **save me**. Today, based upon God's Word and promise, I can say confidently, "**I am saved.**" The Apostle John said, "*These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know (present tense - right now) that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*" (1 John 5:13). **Are you saved?**

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:) Children For Christ :)

Five Steps to a Fall

Memory Verse: Proverbs 24:16 – "For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief."

Dear reader, in this lesson, we will study five steps to a fall into sin. No matter how old you are or how long you have been saved, you need to realize you and I can easily fall into sin. Here are the five steps:

- 1) Cold to Jesus Christ
- 2) Callous to sin
- 3) Love of this world
- 4) No care for souls
- 5) Contention

Now, answer these questions based upon these five steps:

1. What does it mean to be 'cold' to Jesus Christ? A. Neglecting God and the Bible B. Not praying C. Not going to church D. Not witnessing E. All of the above
2. What does it mean to callous to sin? A. Thinking because your saved, it is OK to sin B. Hardening your heart to God and the Bible C. Rejecting the Holy Spirit's conviction of sin in your life D. All of the above
3. Dear reader, stop and think about this: Do you love the world more than you love God, the Bible, your parents, your pastor, going to church? Who is most important in your life? What is most important in your life?
4. A love and care for souls is important because: A. The lost need to be saved B. Fellowship is important C. God's people need love and encouragement D. All of the above
5. Is their contention with other people (i.e. family, friends) in your life? If so, this is a step to a fall. What do you and I need to avoid contention and strife with others? A. Love B. Genuine care and concern C. Humility D. Graciousness E. Forgiveness F. Mercy G. All of the above

<p>“America is laughing itself to death in a vain attempt to drown its sorrows and forget its fears. Behind a thin veneer of hilarity, there are more broken homes, hearts, minds, and lives than ever in history.” <i>– Vance Havner</i></p>	<p>“A true disciple inquires not whether a fact is agreeable to his own reason, but whether it is in the book.” <i>– Adoniram Judson</i></p>
<p>“You can not be fruitful unless you are faithful!”</p>	<p><u>Praises</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise God for a powerful time of preaching and fellowship at a camp out in Mehoopany, PA with six local NT churches represented! <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for those affected by the tornadoes in Oklahoma. • Pray for salvation and needs of those affected by the tragedy in Boston, MA on April 15th. • Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman) • Lacroix family and friend Rick (Salvation) • Rusty and family, Jose, Gary, Rudney (Salvation) • Outreach of Heritage Baptist Church
<p>“A verse can't be claimed unless we meet the conditions of that verse. Are you a doer of the verses, or just a hearer?”</p>	
<p>“Base your convictions from the Bible up, not the world down.”</p>	

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Thank you for reading this. We praise God for all our dear brothers and sisters in Christ and we greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

His Servants,

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Andrew Lacroix

Prov. 3:5-6

1 Thes. 5:18

