



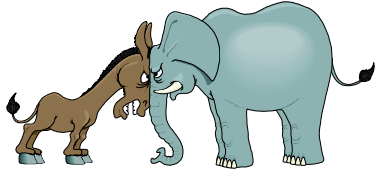
# THE HUMBLEHEART MESSENGER

Contending For The  
Christian Faith  
(Jude 1:3)



**FALL 2024**

## Every Four Years In America



You would think by now we the citizens of the United States of America could figure out a better way to choose our government leaders without an all out war every four years. The hate, the lies, the corruption and waste of money gets worse every cycle. Our elected officials we send to Washington D.C. are only tiny teeth in the gears that function in a massive machine we call our government. If you dare speak against the machine with truth, facts and critical thinking your life can utterly be destroyed by those in power. You could lose your property, business, savings or even find yourself locked up in jail. Mostly because you can't afford a lawyer strong enough to come to your defense. Therefore, you are beaten into submission or rendered into silence.

What a grim and depressing view of our United States of America. Within two years (2026) we will be celebrating 250 years as a Nation. How will history record this current generation? What about the blood and treasure spent to make us the land of the free and home of the brave? Our pledge of allegiance has been thwarted when it comes to being one nation under God. God has been taken out of nearly every institution where we function as a society. We should not be surprised when we consider the words of John Dewey an American

philosopher and educator considered by many as the father of our educational system. *"There is no god and there is no soul. Hence, there is no need for the props of traditional religion. With dogma and creed excluded, then immutable truth is also dead and buried. There is no room for fixed natural law or permanent moral absolutes."*

Fortunately the 2024 election season is behind us. As the dust settles we should tune out the drama and turn to our family, friends and loved ones for the holiday season. We should enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas. It appears we are in for big changes in 2025.

During the crazy times of the 2024 election process Lois, an 88 year-old widow in my Church shared an experience she had with her friend. Lois is a faithful Christian woman who drives over 30 miles to Church every Sunday morning. Lois is a Republican. In her excitement discussing how her candidate won the election her friend snapped back, "Well, you know I am a Democrat!" Lois' response was, "It doesn't matter what religion you are, I still consider you my friend." What a great message that is to all of us. I laugh every time I think about it knowing they still remain good friends. It goes to show the foolishness when people treat their political party affiliation almost as though it were a religion.

Looking back at all the various campaign logans used the last two years by the different parties I have a favorite, "The Party of Common Sense." In the end it should be a slogan that if truly implemented causes peace and unity. It can establish common ground.

An old friend of mine Dr. David Reagan of Lamb & Lion Ministries used to say something like, "if the issue discussed doesn't make plain sense it is probably nonsense." He used that phrase when teaching about Bible prophecy and understanding God's master plan according to all of Scripture. In other words we have to be careful not to go off the rails when trying to make sense of any issue because it can lead to doubt, confusion, or even false teaching.

I came across a similar quote several years ago concerning a more diabolical and deliberate tactic called, "Satan's Strategy." The author is C.R. Lloyd. *"Insert yourself into simple situations that call for plain and obvious duties, and complicate them, and complicate them again, until at last no one involved in them can make sense of the confusion."*

I've thought about these things quite often during the past four years. Included in our Bible studies and Church services we have been addressing the chaos that has crept into our schools, college campuses and even the Church. Some call it "WOKE" others refer to it as "CRT" (Critical Race Theory) or "SEL" (Social Emotional Learning). Gender confusion and the transgender movement has overtaken nearly every aspect of our public communications. As much as we try to avoid it the subject comes up on a daily basis. Those who go along with or promote this anti-Christian movement are guilty and destined for the judgment to come.

The verdict was handed down on November 5, 2024 Election Day. A majority of American voters which includes many Bible driven Christians have spoken and the WOKE movement must end. Common sense will rule the day. We can now only wait and see the results to come. As always we must wait upon the Lord.

