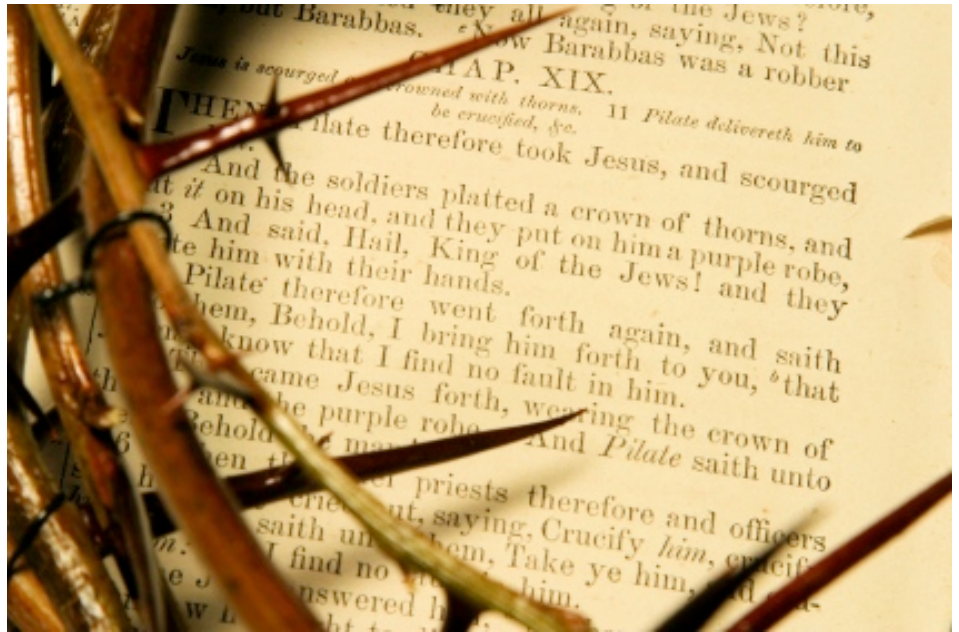


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April 2008- Wrights, wrongs and the lure of Making it up as you go!

With all the recent press and controversy over the racist ranting of Jeremiah Wright, Obama's pastor and mentor, it seems helpful to take a look at the fount from which he springs.

Dr. James Cone, who is considered the leading scholar of "Black theology", has largely influenced Wright. Perhaps many of you have never heard of "Black Theology"? Then you have probably never heard of "Queer theology", "Latino theology", "Womynist theology" (no - that is not misspelled!) and many over "theologies."

Collectively these are academic variations on an important postmodern theme - "Truth" as a construction of a particular community. Postmodernism asserts (as opposed to argues) that there is no truth to be discovered; rather various communities, who are asserting their place at the power table, invent truths. Many groups who perceive themselves as victims have found this new approach very useful. Since all claims to universal or objective truths are perceived as hidden illegitimate power grabs, only local "truths" are appropriate and justified. Notice the embrace of Rev. Wright by his own community and leftists throughout the country. This brings us to the other perhaps even more critical foundation of all these different "community" truths - They are all variations of Marxism. Marxism morphed in some senses during the cold war years. Many younger theorists started applying Marx to other fields. A prominent example of is that of Lacan syncretizing Marx with Freudian thought. In the same way Black Theology is a variation of Liberation theology of the early 1960's. In Liberation thinking, Jesus privileged the poor and landless in such a way that the key to Christian life NOW is liberating the poor through violent revolution if necessary. This gave rise to the iconic "Jesus"

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There are only two simple things that we are all called to do: Love the Lord our God and our neighbor as well. Some of those neighbors are very different and very far away. The American retirement ideal is not for the Christian. The Apostle tells us in Hebrews that our rest is in heaven. Until the day he calls us home, let us be faithful serving in every opportunity that the Lord opens for us. Sometimes we seek and find what He would have us do and sometimes we hide and hope it goes away. Which way will you go?

in a bandana sporting an AK 47 picture that was so popular for years. A movement driven by alleged "social justice" (or stealing as some might put it) replaced the orthodox faith. In the case of Queer theology or the other ones mentioned above, each group invents its own truth, its own "reality", its own ethics, and then demands acceptance from the larger society as a whole. (For a much more detailed analysis of what is wrong with Wright and others, see my friend Dr. Jerry Buckners website <http://sites.silaspartners.com/cfff>.)

