

AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE:
An Example of Christ's Righteousness

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Last year the Lord allowed me to write a book titled ‘SUDDENLY: *Prophetic Crossing of the End-Time Revival Waters for the Last Days Ingathering.*’¹ Since then, I’ve had quite a few ‘suddenly’ occurrences. The other day, I was pondering if the Lord would give me a specific word for the July 4th festivities. It occurred to me I hadn’t asked Him if He wanted to say anything. I was half asleep while having a conversation with Him. I don’t always do that, but it had been a busy day. To be honest, I don’t remember whether I fell off to sleep or asked the question. I don’t know about you, but I don’t always remember all of my discussions with the Lord. Fortunately, He never forgets.

The next day I left work early in order to get to the supermarket before the holiday rush. We Americans love our summer barbecues; add American independence, and you’ve got a recipe for a logjam at the market. I was at the back of the store by the meat section. Looking at the prices, I decided against buying meat. We had a “freezer” incident the week before. Without going into all the nuisances of the messy situation, we were able to move almost all of the freezer into other freezers. Jesus had given my husband a word of “recovering all.” For you husbands out there who know Jesus and mess up sometimes, causing your wife and/or family to give you the *stink eye*, let me tell you there is hope. Bill asked Jesus to undertake for him and Our Precious Lord did. Instead of losing a freezer full of food, Jesus did a miracle for Bill— and us as his family. But, I still wanted some veggies, hence my foray to the supermarket.

Because I really needed no meat, and found the prices offensive, my thoughts hovered around the disaster of what is now being called

¹ < <https://www.amazon.com/SUDDENLY-PROPHETIC-CROSSING-END-TIME-INGATHERING-ebook/dp/B09MJQ7SRD/> >

“Bidenomics.” It’s the idea that one man— or a group of socialists and communists— can cause a mess in an otherwise amazing economy. He inherited an awesome economy and destroyed it so much that inflation runs from four to nine percent, depending upon what industry you talk about.² It’s the idea that these socialist-communist polices are so hideous that they want our fundamental rights and freedoms constantly challenged by allowing twelve to thirty million illegal and undocumented aliens to flood into the country because of their negligence in border policy.³ This has devastating economic effects for legal citizens.⁴

It’s the idea that you can run people’s investments through a series of concepts in the environment, supposed racism and gender attitudes of abusing children, called “gender-affirming care.”⁵ It’s the idea that people’s investments must be controlled by those concepts.⁶ By the way, it doesn’t work; it loses people’s profits. So much so, that one of the enforcers of this thing— Larry Fink of BlackRock— has said they need to change the name of ESG, or Environmental, Social and Governance rules.⁷ He didn’t say they were going to discontinue its use; he just said it has garnered such a bad taste in the mouths of the people that have entrusted said investments to his care, that they want their investments taken out of ESG rules. That’s a socialist or communist solution for you. They think a name-change fixes bad policy.

² < <https://www.foxbusiness.com/media/larry-kudlow-biden-cant-get-story-straight> >< <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2023/06/15/biden-touts-u-s-building-worlds-largest-solar-plant-in-angola> >

³ < <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/as-many-as-30-million-people-live-in-us-illegally-says-texas-lt-gov-dan-patrick> >

⁴ Here, in one year alone are the effects of giving stimulus checks to illegals: < <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/millions-of-illegal-immigrants-set-to-get-4-38-billion-in-biden-covid-cash> >

⁵ < <https://nypost.com/2023/06/22/gender-affirming-surgery-puts-a-feel-good-phrase-on-child-butchery>. >

⁶ < <https://www.breitbart.com/economy/2023/06/13/kudlow-on-consumers-research-report-about-bank-of-america-the-worst-woke-story-ive-seen> >

⁷ < <https://www.breitbart.com/economy-2023/06/26/blackrock-ceo-larry-fink-no-longer-uses-esg-laments-term-weaponized> >

In fact, Bidenomics has become the idea that Biden's policies for the economy are so bad, nobody wants them to continue. So, instead of changing his bad policy, Biden and his goons are trying to change the definition of Bidenomics. *It's not so bad, his idea goes; it's all in your head. Bidenomics is really about how great things are going because of Biden's policies.* Sure, and I've got a bridge in Brooklyn I can sell you— by the way, I do not.

