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It would not be difficult for the believer, as he observes national and world events around him, to be pessimistic about the near future. Informed individuals know that the world is beset by all sorts of problems: international conflicts, government corruption, moral corrosion, natural calamities, theological compromise, ecclesiastical confusion, and personal cares and concerns.

Despite these problems listed – and they could be extended almost ad infinitum – the believer not only has reasons to be hopeful about the future but can be joyful because of certain verities. God is very much in control of the nations, their governments, and each individual on this planet. Nothing takes Him off guard. Everything is part of His sovereign plan. The apostle Paul assures us that God *“worketh all things after the counsel of His own will”* (Ephesians 1:11). The discerning believer knows that whatever happens will ultimately result in God’s glory and for the Christian’s greatest good (Romans 8:28).

An entire volume could be written on the supernal blessings promised the believer now and in the near future. After all, we have been *“blessed...with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places”* (Ephesians 1:3). While it may be helpful to see God’s blessing and document them with a Scripture reference, it may be of greater benefit to contemplate the actual inspired words as we seek comfort, contentment, and courage in these volatile days of the

twenty-first century. Let us enumerate a few delightful truths promised to us now and in the near future, based on the activity of our triune God on the believer’s behalf:

I. The Affection of God the Father

- A. **God’s love is eternal:** *“The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore, with loving kindness have I drawn thee”* (Jeremiah 31:3). What is true of God’s loving concern for Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, is equally true for every believer. When did God know us and love us? God has loved us from eternity past. Although difficult to grasp but glorious to contemplate, there never was a time when God did not know us and love us.
- B. **God’s love is presently active:** *“But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”* (Romans 5:8). The blessed truth is that God does not love us for what we are but for what we are becoming through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. God loves us not because of our sinful character but because of our special connection to His Son.
- C. **God’s love is unending:** *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning”* (James 1:17).

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The Battle to Defeat Critical Race Theory in Education

Across the country, many parents, educators, and concerned citizens are speaking out and pushing back against the inclusion of critical race theory (CRT) in education, recognizing the danger that such teaching poses to children and the future freedoms of our country. Rooted in Marxism, CRT teaches that America is systemically racist and a person’s race determines whether that person belongs to one of two groups—the oppressors (i.e., the privileged) or the oppressed. Supporters of CRT purport that it promotes equity and diversity, while opponents charge that CRT instruction only creates a divisive and oppressive society that is, in

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The Taking Away of the Righteous

Editor's Desk

by Pastor Tod Brainard

The last of a better part of two years have recorded the taking away of many precious pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and godly people around the world. Satanic activism has grown by leaps and bounds as he seeks to establish permanently and worldwide a visible, political form of his kingdom. Wickedness and lawlessness abound as a result.

During this turmoil created by Satan and the wicked hearts of humans, it is striking to me to hear that 131 pastors have died in Myanmar (as reported by those believers within the country), mostly under the age of 35 since February 1, 2021. Many of these men had just undertaken church planting roles within the country after graduation from Bible colleges and institutes, only to be murdered by the military regime that took over the country on February 1st or taken by Covid-19. That is an astounding number to my thinking.

According to Open Door's 2021 World Watch List released in January of this year, an average of 13 Christians are killed every day. That is nearly 400 Christians dying every month. These are staggering and sobering statistics. Research for Open Doors' 2021 World Watch List—the most in-depth investigative report focusing on global Christian persecution available today—reveals that each day of the reporting period for the list, from October 2019 to September 2020, an average of 13 Christians were *violently killed* for their faith.

Two faithful missionaries along with four other believers were killed in September in a plane crash near Jacmel, Haiti after returning from the United States. They had been delayed in the US during the Covid-19 shutdown that prevented them from returning. Their immediate return to the island precipitated their early deaths. Immediately following their deaths, a tragic earthquake struck the very same region of these missionaries killing over

100 believers. *What is God doing?* I ask this reverently.

I realize that these examples are anecdotal in nature, but I could go on and on with those Christian leaders, godly saints, and missionaries in larger numbers who have been taken away in recent memory. What is staggering to my mind is that there are so few believers to step on to take their places. Churches without pastors, missions without missionaries, Christian schools without principals, administrators, and teachers who have slipped away through sickness and the valley of the shadow of death.

What is God doing?

