

# ***Letter to the American Church***

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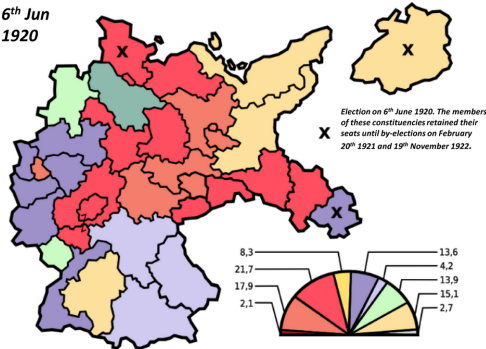
# German historical political past

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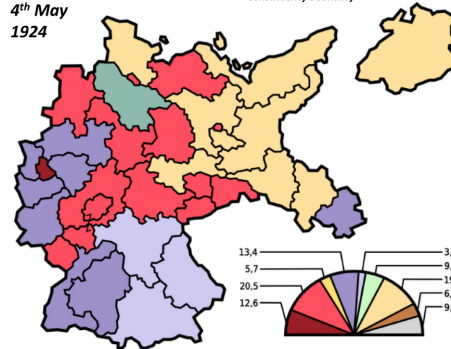
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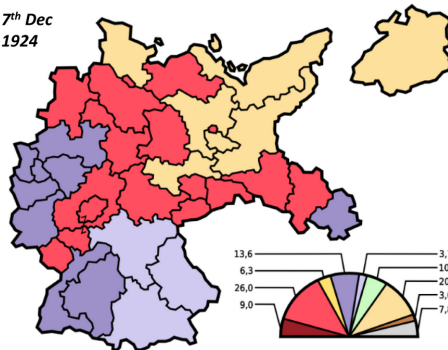
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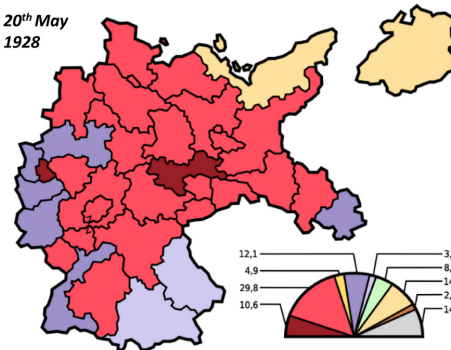
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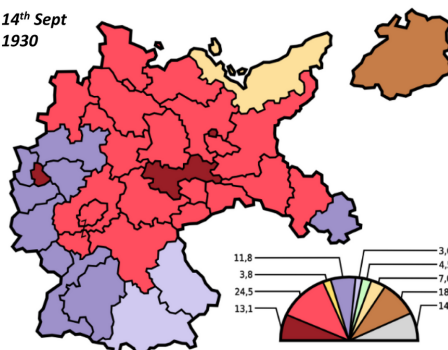
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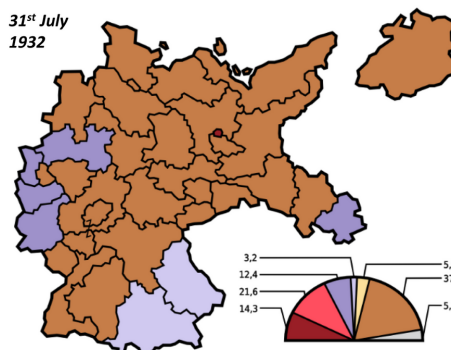
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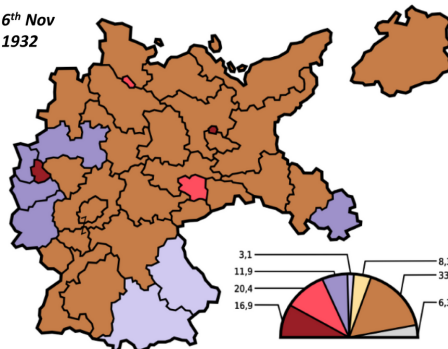
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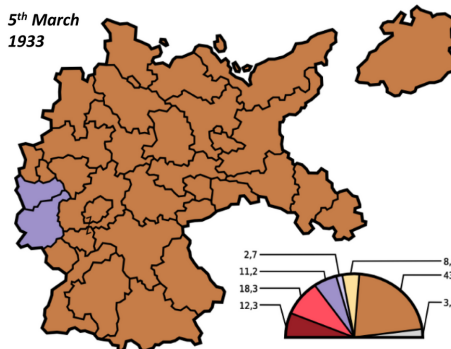
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1918	21 March	<a href="#">German spring offensive</a> : German forces attacked the British <a href="#">Fifth Army</a> and broke their line in northern France.
	8 August	<a href="#">Hundred Days Offensive</a> : An allied force of primarily French, British and American troops drove back the German line at <a href="#">Amiens</a> .
	9 November	<a href="#">German Revolution of 1918–19</a> : <a href="#">Wilhelm</a> abdicated his titles as <a href="#">German Emperor</a> and king of Prussia.
	10 November	German Revolution of 1918–19: The <a href="#">Council of the People's Deputies</a> , a body elected from the <a href="#">workers' councils</a> of Berlin, introduced sweeping liberal reforms including the elimination of the <a href="#">Prussian three-class franchise</a> and women's suffrage.
	11 November	World War I: A German delegation signed the <a href="#">Armistice of 11 November 1918</a> , promising an immediate cessation of hostilities, significant territorial concessions, and the surrender of Germany's war materiel.
1919	15 January	<a href="#">Spartacist uprising</a> : The <a href="#">Freikorps</a> crushed a Berlin uprising by the <a href="#">Marxist Spartacus League</a> , killing some hundred and fifty civilians and executing their leaders <a href="#">Karl Liebknecht</a> and <a href="#">Rosa Luxemburg</a> .
	11 February	<a href="#">German presidential election, 1919</a> : <a href="#">Friedrich Ebert</a> of the <a href="#">Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD)</a> was elected president by the <a href="#">Weimar National Assembly</a> , with seventy-three percent of the vote.