This is sadly only one of many examples of syncretism – mixing together elements from different worldviews, which are inherently incompatible. If Jesus had come to say, rid the world of hunger – then he failed miserably. But if he came to pay the price for our sins on the cross, then he succeeded dramatically! Karl Marx came to hate all things Jewish and Christian and how this becomes fertile ground for a "marriage" or synthesis of his thought with Biblical truth is a mystery to me. One possible motive for the attraction might be that Marxism, like all world views in competition with the Christian faith, allows one to escape guilt for ones actions. For example, it is not my fault that I stole – the rich are to blame. The bourgeoisie have stolen all the money and power, so if the workers have to "break a few eggs" (kill people!) to make an omelet, than who can blame them? Muslims routinely blame the Jews for all their social ills. And Reverend Wright blames the whites. All of this is just an echo chamber to perhaps the oldest story in the world – that of Adam of Eve. After Adam rebels, he tries to shift the blame to Eve and then to God. "It was the woman you gave me!" he lamely pouts. We as humans have been doing this ever since.

A local example can be found in a Denver based group with cultic tendencies – the Marked Men for Christ. Building on a foundation laid by new age writers Sam Keen and Robert Bly, this alleged Christian organization lays the problems of men at the feet of the significant people in their lives – especially the women! Men are wounded because they have been emasculated by their mothers or wives or by a feminist culture. While there are many other problems with this group, this theme comes up over and over with the people from the group that we have talked to. It is not my fault that I am angry; it is her fault for (fill in the blank). I saw this quite a bit while I was a Deputy Sheriff many eons ago. Virtually every wife abuser that we had in the jail would blame his crime on his wife. And sadly they could often convince the wife that this was true and get her to drop the charges. So wrong...

Whatever we use as excuses for our behavior will not stand before the Lord, nor should it be acceptable here and now. Nature or nurture aside, we are to blame for the choices we make. The good news here is that this is exactly what the Lord tells us in his word. He also gives us a solution – First John 1:9 says "If we confess our sins, he (Jesus) is faithful and just to forgive us and clean us from all unrighteousness." I do not get clean by blaming my wife, kids, the Jews, the whites, the rich, my upbringing, or even my genes! But I can be clean by admitting what I am and what I have done, and receiving the incredible gift of the Lord's grace and mercy found in Jesus alone.

Giving Opportunity!

We still need about \$900. Per month to balance our ministry budget. Please pray and see what the Lord would have you do. Also we are in need of a vehicle to conduct ministry business. The one which was donated two years ago and which has been such a blessing to us, now has over 221,000 miles on it and the repair costs are much more than the car is worth. If anyone would like to donate a working vehicle and receive a tax-deduction for it, please pray and let us know.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to pray for the family. Since our last newsletter Joey is doing great (praise the Lord!) Scott is doing a little better and Rose is still a disaster. Gabe is doing well in the Marines and will be based in Camp Pendleton, CA for the next several years and will be deployed out from there. Shawn is doing well in his job as sound engineer/IT Mac specialist at our church and Andy, Johanna and Jonathan are all doing ok, with different issues of course but generally all right. Terri is having surgery soon so please pray for her.
2. Continue to pray for the Agape girls at the Rainbow Ranch in the Philippines and for the kids at the Bible College in Guam and Calvary Chapel Training Center in the Philippines. I hope to go back some day and minister again Lord willing. We are also still looking into and praying about ministry opportunities with the Agape girls.
3. Pray for our extended family that they would believe in Jesus and for several different situations. Pray for my step-mom's niece who was kidnapped by her mother and taken to Indonesia. Pray for my youngest brothers marriage and family. Pray for my step-dad who has had some major problems with skin cancer and leukemia. Pray for my other brother whose job situation is up in the air. Please pray for Terri's mom who has been hospitalized recently for blood pressure and hernia.
4. Pray for many friends who are sick with different conditions. Pray for Lori, Liz H, Sherry C, Rebecca G, Sheila H, Josh H, Reese, Jinjae, Jim C and my dear professor Gordon Lewis. We need special prayers for a miracle for our friend Joan C, her husband Doug and their family. We just found out she has been diagnosed with a