In my considered opinion, I think God is doing a similar work to that which is recorded in Isaiah 57:1. It is a passage that has been much on my heart in recent days. *“The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.”*

There is much to unpack in this verse of Scripture. The first two verses of Chapter 57 are linked with verses 9-12 of the preceding chapter. In those verses, the rebellion of Israel is laid bare. Because of the dullness of their wicked hearts, the Israelites do not see what is coming. They are in dark danger, and yet they are like dumb dogs who do not bark and warn the people of impending judgment. They are asleep dreaming of glorious days ahead. They are self-seeking, greedy shepherds. They invite their friends to drink and party, saying, *“Tomorrow shall be as today was, and everything is well in Israel.”* In the middle of this twisted and convoluted world in which they lived, the righteous individuals, one by one, were being taken away. Some by persecution, some by

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illness, some by age, and some by the direct act of God for eternal purposes beyond our knowledge now.

From the human standpoint, no one seemed to care in that day. The righteous were leaving the world with little notice or concern as to why they were being taken away. The living righteous were no doubt perplexed by what they saw around them. Observing the evil apparently frustrated them to a point of discouragement. They could do nothing to turn the nation back to God. The only way the righteous could be spared from such frustration was to die. God was delivering these godly saints from evil and ushering them into peace and rest. Verse 1 says that ***"merciful men are taken away."*** Those who had a heart to turn people back to God were those that God took away. Do you find that difficult to grasp? I certainly do. Those who would seem to be the link to an awakening of hearts and turning back to God were those taken away from that work. ***What was God doing?*** He was sparing His saints from the evil to come. There was no imminent awakening. The end was near.

I think the most astonishing phrase in this verse one is this, ***"no man layeth it to heart."*** I have often said in my preaching that I do not believe that the rapture will be noticed to any great degree by the world. In my opinion, there will not be planes crashing, cars wrecking, total pandemonium as many have predicted. Jesus Christ will take His children up to deliver them "from the wrath to come" and I sense that most of those left behind **will not take it to heart and none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.**

The Lord is returning soon!

I am not a prognosticator, nor do I know the day nor the hour of our Lord's return, but it seems to me that there are tell-tale signals that His coming is imminent. ***The judge stands ready at the door (James 5:7-9).***

It was not long after the words of Isaiah 57:1 that judgment was poured out. Isaiah 64: 10-11 describes the cities of Judah, ***"Thy holy cities are a wilderness. Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire and all our pleasant things are laid waste."*** Two chapters later, 66:5, our Lord says, ***"Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at His Word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for My name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but He shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed."***

There may be more to come before the upward calling of the saints in the rapture (1 Thess. 4: 13-18; I Corinthians 15:51-58; John 14:1-4). I share my observation to encourage the saints, that God's answer to Satan's contemplations of a world order under his leadership, will be squashed and God's children will be taken away from the evil to come. Ω

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fact, racist and discriminatory. Indications are that CRT is already infused into thousands of classrooms across the country, and several states are taking steps to mandate the philosophy in teacher training and curricula. However, the efforts to include the harmful ideology in classrooms are meeting the opposition of multitudes who have gained awareness of the basic tenets of CRT. Recently, over 35,000 concerned citizens expressed strong opposition to a proposal by the U.S. Department of Education that would have required the teaching of CRT and the 1619 Project in grant applications for a program designed to improve American history and civics education. The overwhelming opposition caused the DOE to issue a statement that it would not require the teaching of CRT or the 1619 Project in grant applications. Additionally, parents and teachers are speaking out at school board meetings across the country, confronting the false ideology of CRT and resisting its inclusion in K-12 classrooms and programs. The outcry has not gone unnoticed by local and state policymakers. Eight states have passed legislation to prohibit teaching divisive concepts that promote racism and discrimination (AZ, IA, ID, NH, OK, SC, TN, TX). Fifteen states are either considering legislation or indicated they will be considering legislation in their next session which would ban such teaching (AL, AR, KY, LA, ME, MI, MO,

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Proverb Practicals

by Ludwig Opager

Proverbs 15:19, *The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain.*

Open your Bible and immediately you are presented with a working God, a God who made the heavens and the earth in six days and everything that is therein. He has been at the job of sustaining that creation since He fashioned it, "**for by Him all things consist**" (Colossians 1:17).

We are told that we are created in God's image which means, in part, that we have the capacity to work, to fashion, and to be creative. Hasn't God equipped you with the tools to work? What are those hands, legs, and mind for? God does not create useless things. He expects those tools to be engaged in work! God has so ordained His creation to be fulfilled when it does His will, and His will is that we work.

All life is created to work. Nothing in God's creation is allowed to function successfully in a slothful condition. God has so ordained and fashioned His universe to guarantee this result. Upon the creation of man God took him and put him into the garden of Eden to dress and keep it. God made the garden to need work and God made the man and woman to work the garden. Our creator works; therefore, we work.