	6 April	<a href="#">Ernst Toller</a> declared the establishment of a <a href="#">Bavarian Council Republic</a> in <a href="#">Bavaria</a> .
	28 June	<a href="#">Paris Peace Conference, 1919</a> : Representatives of some thirty world powers signed the <a href="#">Treaty of Versailles</a> , under which Germany was forced to disarm, give up its colonies, make substantial territorial concessions, and pay reparations to the <a href="#">Allies</a> .
	11 August	The <a href="#">Weimar Constitution</a> came into force. The Weimar Republic succeeded the German Empire.
1920	13 March	<a href="#">Kapp Putsch</a> : The <a href="#">Freikorps Marinebrigade Ehrhardt</a> occupied <a href="#">Berlin</a> . <a href="#">Wolfgang Kapp</a> of the <a href="#">national conservative German National People's Party (DNVP)</a> declared himself <a href="#">chancellor</a> .
		<a href="#">Ruhr uprising</a> : The <a href="#">Communist Party of Germany</a> , the <a href="#">Communist Workers' Party of Germany</a> , the <a href="#">Independent Social Democratic Party of Germany</a> and the <a href="#">Free Workers' Union of Germany</a> together established the <a href="#">Ruhr Red Army</a> , which expelled the <a href="#">Freikorps</a> from the valley of the <a href="#">Ruhr</a> .
1921	June	<a href="#">Hyperinflation in the Weimar Republic</a> : Inflation of the <a href="#">Papiermark (Mark)</a> began in response to the first reparations payment to the <a href="#">Allies</a> under the terms of the <a href="#">Treaty of Versailles</a> .
1922	16 April	Germany and <a href="#">Russia</a> signed the <a href="#">Treaty of Rapallo</a> , in which each renounced all territorial and financial claims against the other and pledged to normalize relations.
1923	11 January	<a href="#">Occupation of the Ruhr</a> : <a href="#">France</a> invaded the valley of the <a href="#">Ruhr</a> .
	13 August	<a href="#">Gustav Stresemann</a> of the <a href="#">national liberal German People's Party</a> was appointed <a href="#">chancellor</a> and <a href="#">minister for foreign affairs</a> .
	8 November	<a href="#">Beer Hall Putsch</a> : <a href="#">Nazi Party</a> chairman <a href="#">Adolf Hitler</a> led some six hundred <a href="#">Sturmabteilung (SA)</a> to the <a href="#">Bürgerbräukeller</a> in <a href="#">Munich</a> , where they held <a href="#">Bavarian</a> state officials <a href="#">Gustav Ritter von Kahr</a> , <a href="#">Hans Ritter von Seisser</a> and <a href="#">Otto von Lossow</a> at gunpoint to demand they support a Nazi coup.

