



July 6, 2018

WALL BUILDERS

Pray for America's spiritual awakening!

For anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." (Eph 5:14)

Samuel Adams - Father of the American Revolution, Signer of the Declaration of Independence - *I . . . recommend my Soul to that Almighty Being who gave it, and my body I commit to the dust, relying upon the merits of Jesus Christ for a pardon of all my sins.*

Today, Friday, July 6, 2018, we will be praying about America's godly heritage during our First Friday Prayer Conference Call at 12:15 PM ET. Join us by calling 712-432-0075, access code 1412452#. Be encouraged as you read these wonderful quotes from some of the many Founding Fathers who were Christians.

Read what our Founding Fathers had to say: [Click Here](#).

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Pray that the Supreme Court takes this case and reverses the Fourth Circuit ruling.

The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me. (Ps 16:6)

The case involves the Bladensburg Peace Cross, a memorial to area men who died in the First World War. It has stood since 1925 without bothering anyone until in 2014 the American Humanist Association felt that the monument violates the Constitution's establishment clause. The district judge tossed the case, holding that the tiny amount of government money that is spent on upkeep does not endorse religion. The Fourth Circuit held 2-1 that this offends the First Amendment. On the petition for rehearing *en banc* the court declined by 8-6. Pray that the Supreme Court takes this case and reverses the Fourth Circuit ruling.

Watch the VIDEO: In [Flanders Fields: A Stirring Tribute to the Boys of Bladensburg](#)

BREAKPOINT: MOPPING UP MYTHS ABOUT MASTERPIECE

Pray that truth will be brought forward in this case for all to see with clarity.

We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. (1 Jn 4:6)

With all the misinformation out there about the most important religious freedom ruling of the year, here's a review of the facts.

After the Masterpiece Cake Shop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission ruling, a popular progressive Facebook page posted a meme asking whether “gay heart surgeons have the right to refuse to save the lives of bigoted cake shop owners.”

I'm going to say this once, and very clearly: This is absurd.

Since its beginning, the Masterpiece case has been plagued by blatant misrepresentations like this one. It's especially shameful when Christians repeat them.

The first and worst myth is that Jack Phillips refused to serve gay people. This is a complete falsehood. Jack made it clear that he's happy to sell his baked goods to gay people who come into his store. What he refuses to do—very politely, I might add—is use his artistic talent to promote a message—the message that gay “marriages” are something we should celebrate.

Why? Because that message violates the deeply held beliefs that Jack has. By the way, so do millions of Americans. That he should be forced by the government to design a cake for a gay wedding is unthinkable.

But that's not the only myth about his case that just won't die. Many say that Christians today are using the same biblical arguments against gay “marriage” that were once used to defend slavery and Jim Crow laws in generations past. Again, this is flat out false.

Even Justice Kennedy said, in his majority opinion, that this comparison was not only awful but not true. In fact, Kennedy verbally smacked down the Civil Rights Commission of Colorado for making that comparison.

Now to be clear, America's shameful history of racism included many Christians. But so-called biblical arguments for racism are and always have been terrible, and are—don't miss this—uniquely cultural phenomena. You find them in very narrow historical contexts, like in America and South Africa. They're not consistent throughout Christian history. You can't find racist arguments across the writings of the Church fathers, or the Reformers, or the major scholars of biblical interpretation and theology....

But the most troubling thing I've heard is probably, “Jesus ate with sinners, He would have baked the cake,” and “Jesus didn't discriminate.”...

Second, I wonder whether those who use this argument have ever actually read the gospels. Jesus never endorsed sin. He never celebrated something contrary to God's design. Loving people is distinct from celebrating behavior. When Christ ate with sinners, we know for a fact He wasn't celebrating their sin. That's why He said things like, “Go, and sin no more.”...

Even though the court decided in Jack's favor, it's vital that we lovingly and truthfully counter these myths. This issue is far from settled, and the more people believe these falsehoods, the less likely the next case will go the right way.

Mopping Up Myths about Masterpiece: The Truth about the Cake Shop Case

It's important to know the facts of this case and to be prepared to present the correct version. It's also important to understand what our constitution's guarantee of religious liberty means and how Christians can stand by their beliefs and convictions even in the public marketplace. Check out today's BreakPoint podcast for John's interview with Dr. Robert George on the Masterpiece Cakeshop decision, linked here: (<http://www.breakpoint.org/2018/06/john-stonestreet-robert-george-masterpiece-cakeshop-means-religious-freedom-church/>) (Excerpts from John Stonestreet and G. Shane Morris article in [Breakpoint](#))

PRAYING TO CHANGE HISTORY – DEREK PRINCE

Pray for America's heritage as a Christian nation that honors God's Word.

For you, O God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name. (Ps 61:5)

[Video: Seven Basic Conditions for Answered Prayer](#)

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