Okay, so back to my supermarket trip. As I bend over the meat case and start to make my decision against the purchase, I hear in my spirit, “the righteousness of God in Christ.” I stand up and truck on over to the milk section where I start to think how awesome His righteousness is. As I get to the milk, I'm thinking of the scripture verse in James where it says that the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. I'm thinking how sad it is that preachers don't share how the original manuscripts read.

That's when I get distracted, which in my case in a supermarket is easy to do. Because the bread, cheese and dairy products are now an aisle I must go up to get to the front of the store and check out, my brain is in price-saving's mode. The yogurt is on sale, the bread is not and do I need hamburger and hot dog rolls?— why yes, I do— and how much and what kind of milk products do I need?

Now, we had lost a few frozen veggie and fruit bags in our freezer fiasco, so I had caught some frozen veggies on sale in that aisle. I'm still on a scooter because of my injury. After arranging the basket that comes with the scooter like an architect builds a building, I get back on my way to the front of the store to check-out. I have noticed some things about these supermarket ride-alongs since I've started using them. First, they don't go fast. Secondly, you've got to be careful turning around because if you're not sure of your spacial allotment, you can take out an aisle-way. Third, my walking, fellow-shoppers are increasingly aware of my presence. Is she or isn't she going to take out my legs, and can I get her something in order to be helpful? I'm thankful to these fellow shoppers.

I usually don't need the help, but I'm thankful that they ask and mindful of their safety.

As I'm breezing down the front aisle-way, looking to see which check-out has the least amount of people or products being processed, I see they have an end-of-aisle freezer sale going on for veggies— one I didn't see in the veggie aisle. This sale has frozen Brussels sprouts in it. Bill loves his Brussels sprouts, and I didn't have any. To get them on sale is awesome. I put on a hard stop of the ride-along buggy and turned the wheel ever so slightly to the right; all this in an effort to back up and get closer to the sale freezer.

Unfortunately, stacked for a holiday sell-off is a table piled high with red, white and blue frosted cupcakes. Yep, you guessed it— I tapped the display enabling the cascade of brightly colored sweets to the floor. At that exact moment I had four impressions all at once. One, how do I stop this train wreck? Two, catch the cupcakes falling to the back of the display, and let the ones to the front hit the floor. At that exact moment a husband and wife were walking past said cupcake fiasco. Immediately, they stepped into action, catching the front cupcake boxes, while I was catching the back ones. Crises averted; I'm thanking them profusely and still catching up with my third thought of having to pay for what in my mind was going to look like a multi-colored 1970s bubble-lava lamp, all smeared on the floor. That was my actual color-TV vision!

It's at that exact moment that I have a fourth impression of angelic presence and the righteousness of God in Christ. Realizing the whole front of the store turned to watch this train wreck, I finish backing up to get those precious bags of Brussels sprouts! As I get on my way, everyone is back to being busy with their check-out processes. Now, I've shopped at this particular chain of grocery stores off and on for about ten to fifteen years. They first opened up a chain in the city, then on the outskirts of the town, and now they've opened one near my neighborhood.

I've had the pleasure of checking out of the store with this one particular lady who has moved with the various openings of new stores. She's a cheerful African American woman, who is also a sister in the Lord. Her and I have had quite a few chances to talk about Jesus over that many years. Now, if you heard her speak without seeing her, you would never imagine what she looked like. Her voice has a slight, southern, white-lady twang with a sweet lilt. It can be quiet, but it has an unusual built-in amplification to it. If memory serves, she does sing in church.