In what year did Germany no longer have a monarchy?

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Has America ever had a monarchy?

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1924	August	Germany and the <a href="#">Triple Entente</a> agreed to the <a href="#">Dawes Plan</a> negotiated by head of the <a href="#">United States Bureau of the Budget</a> chief <a href="#">Charles G. Dawes</a> , under which the <a href="#">French</a> and <a href="#">Belgian</a> occupation of the <a href="#">Ruhr</a> valley was ended and the reparation payment schedule restructured.
1925	16 October	The last of the <a href="#">Locarno Treaties</a> , under which <a href="#">France</a> , <a href="#">Belgium</a> and Germany settled their borders and pledged not to attack each other, was signed.
1926	8 September	Germany joined the <a href="#">League of Nations</a> .
1929	31 August	The <a href="#">Allies</a> accepted the <a href="#">Young Plan</a> , which reduced Germany's war reparations and allowed it to defer a greater portion, which would accrue interest due to a consortium of <a href="#">American</a> banks.
	3 October	<a href="#">Stresemann</a> died.
	29 October	<a href="#">Wall Street Crash of 1929</a> : The <a href="#">Dow Jones Industrial Average</a> dropped twelve percent in a trading session of record volume.
1930	14 September	<a href="#">German federal election, 1930</a> : The <a href="#">SPD</a> retained a plurality of seats in the <a href="#">Reichstag</a> . The <a href="#">Nazi Party</a> gained ninety-five seats.
1933	30 January	<a href="#">Hitler</a> was appointed <a href="#">chancellor</a> at the head of a <a href="#">Nazi-DNVP</a> coalition. The process of <a href="#">Gleichschaltung</a> , in which the government dismantled non- <a href="#">Nazi</a> parties and societies, began.
	27 February	<a href="#">Reichstag fire</a> : The <a href="#">Reichstag building</a> was burned. The <a href="#">Dutch council communist Marinus van der Lubbe</a> was caught at the scene and confessed.
	28 February	<a href="#">President Paul von Hindenburg</a> issued the <a href="#">Reichstag Fire Decree</a> , suspending most civil liberties.
	24 March	The <a href="#">Enabling Act of 1933</a> , which granted the cabinet the power to make laws, was passed and signed in the presence of armed members of the <a href="#">SA</a> and <a href="#">Schutzstaffel (SS)</a> .
	20 July	<a href="#">Vice-chancellor Franz von Papen</a> of Germany and <a href="#">cardinal secretary of state Pope Pius XII</a> of the <a href="#">Holy See</a> signed the <a href="#">Reichskonkordat</a> , which required <a href="#">bishops</a> to swear loyalty to the <a href="#">president</a> of Germany.
1934	30 June	<a href="#">Night of the Long Knives</a> : <a href="#">SS</a> paramilitaries killed at least eighty-five potential threats to <a href="#">Hitler's</a> power, including <a href="#">SA</a> head <a href="#">Ernst Röhm</a> and <a href="#">Gregor Strasser</a> , head of the <a href="#">left wing</a> of the <a href="#">Nazi Party</a> .
	1 August	<a href="#">Hitler</a> issued a law merging the powers of the <a href="#">presidency</a> into the office of the <a href="#">chancellor</a> .
	2 August	<a href="#">Hindenburg</a> died from lung cancer.
1935	16 March	<a href="#">German re-armament</a> : <a href="#">Hitler</a> announced that Germany would rebuild its military, in violation of the <a href="#">Treaty of Versailles</a> .
1936	7 March	<a href="#">Remilitarisation of the Rhineland</a> : German troops entered the <a href="#">Rhineland</a> in violation of the <a href="#">Treaty of Versailles</a> .
		<a href="#">1936 Summer Olympics</a> : Germany won the greatest number of gold, silver and bronze medals at the Olympics, held in <a href="#">Berlin</a> . <a href="#">Black American Jesse Owens</a> won four gold medals, the highest individual total.
1938	12 March	<a href="#">Anschluss</a> : German troops entered <a href="#">Austria</a> .
	9 November	<a href="#">Kristallnacht</a> : A <a href="#">pogrom</a> took place in which <a href="#">SA</a> paramilitaries and German civilians destroyed <a href="#">Jewish</a> businesses and at least ninety-one were killed.

