



## **2024 1st Qtr. Issues**

**(In reverse order)**

### **March 29, 2024**

Pastor Philip De Courcy of the ministry “Know the Truth” explains the meaning of “propitiation”—the paying of a price in order to satisfy justice.

Pastor and radio programmer Alistair Begg helps answer the question of what it means to really believe in Christ by looking at 1 Corinthians 15.

Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, focuses on the significance of the empty tomb in Matthew 28.

Chuck Swindoll of “Insight for Living” captures the exhilaration that comes with the recognition that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

### **March 22, 2024**

Albert Mohler, referencing his op-ed at World.org, condemns Vice President Kamala Harris' campaign stop at a Planned Parenthood death camp in Saint Paul, Minnesota as a historic moral breach, signaling the triumph of the culture of death in U.S. politics.

Eric Metaxas invites Caleb Dalton of Alliance Defending Freedom, to discuss aggressive tactics of the New Jersey government against First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center in New Jersey.

John Hall and Kathy Emmons and Pam Irizarry delve into the complex and enduring emotional toll of abortion on women's lives, challenging misconceptions propagated by the media and highlighting the need for post-abortion ministries like Deeper Still Pittsburgh to provide healing and restoration.

Georgene Rice and Andrew Carter, author of "The Privilege of Prayer," discuss the significance of prayer and the privilege we have to talk directly with God. Carter emphasizes consistency and intimacy, drawing from the Lord's Prayer as a template for meaningful communication with the Creator.

### **March 16, 2024**

Albert Mohler discusses New York Magazine's moral case and advocacy of unrestricted access to gender-affirming treatments for transgender youth, dismissing parental authority.

John Hall and Kathy Emmons talk with Dean Weaver, President of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, about Ted Gioia's analysis of the "Post-Entertainment Society" where social media addiction shapes culture and thinking, prompting a call for intentional reading and renewal of the mind to counteract its effects.

At the National Religious Broadcasters, Owen Strachan facilitated a panel discussing the Gospel with Pastor Jack Hibbs, Pastor J.D. Greer and Pastor Allen Jackson. They highlight the need to boldly proclaim this truth amidst cultural shifts and personal interpretations of faith, urging believers to encounter Jesus for genuine life change.

Georgene Rice invites Rabbi Kirt Schneider to talk about his latest book, "To Know Him by Name: Discover the Power and Promise Revealed in the Hebrew Names and Titles of God."

### **March 9, 2024**

Kathy Emmons talks with Carl Trueman, author of *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self*, about the battle the Church can no longer ignore and must face, in particular, the discipling of its young people concerning sexual morality and gender identity.

Greg Seltz, sitting in for Don Kroah, talks with Tim Goeglein of Focus on the Family on the dangers of historical ignorance and the alarming lack of civic knowledge among students and adults, emphasizing the need for cultural and historical literacy.

Scott Furrow and Philip DeCourcy, of *Know the Truth*, highlight the importance of a biblical perspective on spiritual warfare. They emphasize that the primary mission is to preach the gospel and build up the church, ultimately leading to victory over the forces of darkness.

Eric Metaxas talks with Rosaria Butterfield, author of "Five Lies of Our Anti-Christian Age." She emphasizes the importance of addressing these lies with sincere humility, recognizing the spiritual realities involved and the need for grownups to engage in the conversation armed with the Word of God.

## **March 3, 2024**

Bob Burney takes a look at reporting from Politico reporter Heidi Prisabella, who tries to raise an “alarm bell” over Christian nationalism.

Albert Mohler responds to the effort from those pushing the "Christian nationalism" line, citing ignorance of America's founding and even the media using it as a scare tactic.

Scott Furrow talks with Todd Smith, pastor of Crossroads Community Church in Santa Clarita, California on our fast-disintegrating culture.

Bob Burney has an extended conversation with Bill Federer, author of his classic America's God and Country Encyclopedia of Quotations. Federer talks about our American history being altered and leaving out its godly heritage. They also discuss the confusion surrounding the separation of church and state and what led us to believe that somehow there is a wall between the two.

