

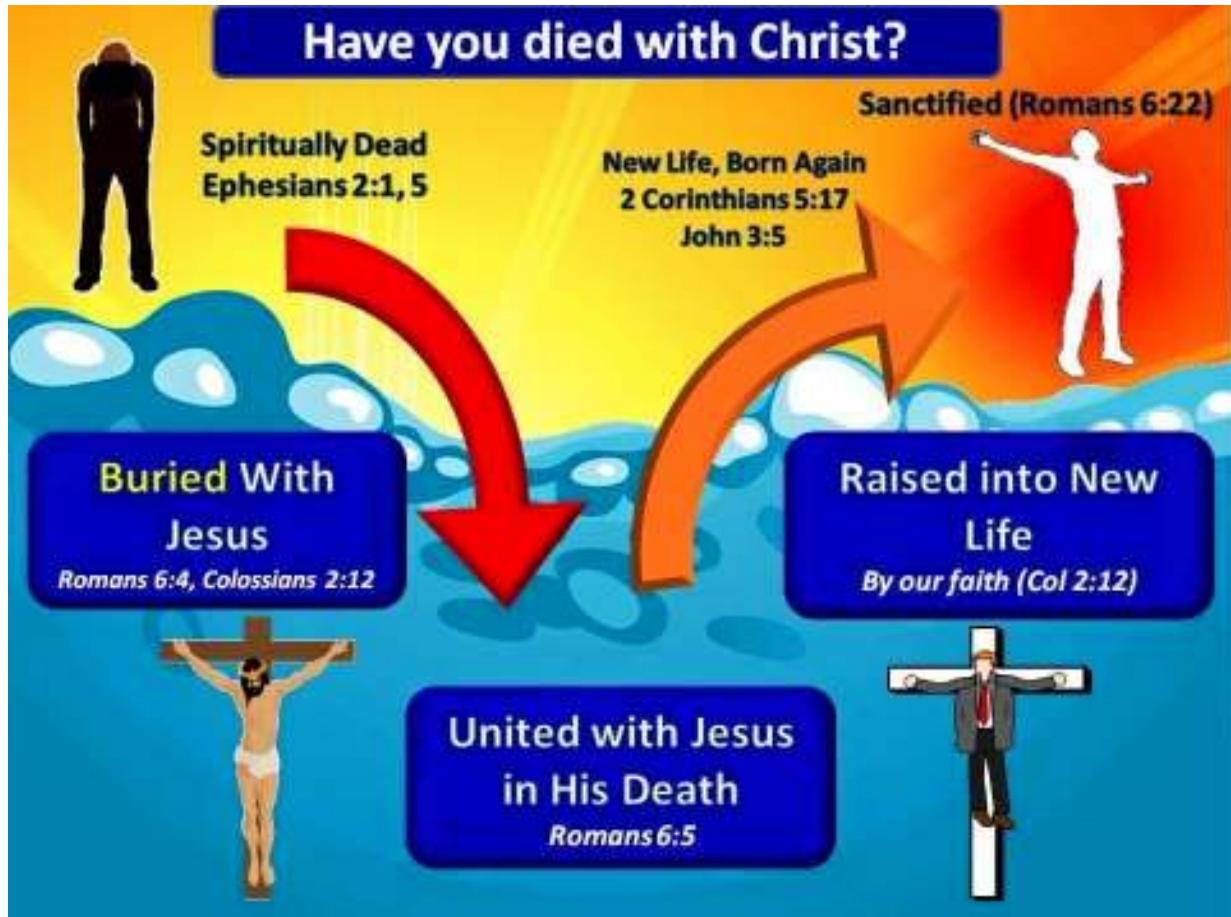


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Sunday  
 Bible Study:... 10:00am  
 AM Worship:...11:00am  
 PM Worship:...6:00pm

Wednesday  
 Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program  
 Sunday:.....7:30am  
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**When the Government Tries to Rewrite the Bible**  
 Brad Harrub

What is sin? The dictionary defines sin as "an immoral act considered to be a transgression against divine law." Reread that—a transgression against **divine** law. If one were asked **who defines what is sinful** the logical answer is that the divine one or deity. For centuries, people around the world have concluded that sinful behavior is doing something condemned by God in the Bible.