How many years did it take for Germany to appoint Hitler to chancellor after their last King stepped down?

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	1 September	<a href="#">Invasion of Poland</a> : Germany invaded <a href="#">Poland</a> .
	22 December	<a href="#">Genthin rail disaster</a>
1940	9 April	<a href="#">Operation Weserübung</a> : Germany invades Denmark and Norway.
	10 May	<a href="#">Case Yellow</a> : Germany invades the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, and France.
	22 June	<a href="#">Armistice of 22 June 1940</a> with France
1941		<a href="#">Konrad Zuse</a> built the <a href="#">Z3</a> .
	6 April	<a href="#">Invasion of Yugoslavia</a>
		<a href="#">German invasion of Greece</a>
	22 June	<a href="#">Operation Barbarossa</a> : German forces invade the <a href="#">Soviet Union</a> .
1942	20 January	<a href="#">Wannsee Conference</a> : A government conference was held to discuss the implementation of the <a href="#">Final Solution</a> , the extermination of <a href="#">European Jewry</a> .
	23 August	The <a href="#">Battle of Stalingrad</a> begins.
1943	2 February	The <a href="#">Battle of Stalingrad</a> ends, resulting in the destruction of the German <a href="#">6th Army</a> ( <a href="#">Friedrich Paulus</a> ).
1944	6 June	<a href="#">Normandy landings</a> : Allied forces (including contingents from the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada) disembark on five landing grounds in German-occupied <a href="#">Normandy</a> , reopening the <a href="#">Western Front of World War II</a> .
1945	20 March	The <a href="#">first Arnsberg Forest massacre</a> starts, killing 71 Polish and Russian <a href="#">prisoners of war</a> . Two more massacres would occur over the next three days, killing 208 people in total.
	30 April	<a href="#">Death of Adolf Hitler</a> : <a href="#">Hitler</a> committed suicide by gunshot in the <a href="#">Führerbunker</a> in <a href="#">Berlin</a> .
	8 May	<a href="#">German Instrument of Surrender</a> : World War II ends in Europe ( <a href="#">VE Day</a> ).
	23 May	The <a href="#">Flensburg Government</a> around <a href="#">Karl Dönitz</a> and <a href="#">Lutz Graf Schwerin von Krosigk</a> is detained by British forces.
		<a href="#">Heinrich Himmler</a> commits suicide.
	26 June	The <a href="#">Christian Democratic Union of Germany (CDU)</a> was founded.
	2 August	<a href="#">Potsdam Conference</a> : British prime minister <a href="#">Clement Attlee</a> , president <a href="#">Harry S. Truman</a> of the <a href="#">United States</a> and <a href="#">Joseph Stalin</a> , the <a href="#">general secretary</a> of the <a href="#">Soviet Communist Party</a> , issued the <a href="#">Potsdam Agreement</a> at <a href="#">Cecilienhof</a> in <a href="#">Potsdam</a> . The parties agreed that Germany would be returned to its 1937 borders with some additional cessions to the Soviet Union and ratified its division into British, <a href="#">French</a> , American and Soviet occupation zones.
1946	29 March	The first of the <a href="#">Allied plans for German industry after World War II</a> , which called for the reduction of German industrial capacity, was issued by the <a href="#">Allied Control Council</a> .
	3 September	U.S. President <a href="#">Harry S. Truman</a> approves <a href="#">Operation Paperclip</a> (de facto ongoing since 1945) in a secret directive.