As I'm heading to the check-out, she says, rather loudly, "How are you feeling today?" I tell her I'm doing okay. She says, "You almost landed in that cupcake display. Is your back okay?" I tell her, "no my back is fine, it's this darn knee, but I'm fine." Now, I've known her for a long time, and she is a sweet lady. She was actually making sure I had suffered no injury, but that voice turned the heads of everyone at the check-out and reminded me of the incident I was conveniently forgetting. She continued directing me to the clerk's line with the least people. Unfortunately, the exchange turned a few more heads as I loaded groceries onto the conveyor belt.

We're going through a slight heat wave here in the south and the ordeal of loading and unloading the car left me looking like I had come out of a swimming pool— jeans, T-shirt and all. I had totally forgotten about the supermarket ordeal. I was so relieved to be home, dogs walked and groceries almost entirely put up. I put dinner on the table for the family and we settled down to conversation and some screen time.

The next morning we all joked about how differently our pets treat me since my accident. Bill was joking with me about the situation when I remembered my supermarket adventure. I had totally forgotten about it, and his jovial assessment of the animals sparked the memory of the cupcake fiasco from the day before. The whole thing had us laughing hysterically. Everyone left for work while I decided to work at home. I'm sitting before the Lord when He reveals aspects of my supermarket trip I hadn't connected.

First, I had forgotten even asking Him if He wanted to say anything in July. Then, He made me realize that He is the Good Shepherd, leading all of His sheep. He did want me to share something. He highlighted where in the store I first received both words concerning His righteousness. I received them in both the meat and milk sections. Understanding that we are the righteousness of God in Christ is truly milk to us as baby Christians (2 Corinthians 5:21). But taking that understanding to living life in Christ can become solid meat for us to grow in Christ with (James 5:16).

A few days before my “nightly talk” with Jesus, I had been pondering the mess our country is in as we celebrate her 247th year of declared independence. Since writing the “70 Years of American Captivity” book, I get an opportunity to see some of the things we have forsaken as a national practice that our forefathers engaged in. Writing that book showed me some practices I had no idea existed. While we love baseball today, many folks don’t know that the media was considered a totally Christian practice back in 1776.⁸ It was considered a “prophetic” type of truth-telling service for their fellow citizens. Attitudes have somewhat changed, but our First Amendment and its connection to religious freedom and freedom of the press are eternally intertwined.⁹

Another is the practice of the military: the idea of protecting their neighbors, along with the idea of fighting righteous wars in military action. Church attendance and the exhortations from the pulpits in seeking clean hearts and holy communion with our Lord is another weekly practice families and singles engaged in that we have slacked off from today.

⁸ ‘Prodigal Press: The Anti-Christian Bias of the American News Media.’ 1988-1990. Olasky, Marvin. Crossway Books/a Division of Good News Publishers and Fieldstead Institute. Westchester, Illinois.

⁹ ‘The American Experiment: Religious Freedom’. 2008. Margaret Monahan Hogan and Lauretta Conklin Frederking, Editors. University of Portland, Garaventa Center For Catholic Intellectual Life And American Culture. ISBN-13: 978-0-9817771-2-2. < Religious_Freedom_book.pdf >< <https://firstprinciplespress.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/America-is-a-Christian-Nation.pdf> >

The majority of the media no longer cares about displaying the righteousness of Christ in truth-telling. Our military members who had formerly learned of righteous wars and protecting a brotherhood of American citizens is being quickly replaced by those with woke agendas and a total lack of our history as a brotherhood of citizens in Christ. With the falloff of church attendance, few seem able to hear a word they disagree with— no matter its biblical connections. Many Christians today hide their true opinions about issues, making any real relationship with them tenuous at best. These few examples of the difference in national habits have one commonality: our early forefathers practiced the righteousness of Christ in national habit.

It's easy to forget when we get saved how many blessings are ours because of what Christ did on the cross. One of those blessings is the righteousness of Christ: "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). The reality of this is that by those holy habits, the citizenry was encouraged to look to the fact that it is Christ's righteousness that sustains us if, or especially when, we mess up. In fact, the Bible has an attitude I believe we have lost over the centuries. That attitude is that Christ's righteousness, which has been given to us is a symbol of status. It is a state of being.

