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Dear friends and partners,



"...he who is blessed in the earth will be blessed by the God of truth." Isaiah 65:16a

"You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship...God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:22-24

Last week, while I was watching a passionate discussion on a news show about the recent Supreme Court decision on "same-sex" marriage, one of the panelists invoked the "my God…" concept in his efforts to justify homosexual marriage. This idea espouses a <u>relativistic worldview</u> (ie. there is no absolute truth in moral or theological matters) and is premised on individual preference and experience, not revealed Biblical truth.

As I watched the interview, my mind went "back in time" to an encounter I had with a Georgia Tech freshman over 20+ years ago while doing "door to door" evangelism in a dorm. Ryan, a nice young man from South Carolina seemed to be listening to me as I shared my testimony and the Gospel with him. However, as I spoke about the reality of God's hatred of sin and the judgment of Hell on those who reject the love and sacrifice of Jesus the Savior, Ryan was "turned off" and told me that "...my (his) God is a God of love and would not do that..." I then told him that "his God" was not true nor real and that he needed to repent and trust in the true God, Jesus Christ! Ryan, was upset with me and asked me to leave.

About two years later, while I was setting up for an outreach event we were sponsoring, Ryan approached me and proceeded to thank me for "speaking the truth" about Jesus to him. By God's grace, the Holy Spirit used the dorm encounter to "bother" Ryan about his sins, false beliefs, etc. and later in time he accepted Jesus as His Lord and Savior. He had gotten involved in another campus ministry and was growing in his relationship with God. As Jesus taught, "...if we continue in His words, we will know the truth and the truth shall make you (us) free." (John 8:31-32)

"That our idea of God correspond as nearly as possible to the true being of God is of immense importance to us...The history of mankind will probably show that no people has ever risen above its religion, and man's spiritual history will positively demonstrate that no religion has ever been greater than its idea of God...It is impossible to keep our moral practices sound and our inward attitudes right while our idea of God is erroneous or inadequate."

A.W. Tozer, The Knowledge of the Holy, p. 6-8

What's the Point? We live in a time in which people are "making Gods" according to their own image (imaginations, desires, convenience) rather than seeking the true God who has revealed Himself in the person of Jesus. As Paul spoke to the philosophers and scholars of his day, "Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man. Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead." (Acts 17:29-31) May God's Spirit fill us with His love and boldness to proclaim the truths of Jesus to those who are "enslaved" to false gods and ideologies!

Thank you for your **prayer** and **financial support** which "keeps us going" to the campus to be a "voice of truth" and an **ambassador for Christ** to students. Please let us know if we can be of service and have a great month.

Your campus missionaries,

Bart, Michelle & the Jones kids

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<u> "Have a Great Independence Day!"</u>



"Many recent polls have shown that most Americans believe that we are on the wrong path as a nation. They are discouraged about our future and the future of our children. I say, be not discouraged, for God is on our side if we really trust in Him,...When our forefathers knelt and prayed for wisdom at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787, then stood up and together assembled a seventeen-page document known as the Constitution of the United States of America, they were clearly guided by the hand of God. Today the forces of political correctness would expel God from every public sphere in American life, and the hearts and minds of every man, woman, and child in America are up for grabs in this cataclysmic battle between the lovers of men and the lovers of God...I believe it is time for us to stand up and be counted...We need not be ashamed of our faith, and we certainly should not allow those who believe differently to change who we are in order to be politically correct. Yes, we should accept them with brotherly love as we have been taught, but we should never compromise our belief system. We do believe in God, and we do believe in the right of everyone to have life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness..."

Dr. Ben Carson, Neuro-Surgeon and Christian author & lecturer, America the Beautiful, p.194-195

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

2 Corinthians 3:17