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THE IMPORTANCE OF CULTURE

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Past generations of Americans grew up in a country that was proud of its culture. It had a rich heritage filled with the Statue of Liberty, Baseball, and Apple Pie.

The first need we experience as humans is the need to belong. During times of difficulty, culture helps us overcome by giving us a sense of structure, ritual, and habits.

Unfortunately, many of our "clever" thought leaders have forgotten this. They have not only underestimated how much humans need this – they have actively taught against it. Some are teaching us to feel ashamed of our heritage. Some even go further to tell us we need to be ashamed of our gender, ethnicity, and religion.

The solution is not to go to the opposite extreme – post-election I have noticed that many Americans are extremely angry. "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ" (Ephesians 4:15 (ESV)).

While it is essential that we raise self-confident children, we should also teach them that "in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26–28 (ESV)).

And, finally, we should not aid the ignorant to step into eternal damnation by neglecting to tell the truth on uncomfortable topics. It is a fact that God only created two genders – male and female (Gen.1:27). If we give up on this image of God (Rom.1:23) by "creating" a state of dysphoria then God will give us up in the lusts of our hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of our bodies among ourselves (Rom1:24-27).

Friend, what would our world be like if everyone were kind – only speaking the truth in love?



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2021 VISION

"SEEK THE LORD"



*Christ Came, Died, was Buried,
Resurrected, & will Return*

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REDEMPTION OF CREATION

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If I *had* to choose a favorite bible passage, it would probably be Romans 8. It discusses almost every major theological doctrine in the span of a chapter all while being beautifully crafted. One of the teachings in this chapter is the redemption of creation. Paul writes “For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will also be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God” (8:19-21). Like us, Paul knows that this world is a broken place. After the fall of mankind in Genesis 3, destruction, decay, destruction and, ultimately, death has been a part of existence (Rom 5:17a). However, it

has not always been this way and it *will not* always be this way. According to the verses just quoted, God subjected creation to futility knowing that it will one day be “set free.”

We, along with creation are longing for this time that the Lord will redeem his children and the rest of his creation. It is because of this hope we are able to say along with Paul, “that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us” (8:13). I look forward to the day when we can live with each other and with God on a “new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells” (2 Peter 3:13). A place where the wolf will dwell with the lamb (Isa 11:4). A place where there is no sound of weeping and only rejoicing (Isa 65:19). May we never forget this hope that we have in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

LIVING WISELY

Brad Herald

Proverbs 22:4 “Humility and the fear of the Lord; its wages are riches and honor a life.”

Proverbs contains many strong statements about the benefits of wisdom, including long life, wealth, honor, and peace. What if you are not experiencing any of these, does this mean you are low on wisdom?

Not necessarily, because instead of providing guarantees, these statements are general principles as the book of Proverbs is often describing life the way that it should be. In a perfect world, wise behavior would always lead to these benefits. Even in our troubled world, living wisely usually results in living a blessed life, but not always.

Sometimes sin intervenes, and some blessings must be delayed until Jesus returns to establish His eternal kingdom. That is why as Christians, we must “live by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). If we believe in Christ, we can share Paul’s hope and confidence of eternal life with Christ. Let this hope give you confidence in your faith and inspire you to gain wisdom and understanding of the Word. We can be sure that this wisdom ultimately leads to Jesus’ blessings.