Let me share one small example where that attitude was changed. We see it in the translations from James 5:16. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Now, the best and oldest manuscripts do not have the word *man* in them. The sentence reads like this: 'The effectually fervent prayer of *the righteous* avails much.' The idea— and what has been lost— is that it is a commonly known reality that they are called *the righteous*. They are a people, a nation, a military with a state of being: the righteousness of Christ.

They all knew it was because of what Jesus did on the cross. They accepted His sacrifice for them, and that made them *the righteous*. They did not carry guilt because Christ had set them free. Now, as a side

thought, some would say then we don't need the press or a pastor to warn, or remind, or expose anything; and, we don't need a military because righteousness will take care of it all. Well, then they wouldn't have had a need to protect Paul or warn him. The apostles wouldn't have had to warn us about the attitudes surrounding the last days. But we see they did warn Paul and protect him. We read where the apostles warned all of us about the end times and the attitudes taking place in the last days.

We still need pastors today to warn us and an unbiased press to expose truth. We need a righteous military to engage in righteous wars. Having a healthy understanding of Christ's righteousness is one of the first lessons we learn as baby Christians. It is also one of the healthiest attitudes to have as seasoned saints. It removes the guilt and shame of our mistakes and helps us to share warnings with our brethren— whether they receive them or not. It helps us to go to Jesus and ask Him when we have problems or issues that need addressing. We don't go to the Father with fear, but with a real desire to know His truth concerning us and our surroundings.

The Lord showed me that this was why I really didn't have any adverse feelings about my cupcake fiasco. The enemy wanted me to feel badly because of my mistake. But because the Holy Spirit reminded me about Christ's righteousness, before and during the incident, I just kept thinking about being the righteousness of God in Christ. The one thing that stayed with me was my memory of feeling angels around me and the excitement of finding Brussels sprouts on sale! That is truly amazing to me how Jesus orchestrated it all. Not just for me, but to share with you.

We all mess up. We all, at times, feel unable to do things we should be able to easily accomplish. Christ and His righteous actions sustain us. When we read all the negatives that we sometimes must read about going on in our country right now so we can pray more effectively, we realize that no matter how messed up our country is now, or how we have messed up, our prayers are effective. It's not how great we pray or

how we remember every need, but it's based on Christ's righteousness that Father hears us and answers our prayers. It is not based on us or even a rebellious country perfectly turning around, but it is based on Christ in us, bringing that country before the Lord.

Jesus made a covenant with America very early on. I proved it in over 698 pages.¹⁰ If Christ dwells in you, your status has been changed from sinner to *the righteous*. This is now our understanding: Christ in us, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). Our hope is for a glorious future. Things are dark in our nation right now. Sometimes life hurts as we live it. But Jesus sustains us, making us a status symbol, even when we don't feel like one. Jesus in you, the hope for your peace, success and prosperity. When we think on these things our prayers are effective and our future is bright; not because of us, but because of Christ in us. Our blessed independence is clear in Christ and we effectively pray to maintain that independence. Blessed and Happy Fourth of July, my fellow citizens: those of you who are American, and those of you in other nations whose heavenly citizenry has been confirmed.

If you are not sure of your heavenly citizenry, you can be today. The Bible is clear in Paul's epistle to the Romans: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9-10). In confessing, you believe that Father God accepted Christ's sacrifice on the cross for your sins, and raised His Son, Jesus from the dead. When you do this, asking Father to forgive you your sins, something amazing takes place. It is a spiritual change inside. Paul says that this becomes a heart action where your belief produces righteousness (Christ's) and your confession with your mouth seals the deal with God's action for your salvation.

¹⁰ Meier, Chris, 2016. "70 Years of American Captivity: The Polity of God, The Birth of a Nation and The Betrayal of Government." (Canada, Tellwell Publishers), Here is an Amazon link: < <https://www.amazon.com/70-Years-American-Captivity-Government/dp/1773021141> >

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