What is Operation Paperclip? Do your own research and pray about all of that.



**Introduction:**

**1** So if America is in any way exceptional, it has nothing to do with the blood that runs through American veins, and everything to do with:

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and the extent to which we have:

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**2** It is a certainty from the Scriptures and from our experience over the centuries that:

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**3** So if God has chosen us for some task, we must

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and we must know more than anything that unless we:

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**4** We are guaranteed to

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5 we must also remind ourselves that when God chooses anyone-  
whether the nation of Israel or a single person-to perform any role or  
any task,

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as though the one chosen has won a contest. Quite:

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6 What should we do if God has chosen the American Church to stand  
against evils and deceptions of this present darkness? expand:

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7 What are indicators that America is at war with God Himself?

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8 These ideas seem to have emerged lately, but they have been growing quietly in our midst:

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9 What is gaslighting? Do your own research:

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10 The ideas and forces we face have an:

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11 What does atheistic Marxist ideology mean?

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12 What examples can you list over recent years of government forcing you into acting for the "greater good"

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13 What did American Pastor Andy Stanley say? Do your own research:

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14 What happened to Canadian Pastor James Coates? Research this on your own and pray for our pastors.

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15 Find 5 passages in the Bible about persecution:

**Matthew 5:10-12,**

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16 When California Governor Gavin Newsom told you to stop singing in church, did you sing louder? Does that memory give you goosebumps? Praise!

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17 Name one example in your life when you were faced with a painfully important task; how did you respond to it and what were the results?

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- 18 Pastor JC taught us about shame in Genesis 42 and how it hinders our response to life experiences. How does that apply to Germany living in deep shame? Pray about that and ask the Holy Spirit to minister on that point.

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- 19 It is far easier to ignore God's call than to:

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but it is more difficult and painful than anything to:

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- 20 Pray about the information included in Eric Metaxas', **Letter to the American Church**, Introduction.

God is good and his wisdom is offered freely to those who ask. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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## Chapter 1: What is the Church?

### Ephesians 2:10-23

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

- 1** Pray about the information included in Eric Metaxas', **Letter to the American Church**, chapter 1

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**2**

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing

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Where is that Scripture found in the Bible? Read the whole chapter.

3 When is the Church actually \_\_\_\_\_ the Church of Jesus Christ, instead of \_\_\_\_\_ that in name only?

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4 In the Old Testament, God sent prophets to call the people of God:

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not only in name, but in how they lived.

5 In many ways, instead of taking the Church out INTO the world - and blessing the world - \_\_\_\_\_

into what it mistakenly thinks of as a proper "religious" sphere.

6 For too many, this came to mean that we in the Church:

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Is it wise to be active in our own mind? or should we always pray for words and wisdom from Jesus.

7 Why did Paul admonish the churches in his letters to Corinth? Rome? Galatia? Phillippi?

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8 Was Paul bold in his faith?

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9 Was it Paul? who got beaten to the brink of death? and was thrown out of the city to perish? but who rose up and went back to the exact same spot in the city and kept preaching?! Is that bold?

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- 10 Do we understand who God is when we go along with secular definitions of Christianity?
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- 11 What happens when the walls of the church come down, and we display our faith in public? Is courage contagious?
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- 12 We have known that religious liberty means we are not merely able to worship privately, and not to keep our religion to ourselves, but are guaranteed:
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### **First Amendment**

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

**Shoulds we be carrying our Bibles with us everywhere, as close as we carry our phones?**



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13 But Wilberforce knew that his "religious" views about slavery were only:

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14 Have you ever had to stand alone and lonely like Bonhoeffer did with God in pursuing what he believed was right? Expand and pray:

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15 Do we not realize that

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that human beings whom God loves

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16 In what year did the US Supreme Court take the Bible and Prayer out of Schools?

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17 So it has been three generations that we have existed without a True Moral Code in our education systems? 62 years? Is that correct?