John Hall and Kathy Emmons talk with Robert Tracy McKenzie, author of “We the Fallen People: The Founders and the Future of American Democracy.” McKenzie explains how the Founders understood mankind's human heart and its fallen nature, which is why they designed America's government with separation of powers.

## **February 23, 2024**

Albert Mohler discusses a ruling by the Alabama State Supreme Court regarding the destruction of embryos, affirming that unborn children are children without exception, regardless of developmental stage or physical location.

Brian From and Robyn Chambers, of Focus on the Family, discuss the changes in the pro-life movement post-Roe v. Wade. They highlight the Option Ultrasound program's success in supporting pregnancy centers and empowering women to choose life for their babies, with over 500,000 lives impacted positively.

Greg Seltz and George Barna, author of “Raising Spiritual Champions,” discuss the erosion of truth in contemporary culture, and the importance of instilling biblical worldview and values, especially among children.

Scott Furrow and Pastor Allen Jackson discuss positive developments in the church despite challenges, highlighting increased clarity of truth and a resurgence of questioning beliefs.

Gino Geraci discusses Alyssa Childers' article on progressive Christianity, outlining five danger signs of being in a progressive church. He highlights the importance of discerning these signs to evaluate one's church and pastor's theological stance.

## February 16, 2024

Albert Mohler discusses the normalization of gambling in American culture, particularly highlighted by the recent Super Bowl in Las Vegas.

Bob Burney criticizes the "He Gets Us" advertisements that aired during the Super Bowl for misrepresenting Jesus by emphasizing His humanity over His divinity.

Georgene Rice and Louis Anderson of Oregon Right to Life discuss the recent Oregon Supreme Court ruling that rendered 10 pro-life senators ineligible for reelection, examining its impact on the ongoing legislative session.

Greg Seltz talks with John Stonestreet of The Colson Center about the prominence of abortion in the Democratic platform, noting its strategic importance despite its ethical implications.

Greg Seltz and Jay Richards of the Heritage Foundation discuss the consequences of gender ideology. They highlight the dangers of disregarding biological reality, emphasizing the vulnerability of young girls and the need to uphold fundamental distinctions between male and female in sports, society and law.

## February 9, 2024

Scott Furrow talks with Jason Romano, a veteran sports reporter and host of the "Sports Spectrum Podcast." They talk about Brock Purdy, the young quarterback for the 49ers, who has caught the attention of a lot of people, not just because of his talent, but because of his bold profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

Jerry Bowyer, host of Meeting of Minds, and David Bahnsen, author of Full-Time: Work and the Meaning of Life talk about the work ethic crisis America is having, in particular with the American Church.

John Hall and Kathy Emmons talk with Adam Gustine, who recently wrote a piece titled, "Sabbath Is Not a Luxury Good." They discuss the wisdom in observing the Sabbath and why it's still good to rest in Christ.

## February 2, 2024

In this edition, we'll sit in the Washington D.C. Senate hearing room with Senators Marsha Blackburn, Ted Cruz and Josh Hawley as they question Instagram and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg on the harm his platforms are having on teens, where it's revealed the monetary value Zuckerberg has on your teenager.

John Hall and Kathy Emmons talk with Chris Martin, author of *The Wolf in Their Pockets: 13 Ways the Social Internet Threatens the People You Lead* on why social media sites are so effective at doing so much harm to children.

Eric Metaxas talks with Christina and Jarret LeMaster, who helped develop Legacy Christian School Private Satellite Program to equip Christian parents to teach their children at home or church. Christina encourages parents who say to themselves, "I can't do that" or "I'm not qualified" to don't be so quick to say you can't. They also discuss the dangers that giving your child a smartphone can have, even one locked down.

## January 26, 2024

Georgene Rice reports on the impact the Dobbs decision has had on the abortion industry, revealing that 32 states have reported a significant decrease of 31,951 legal abortions in 2022.

Bill Bunkley warns about an extreme pro-abortion constitutional amendment in Florida that, if adopted, could permit abortions up to the moment of birth. Sign the [petition to protect life](#).

Greg Seltz and Focus on the Family's Jim Daly discuss the selfish nature of Planned Parenthood, emphasizing their focus on abortion and lack of support for women in need. They advocate for empowering the church and families to provide assistance, highlight the success of ultrasound programs in saving lives, and express concerns about the erosion of family values in society.