I would offer up a final thought that has to do with all Christian brothers and sisters whatever political views we might hold, don't be ashamed of your convictions. Your vote is private and your reasoning belongs only to you

because our citizenship is in heaven and not of this world. We are temporarily just passing through. (Philippians 3:20)

## **"WE ARE NOT ALONE"**

Why does the world hate Christians? If you are in deed a faithful follower of Jesus Christ why are you considered as an enemy according to this present world? The short answer is quite simple. God has called you out of this fallen world to Himself by His grace and for His Glory. By your faith in His Son Jesus Christ you are saved from the wrath to come and you shall enter into eternal life. He has given you The Holy Spirit to teach you in the way of the truth and guide you in a life of purpose. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin and exposes the darkness, wickedness and lies produced by the father of lies, Satan. You belong to Jesus, not the world. (John 8:44)

Jesus tells us what we can expect as Christians. *"If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."* (John 15:18-19)

The New Testament Greek word *mathetes* (math-ay-tes') is translated as "a learner, pupil or disciple." The Greek word *Christianos* is translated as "Christian, follower of Jesus Christ." Luke verifies the connection between these two words where he writes *"... the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch."* (Acts 11:26b)

We are not alone as some may think. Who among us cannot feel a sense of anxiety or disgust by what we have been seeing or experiencing as a nation or even as the whole world at this present time? However, we must not lose sight of our obedience and purpose to the great commission as commended by Christ in Matthew 28:19-20. *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I*

*commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* In Christ we are never alone! The Apostle Paul wrote *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes..."* (Romans 1:16a)

### **REMEMBER ISRAEL**

Robert L. Wilkie is an American Lawyer and government official who has formally served as an Assistant Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Veteran's Affairs. In a recent interview on "Wake Up America" Thursday July 25, 2024 he described how the United States of America has the "strongest historical and spiritual" relationship with the nation of Israel. He was commenting on the absolute disrespect toward Israel's current Prime Minister that was demonstrated by Joe Biden and Kamala Harris in Washington D.C. the day before. Outside on the streets of our nation's capital USA flags were burned, terrorist flags were hung, monuments desecrated by an anti-Israel, anti-American, pro-Hamas mob. Those who were arrested were immediately released. However, those who agree with or participate in such folly need to be reminded of the ultimate judgment God has forewarned concerning Abraham and Israel. *"And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse..."* (Genesis 12:3a) We need to pray for Israel and peace in Jerusalem.

There is an undeniable truth found throughout Scripture concerning Israel and the Jewish people. The fact that God has preserved the Jews for more than 3500 years is a miracle and testimony to the divine hand of God we can see to this day. Satan, the enemy of God has tried to completely wipe Israel off the face of the earth for centuries. To see them back in their homeland after nearly 2000 years should make people shudder with fear under the mighty hand of God. Make no mistake about the wrath of God to come on those who practice anti-Semitism. Christians need to be aware and stand on the Biblical truth that Jesus Christ is a Jew and it is the

Jews who gave us the Bible. God will deal with Judaism's rejection of Jesus as the Messiah. We are told to bless not curse Israel and pray for peace. Respecting Israel or praying for peace and helping them in times of need does not mean they have a direct ticket to heaven. In the end no one goes to heaven accept through Jesus Christ. (John 14:1-6)

### **THE FACTS OF LIFE**

I can remember when I was a little boy how my parents finally had to set me down and tell me about what they called "the facts of life." I was about six. I had two younger sisters and another baby brother on the way at that time. I could have never imagined that I would end up being the oldest of eight children. Four boys and four girls. I needed answers for two very important questions. One was how did that baby get inside of my mother's belly? Two was how in the world are they going to get it out? All I knew was my mother went to the hospital and came home with a baby. My parents did a good job of answering my questions. Though I didn't understand all the details I responded as most six year old boys would by thinking to myself, okay, now I know, then went outside to play football with my buddies.