In what can only be viewed as religious persecution, the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice revoked the credentials of chaplain David Wells because he refused to sign a state-mandated document promising to never tell inmates that homosexuality is "sinful." In their eyes, homosexual behavior is not sinful.

For thirteen years Wells had worked with juvenile offenders, volunteering his time and energy to help get young people back on the straight path. However, as Todd Starnes reported, "Chaplain David Wells was told he could either sign a state-mandated document promising to never tell inmates that homosexuality is 'sinful' or else the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice would revoke his credentials."

Help me understand this logic: Sin is defined as a transgression against divine law, but yet, the state of Kentucky has decided it has the right (and obligation) to define what is and what is not sinful? Surely the politicians in Kentucky do not view

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themselves as deity?! Do they not see the lunacy of their own policy?

Paul in writing to the church in Corinth clearly stated: “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). In previous times even an elementary student would conclude those behaviors to be sinful. Today, however, Kentucky has rewritten what is an abomination to God.

Wells remarked, “They told us we could not preach that homosexuality is a sin – period. We would not have even been able to read Bible verses that dealt with LGBT issues.” Clearly Christian persecution has arrived in America.

According to reporter Todd Starnes, Superintendent Gene Wade informed David Wells, “We sincerely appreciate your years of service and dedication to the youth served by this facility. However, due to your decision, based on your religious convictions, that you cannot comply with the requirements outlined in DJJ Policy 912, Section IV, Paragraph H, regarding the treatment of LGBTQI youth, I must terminate your involvement as a religious volunteer.” **Is one not supposed to be convicted about his/her religious beliefs?** Friends it is quickly reaching the point in America where you can be convinced God is real in America, as long as you do not show any conviction about it. In other words, they don’t have a problem with you being a Christian inside a church building 2-3 hours per week—just don’t bring God out of that building. One wonders how much longer until the government tries to start defining what is “sinful” inside church buildings? Make no mistake about it, “non-profit” organizations (which include churches) will also be told what is and what is not sinful by government agencies.

The Kentucky regulation states, “DJJ staff, volunteers, interns and contractors shall not imply or tell LGBTQI juveniles that they are abnormal, deviant, sinful or that they can or should change their sexual orientation or gender identity.” Ironic, is it not, that a prison system—full of individuals who have committed crimes—has taken it upon itself to determine what is sinful and what is not. So what happens in five years when pedophiles, using the same “tolerance” and “civil rights” arguments, are able to make speech against their behavior wrong? Does that mean it is no longer a crime? Or what about incest?

What started out in the military is spreading like a grassfire in late August. Chaplains across the country are being told they cannot pray in Jesus’ name and that they cannot speak out against homosexual behavior. **Christians should be outraged that a nation that has turned its back on God is now trying to dictate to the citizens what behaviors are or are not sinful!**

The article by Starnes concludes, “‘Pastors and all Americans must wake up to the reality of expanding efforts to cleanse our nation of all moral truth,’ APN President Sam Rohrer said in a statement. ‘When pastors and all Christians...are forced by government agents to renounce sharing the very reality of sin, they are in fact being prohibited from sharing the healing and life-changing potential of redemption.’ Folks, I warned you this would happen. The Christian purge has begun – and it’s only a matter of time before all of us will be forced to make the same decision Chaplain Wells had to make.”

If our nation and politicians are so adamant that we must have a separation of church and state—then by all means we should have a separation of the state from the definition of sin. If you don’t like my God then please stop trying to put words into His mouth.

### God Is Worthy of Praise

By June Smith

When you come to the end of the day,  
and you bow your head to pray,  
You thank the Lord for his watch and care,  
and for the goodness He did share.

You know that it was He who stood by your side,  
when the waves of life were at high tide.  
You thank Him and praise his name,  
you know without him life wouldn't be the same.

Your life, your love, your trust you fully give,  
when day by day with him you live.  
No one is greater and more worthy than He,  
to serve Him is the best that you can be.

He is your protector, counselor and friend,  
and you give your pledge to serve Him to the end.  
You know deep in your heart for all your days  
He is worthy of your devotion and your praise.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Aug 21 – Family Game Night beginning about 6:00 pm
- Sept 6 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Class
- Sept 20 – Preach & Eat
- Sept 20-25 – Tent Meeting w/ Jim Dearman @ Greenfields
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell