**Considering Boldness**

1. Paul’s Request

Eph. 6:18-20 Praying for me… that I may open my mouth boldly…that there in I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

1. Boldness As a Christian Virtue

Prov. 28:1 … the righteous are bold as a lion.

John 7:26 But look! He speaks boldly…

Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John…

Acts 4:29 Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,

1. Hindrances to Boldness
2. Fear Of Man

John 12:42-43

Matt. 10:27-33

1. Uncertainty/Ignorance

“do you not know” Rom. 6:16, 1 Cor. 3:16, 1 Cor. 5:6, 1 Cor. 6:2, 1 Cor. 6:9,

1 Cor. 6:15-19, James 4:4

1. Bold Biblical Statements for Today
2. The Bible is the unique word of the only true God. It is the perfect, complete and sufficient standard for all human moral behavior. Deut. 4:5-8, Ps. 119:46, Ps. 19:7-8, Is. 42:1-4, Ps. 119:6,9,11,105, Rom. 3:31, Rom. 7:12,22, Heb. 8:10, Matt. 5:19, 1 Tim. 1:8-11, 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

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1.1 The Holy Scripture is the only sufficient, certain, and infallible rule of all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience….

1.6 The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down or necessarily contained in the Holy Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelation of the Spirit, or traditions of men. Nevertheless, we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word…

1.9The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself; and therefore when there is a question about the true and full sense of any Scripture (which are not many, but one), it must be searched by other places that speak more clearly.

19.5 The moral law does for ever bind all, as well justified persons as others, to the obedience thereof, and that not only in regard of the matter contained in it, but also in respect of the authority of God the Creator, who gave it; neither does Christ in the Gospel any way dissolve, but much strengthen this obligation.

19.6 Although true believers are not under the law as a covenant of works, to be thereby justified or condemned,13 yet it is of great use to them as well as to others, in that as a rule of life, informing them of the will of God and their duty, it directs and binds them to walk accordingly…

Thus we can boldly state:

1. All mankind is fallen in Adam. Therefore, morally polluted and condemned in God’s sight. Rom. 5:12, Jer. 17:9, Gen. 6:5, Rom. 3:10-18, Rom. 8:5-8

All who remain in this sinful fallen condition (i.e. who are not born again and engrafted into Christ by faith) Shall suffer in hell eternally. Gal. 2:16, Phil. 3:9, Rom. 3:28, Rom. 5:1, marl 9:42-48, Matt. 13:37-43, Matt. 13:47-50, Matt. 18:8-9, Rev. 14:10.

1. Each individual human life from the point of conception bears the Image of God. Every individual life in-utero has a God-given right to life. Willful termination of a life in-utero is murder and should be treated as such. Gen. 9:6, Ex. 20:13, Ex. 21:22-25, Rom. 13:4
2. God’s good gift of human sexuality finds its only legitimate expression within a monogamous heterosexual marriage. Ex. 20:14, Pr. 5:15-20, 1 Cor. 6:9-10, Eph. 5:3
All sexual activity outside of monogamous heterosexual marriage is sinful and condemned by God.
3. The Bible teaches “patriarchy” as the ideal normative state. (patriarchy – male leadership in society, church, and home.) Gen. 2:18, Ex. 6:14, Ex. 18:21-25, Num. 1:1-4, Deut. 1:13, Is. 3:12, Pr. 31:23 Matt. 10:1-4, 1 Cor. 14:34, 1 Tim. 2:8-15, 1 Tim. 3:1-4, 1 Tim. 3:12, Titus 1:5-9, Eph 5:22-23, Col. 3:18
4. The moral law of God requires that children be trained and educated in accordance with the principle of God’s word. To do otherwise is sin, and condemned by God. Deut. 6:5-9, Ps. 1:1-2, Pr. 1:7, 9:10, Col. 3:9, Eph. 6:4