Calendar

April 3,17,24,31 - Legacy College of the Bible class -Church History 2
April 7,14,21,28 - Legacy College of the Bible class - Bibliology
April 1,8,15,22,29 - Home Bible Study - Matthew's Gospel
April 6, 13, 20,27 - School of Ministry class at Calvary Chapel S. Denver
April 2,3,4,7 - Co-hosting Crosswalk radio show on KRKS.
April 10 - Witnessing at the Mormon visiting centers in Independence, MO
April 12 - Witnessing at the Psychic Fair in Colorado Springs
April 18 - Missions Night at Foothills Fellowship Baptist Church, Littleton, CO
May 1,8,15 - Legacy College of the Bible class - Church History 2
May 5,12 - Legacy College of the Bible class - Bibliology
May 6,13,20,27 - Home Bible Study - Matthew's Gospel
May 1,2 - Co-hosting Crosswalk radio show on KRKS
June 3,10,17,20 - Home Bible Study - Matthew's Gospel
June 5,6,7 - International Society of Christian Apologists annual conference in Charlotte, NC - presenting "Nietzsche, the Death of God and the Emerging Church."
June 7,8 - Witnessing at the People's Fair in downtown Denver.

Please check out the website frequently for changes. Lord willing this will all change if the Uganda trip becomes a reality. We are still about a thousand dollars short to make this trip happen. Please pray and see if the Lord would have you be a part of making this ministry opportunity happen.



virulent form of leukemia. We implore our Father for mercy for them all! We thank the Lord that Paul D and Glen are doing so well since the last newsletter!

5. Please pray for several whose marriages have been damaged and destroyed by sin and cultic beliefs. Pray for Bruce, Dianne, Cheryl, Mike, Brad, Jeannette, Michael, Pam, Mike, Leah and many others.

6. Pray for many that we have witnessed to: Hindus like Lee and Meg, Mormons Lane, Roebucks, Adam, Cheryl, and Sandra and many more. Jehovah's Witnesses like Bruce and Bianca and lots of others. New Agers like Tim, Zach, Denver, Ian, Fausto, Jason, Anuttama, Sukkacitto and tons of wiccans and others. Muslims like Abdul and others. And lots of others that we have talked to over the years of ministry.

7. Please pray for our missionaries/interns with Haven. Pray for Mark and Rose, especially Rose whose diabetes has gotten worse. Pray for Mark as he considers the best time to retire from the Denver Police Dept and go full time with Haven. Pray for Jonathan whose car and work have been major issues for him. Pray for Jeff and Sandy who have had pressing issues with their family's health and spiritual state. Also please pray for our new intern Rita Dominguez, as she recently led a lady to Christ and is now discipling her. Also please pray for our newest missionaries Jim and Barb Choury, who spent 28 years as missionaries in Brazil and Argentina. Also lift up Barb as she just found out she has a form of skin cancer. We welcome them and ask y'all to lift them up often as they raise support.

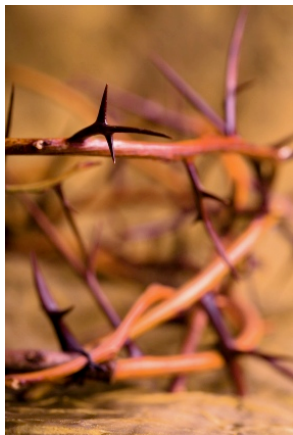
8. Pray for our military sons and daughters. Lift up our son Gabe as his outfit will probably be shipped overseas later this year. Pray for his fellow Marines, Matt and Chris C, Dan W. and for soldiers Nick G, Carlos and Matt R.

9. Please pray that the Lord will raise up the support we need to run the ministry and the extra money needed for the trip to Uganda. Thank you all so much for your prayers and support and we thank our Father that y'all have so graciously been a part of our life and calling!

Thank You!

The Haven Newsletter

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Non-Prophet Update- With Friends Like These...

Alleged Christian and leading emergent Pastor Rob Bell is becoming more and more prominent in the Church world. While barely giving lip service to Christian beliefs (and often questioning them outright!) he practices yoga and endorses pranayama (divine breathing techniques of Hinduism), and highly recommends New Age writer Ken Wilbur and liberal Jesus Seminar luminary Marcus Borg. Christianity Astray marks him as one of the leading evangelicals! Again, who needs enemies?...

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