



SHIELD OF FAITH

"Take Up the Shield of Faith" - Paul

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Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. — John's Apocalypse Chapter 19

I Was(n't) Kidding

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For a bit over a week I've been salting my COLUMNS with the english words "faggot" and "maggot." I started doing it with a promise that I'd do a World Tour because it is a fact that Faggots are Maggots. I probably won't do the Tour. Not because I don't want to do it. I won't do it because Tony Perkins, Tim Wildmon, Franklin Graham, Jim Dobson and Pope Francis won't help me.

What ... you think it doesn't take money and institutional support to do a fifty state tour before the Presidential election?! You know it does. I knew that when I wrote the COLUMN. I didn't care when I wrote it whether I could fulfill the promise. I felt a nudge of the Holy Spirit telling me that I should write and publish it anyway. And then He told me to double down on being free to use the words faggot and maggot if I choose. Is America a free country? Sticks and stones will break my bones, but words will never hurt me! That's what I learned from my Mom growing up. I guess you think she was wrong. I know she was right.

Christianity doesn't prove compassion by tolerating sodomy and baby murder. You know that ... right? Propagandized people choose to approve deathstyles like abortion and sodomy over lifestyles like Christianity because their politicians, academics and even religious leaders have discovered a way to talk incessantly around issues without addressing them. Reasonable civilizations wake up at some point, or they collapse under God's judgment.

Jesus didn't remain a cherubic baby forever. He grew up. He became a man. In his early thirties he laid down his life. Out of love for all that is good, true and beautiful in the universe He submitted himself to mankind's torture on a cross. After the torture He visited hell. Then he made a stop among us for a time before ascending to heaven. Jesus Christ is alive. He is faithful and true. In righteousness he *judges and makes war*.

Time to choose my friend. And you don't have to choose between Left and Right or Republican and Democrat. Nope. You have to choose between the seed of the serpent or the seed of the woman. You will stand before the Judgment seat. You don't want to be alone. Trust me. You're gonna want to be there with Jesus Christ.

And why not? Putting Jesus Christ first in your life today makes you a better person in every way forever. Christianity makes people the best at what they are called to be. Spending a lifetime serving Jesus Christ transforms the mandatory human suffering we all encounter into something sublime and glorious. It morphs confessed old sins into powerful weapons that He then uses to love and help others.

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God is going somewhere good in time. He doesn't want anyone to perish. If He could have His way then every person would choose the truth. Our duty in the short time He gives us is to suffer with Him, not think up ways to do what we want. He wants you to be a hero. You are a hero if you spend a lifetime doing the next right thing.

Each of us is given a different path to walk through life. At any point on that pilgrimage we can step off the broad path to destruction. We can step on to the narrow path to eternal life. You know what you must do next to walk with Jesus Christ. I guarantee that He isn't the one obscuring the path ahead. The liar called satan is the one making the decision about your next step confusing and difficult.

If the choice you face about where you step next is confusing it is usually best to choose the most difficult footfall. I've found that's a good habit to develop. Push into the challenge or difficulty. Don't walk away.

So, for me it is most difficult to continue taking the slings and arrows for remaining clear about all things "gay." Never in my career have I taken the bait to step back in my condemnation of this sin. I hate the sin of sodomy. So does God. I'm in good company. The few times when I chose not to speak clearly remain lessons that encourage me not to repeat the mistake.

It is weak to conflate "sexual orientation" with sodomy in public — especially political and religious — discourse. Sodomy is a crime against nature and nature's God. Sexual orientation is usually not helpful outside the privacy of the counseling chamber. There's no place for the term in confession to God because He keeps sex simple. It's for marriage. Every instance outside marriage is called fornication or adultery. There's no need to even think about the idea of sexual orientation for the Christian who is sincerely confessing his sins to God.

The concept of sexual orientation helps satan weaponize sex against the dignity of men and women. The resulting confusion weakens all things holy — especially marriage and family, and ultimately contributes to the destruction of civilization.

If you were to open your eyes fully to the significance of the threat "progressive" ideology now poses to your children and grandchildren's future you wouldn't be worrying about men like me who use words like faggot and maggot. You'd be examining your own history, words and actions to discover how you contributed to this mess. And you'd be falling on your face repenting to the God of the universe who said, "If anyone causes one of these little ones -- those who believe in me -- to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."

Selah.