Greg Seltz and Tim Goeglein discuss the 2024 March for Life theme "Every Woman for Every Child," emphasizing the need to challenge the narrative and expose the reality behind the pro-choice euphemisms.

Eric Metaxas and Alexandra DeSanctis, co-author of *Tearing Us Apart: How Abortion Harms Everything and Solves Nothing*, discuss the one-year anniversary of the Dobbs decision, the importance of the overturning of Roe v. Wade and what's next for the pro-life movement.

## January 19, 2024

Bill Bunkley questions U.S. government transparency on global persecution, and Jeff King, President of International Christian Concern, criticizes the politicization of the State Department's list, citing Nigeria's exclusion due to political and geopolitical factors, including oil interests and the influence of radical Islamists.

Rick Probst and Todd Nettleton of Voice of the Martyrs discuss attacks on Nigerian Christians over Christmas, highlighting the religious targeting. Nettleton also mentions financial charges against Chinese Christians and expresses concerns about the potential reelection of Prime Minister Modi in India, predicting increased persecution for Christians under his leadership.

Kathy Emmons asks Chris Davis about his latest book, "Bright Hope for Tomorrow," He highlights the anticipation of Christ's return and its role in providing hope, clarity for ministry, and prophetic patience in afflictions, suggesting Sabbath rest as a rhythm to stay aware of the Lord's return and reorder priorities.

Georgene Rice and David Closson, author of "Male and Female He Created Them: A Study on Gender, Sexuality, & Marriage," discuss the challenges of maintaining biblical views on gender, sexuality, and marriage in a hostile culture.

## January 13, 2024

Greg Laurie and J.D. Greear, author of *Above All: The Gospel Is the Source of the Church's Renewal*, discuss the importance of the Gospel, emphasizing that it is the same powerful message that transformed lives in the Book of Acts, and it remains unchanged.

Rick Probst and Erin Smalley, of Focus on the Family, talk about the common issue of "the drift" in marriages, where couples can lose connection over time. Smalley suggests addressing it through open and non-defensive conversations, sharing a positive impact story from a couple who attended a conference. She also mentions resources like Hope Restored for intensive support in overcoming marriage challenges.

Jim Daly, and Molly DeFrank discuss the negative impact of excessive technology usage on children, and how it hinders social development and creativity. She shares her family's experience with a digital detox, emphasizing the importance of unplugging for two weeks to encourage a healthier and more imaginative lifestyle. Find the full episode at Focus on the Family.

Scott Furrow invites radio host Bob Lepine to discuss his latest book, *Build a Stronger Marriage: The Path to Oneness*. Lepine talks about the importance of shared spiritual convictions, ensuring that the couple's core commitment to Christ remains the central focus in their marriage, even when facing disagreements on smaller matters.

**January 6, 2024**

John Hall and Kathy Emmons talk with Sarah Zylstra, an editor for the Gospel Coalition, about the implications of social media on children. They address the concerns raised by the Surgeon General, highlighting the detrimental effects of social media on the mental health of our youth.

Albert Mohler raises alarm about TikTok's harmful impact on teenagers and reminds parents to protect their children from the pervasive darkness and corrosive effects of social media.

Scott Furrow invites Ryan Miller, founder of Share the Struggle, to share about the development of courses to help people manage various struggles. His organization aims to provide practical tools, foster community, and offer Jesus' love and healing.

John and Kathy talk with John James, an editor with Crossway, about how social media distorts discussions about death, promoting inhumane and emotionally destructive responses. He emphasizes the need to be aware of the negative effects of internet life and the importance of protecting one's emotional well-being.

Brian From asks Sarah Zylstra about her decision to leave social media, and she explained that witnessing the negative impact it had on Gen Z girls made her realize its detrimental effects on her own life, leading to shallow relationships and increased loneliness.

Bill Bunkley discusses the Go Dark, Shine Bright initiative with James Spencer, who explained that the goal was to start a prayer movement by encouraging people to take a 10-day break from social media. The campaign aims to create a quiet space for individuals to focus on God, pray, and make wise decisions free from the distractions of social media noise.