I don't want to sound like an old man, but life was so much more simple and innocent in those days. It was more safe as well. We must try to do all we can to let our children just be children. Love them, shield them, nurture them and pray for God's protection everyday.

There are other facts of life that require spiritual and moral instruction from the Bible. Facts that our children and youth need to be reassured are truths, justice and the laws of God. They must learn what it means to live a life with a Biblical worldview. For example there is no gender confusion according to Scripture. The ridiculous nonsense being forced upon our society claiming there are more than two genders of the human race is answered directly in Genesis 1:27 *"And God created man*

*in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."* The following verse further describes the purpose for male and female (man and woman) *"And God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."* (Genesis 1:28)

Human beings are not apes, fish, birds or every other thing that moves on the earth. This proves Darwinian's human evolution is a lie perpetrated by the Devil.

Slavery, discrimination, racism, ethnic cleansing, hate crimes, genocide, bigotry is all sin! Regardless of the color of our skin or where we are located we are all equally created by God. No race (ethnicity) is above the other. The Bible tells us God *"...made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, that they should seek God..."* (Acts 17:26-27b)

#### **FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS OF GOD**

1. God Loves You and has a plan for you (John 3:16)
2. Sin separates us from God (Romans 3:23)
3. Jesus is the only way of Salvation (John 14:6)
4. We must receive Jesus as Savior and Lord (John 1:12)

#### **THINGS PEOPLE MUST KNOW TO BE CONVERTED**

- a. Their **need** - "all have sinned" (Romans 3:23)
- b. The **penalty** - "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23)
- c. God's **provision** - "Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8)
- d. **How to respond** - "Believe in your heart" (Romans 10:9)

We should share these Biblical facts of life ☐  
MARANATHA!

---

#### ***Featured Song "Sail On"***



***O, God Thy sea is so  
great and my boat is so small***

These words inscribed on a plaque mounted on the steering dash of one of my old fishing boats

were sometimes a prayer. Lake Erie is known for its treacherous waters when a flash storm rolls in and within minutes you can be tossed by waves and wind. Making it back to shore is a terrifying experience and it makes you feel very small. I can't imagine what it would be like sailing on a tall ship out on the ocean where the shore is nowhere in sight. Whatever circumstance we might find ourselves going through we can know we are not alone. Jesus asked His disciples *"Where is your faith?"* (Luke 8:25) Don't lose your faith, hope and trust in Him who can calm the winds and waves of life. Don't give up. Be strong, keep going and sail on. That is the heart of the message in the featured song of this particular publication.

#### **SAIL ON**

(Psalm 69:32-34, Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 8:23-24)

It's been so long since I've felt so strong as I stare out at the sky. Was my love cold, did I lose control, was my heart too hard to cry? I can't live without You! It took some time, but I found my way through the dark.

There are times when it slips my mind that I've been bought for a price. On the cross Jesus paid the cost as He took on death to give me life. And how I long to see You! You know my mind Lord, and every beat of my heart.

#### **Chorus**

And when I feel like a ship out in a storm,  
Something has gone wrong. The raging wind  
takes me further from the shore. That's when  
I hear You say to me, sail on!

Through my struggles I have come to know that there is no easy road. Live for Jesus, try to give it all, and keep my faith from growing old. Can you hear Him calling? across the ocean, beyond the highest tower.

There's no secret and there's no lie, you can trust His every Word. Some will preach it, and some may die so thank the Lord for what you've learned. He'll be there beside you! There to lead you in your darkest hour.

Chorus

And when I feel like a ship out in a storm,  
Something has gone wrong. The raging wind  
takes me further from the shore. That's when  
I hear you say to me, sail on !



**Humbleheart Ministries Inc.**

11883 Findley Lake Road ~ North East, PA 16428

(814) 725-1229

Hefrees@aol.com

Website: [Humbleheartministries.net](http://Humbleheartministries.net)