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18 What does the Bible say in the Book of Judges? What happened when humans were allowed to rule without God? Please read your Bible and Pray for our nation.

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19 Jefferson's "wall of separation between church and state has been manipulated (shocker! the devil is the prince of lies and deception) Rather than

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as the Founders intended - the judiciary instead began to:

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20 Read Matthew 4:1-11. Did the devil take Scripture out of context when Jesus was tempted in the wilderness?

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21 In 1973, what infamous unconstitutional act happened?

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22 What does "We the People" mean?

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**We the People** of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, **establish** Justice, **insure** domestic Tranquility, **provide** for the common defence, **promote** the general Welfare, and **secure** the Blessings of Liberty **to ourselves** and our Posterity, **do ordain and establish** this Constitution for the United States of America.

23 Because the American People

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and because Christian leaders

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the drift toward an unconstitutional and secular view began to be enshrined in our laws and in our culture.

24 What amendment was enacted in 1954, by Senator Lyndon Johnson?

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25 If anyone from a pulpit dared to

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**It's astonishing that American Pastors  
allowed this wild idea to go uncontested.**

26 In this, American Pastors behaved rather like many of the:

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27 What does the Constitution state about Religious Liberty?

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28 If Pastors comply to the 1954 Amendment, who do churches bow to? God or man?

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### **Read Daniel 6:10-28**

29 If churches in America are

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and if they voluntarily

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then no one in America is truly

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Then they said to the king, “**Daniel**, who is one of the exiles from Judah, **pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.**”

When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

30 In what year did the Constitution die? Pray about that and expand:

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31 Should the "Johnson Amendment" be upheld in our church?

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32 Should tax-exemption or money be the driving force to silence Christian Pastors? Is that Biblical in America where "We the People" are Leaders?

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33 Pastors in the 18th century spoke out against King George III and opposed him by name. Should Pastors today be allowed the same rights?

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34 Who is allowed to dictate what is said at the pulpit? God or man?

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## Read John 2

### Jesus Clears the Temple Courts

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.

**So he made a whip out of cords**, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!"

His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

35 If Jesus had zeal for the house of God, should Christians have righteous zeal for the house of God as well?

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## Luke 12:22-32

Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on.

Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing.

Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?

And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest?

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith?

"And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind.

For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things.

But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

**36** Read Revelation 20:11-15: Whom should we fear when considering the White Judgement Seat?

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**37** If we are in leadership, God requires us to understand that

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comes with

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**38** If there are injustices done to our fellow Americans,

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and if necessary

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**40** Did your pastor speak out against the recent pandemic when churches were preposterously deemed non-essential

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**41** To remain silent because some will call us names and criticize us is

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John 15:20

Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.'  
If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will  
keep yours also.

43 How can we declare TRUTH, if we are not knowledgeable of the Bible?

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44 What are we afraid of?

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45 The proponents of worldly ideas are in fact:

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What is much more concerning is that many church leaders are afraid:

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46 Where can you find a clear cut example of Communism come to America?

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47 Can we announce financial war against the public school by withdrawing our children from tax-funded public schools and create our own church-funded schooling financial pool?

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48 Would God provide for us if we stood for righteousness and the safety of children? Read Matthew 18

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49 What happens if we don't take a stand: Read Matthew 18

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At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them,  
and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children,  
you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Therefore whoever humbles himself **as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

**"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin,**

it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck,  
and he were **drowned in the depth of the sea.**

Woe to the world because of offenses!

For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

- 50 The public education system is funded by tax payors dollars. Those dollars are allocated according to enrollment.  
Imagine what would happen if state enrollment dropped significantly. If we take the funding away, they are crippled and must comply to "We the People."

if you are homeschooling, I encourage you to apply for your own Homeschool Affidavit.

You will NOT receive any state funding.

You will have to trust that God will provide for your needs.

When we take a STAND against demonic organizations, we make a statement that God is in control, NOT man. Be Bold. Be Faithful. Trust God.

How about pooling your tithe money and doing like the early Christians did - helping one another because they Feared God - Not Man.