Work is not a punishment for sin. Work is a gift of God. The notion that labor came into being because of humanity's fall is not a biblical truth. Adam and Eve, in their sinless state, were given a garden that needed tending. Paradise needed the hands of Adam and Eve for God so ordained it. Adam and Eve had purpose in this work.

We also have a purpose! By work He allows us to enter the

maintenance of His creation. The entrance of sin into the world was not the reason for work but sin affected the ability of people to work, and the difficulty associated with it. As God expelled Adam and Eve from the garden, they were told they would have to labor hard to carve out a living. When sin entered the world, it hindered the progress of men and women's efforts in work.

We have seen that work is a character of God and His creation. Those who work fulfill God's plan for His creation and those who willingly do not work are outside His created purpose. If you do not fulfill your purpose God has ordained His creation to thwart your slothfulness. There is a hedge of thorns in your way. Not just a few thorns but an impassable hedge of thorns. You cannot get through it. It is a continual hedge in the way. Work has been placed there by God because He loves you and wants you to function as you were made to function.

Sloth is rebellion against God's will. The slothful by indecision, sluggishness, or delay, allow the hedge to grow thicker continuing to hinder progress. God in this proverb contrasts the slothful man with the righteous man. The slothful man is a wicked man because he does not do the will of God. The slothful man expects God to work for him, instead of working for God, expecting God to be his errand boy! But the righteous man knows that God will help those who help themselves. The slothful do not believe this and thus the Lord provides the hedge of thorns to remind him of the truth of this

principle. Slothful one, the hedge of thorns will find you out!

God does not promote slothfulness, but He does promote the righteous worker. **The way of the righteous is made plain.** The Hebrew word for *plain* in this verse means *to mound up as in preparation for a turnpike*. In other words, the way of the righteous is identifiable. The road is mounded and prepared for use. Now, there may be thorns to guide and warn along the way (Hosea 2:6), but the way of the righteous is not a way of darkness and unconquerable difficulties.

Psalm 27:11 tells us that the Lord will teach me His way and His way will lead in a plain **path**. God shows the righteous the **path** of life wherein is the fullness of joy and pleasures for evermore. He makes the righteous to go in the **path** of His commandments which gives the righteous delight. He provides the righteous the lamp of His word for his feet and lights the path, so it is plain (Psalm 119:105). God compasses the path of the righteous which means He borders the path lest the righteous stray. He keeps the righteous on the plain path. He is successful with the righteous. God tells us the **path** of the just *is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day* (Proverbs 4:18). The path is illuminated for the righteous as the perfect day approaches. The slothful always face a hedge of thorns but the face of the righteous always meets a shining plain path which gets better every day. Ω



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“Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39). If nothing will ever separate us from the love of God, which He bestowed upon us because of “Christ Jesus our Lord,” then we do not need to fear anyone or anything about the future. This statement by the apostle Paul in Romans chapter 8 alone has given hope and courage to countless believers through the ages, many of them under severe persecution and distress. What more can the believer wish than to be forever an object of God’s love? And who is this God? He is the supreme ruler of the universe! He has loved us forever in the past, He showers us with His loving concern now, and we are promised His loving presence for all eternity. What more could a believer ask for?

II. The Activity of God the Son

- A. **The Savior prepares for us a glorious home:** *“Let not your heart be troubled: Ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know”* (John 14:1-4). As the believer faces the vicissitudes of life, may he take courage from the fact that our Savior is departed to prepare our eternal home. It only took Him six literal days to create the entire universe. It appears that since His ascension, Christ has been working on our heavenly home. What a glorious place that must be! The apostle John gives us details about that home in Revelation 21:1-22:5.
- B. **The Savior presents us faultless before the Father:** *“Now unto*

Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy” (Jude 24). No matter how anxious we are to please the Savior, we always sense that we have not lived up to our and His expectations. Yet when we are in the presence of the Savior, all our shortcomings, sins, and faults have vanished.

Some time ago my wife and I attended a service where a pastor asked a rhetorical question, wondering what our personal feeling would be when as sinners we appeared in the glorious presence of the Savior. Would we be fearful, humiliated, saddened? After the service, I approached the pastor, one of my former students, and showed him Jude 24. Persons with Christ and our heavenly Father will be characterized by exceeding joy. Our sins have been forgiven the moment we trusted in Christ as Savior. Unconfessed sins will have been removed before we ever entered heaven. We will have reached sinless perfection, a complete Christlikeness. As the apostle Jude speaks of our being faultless in the presence of God, similarly the apostle Paul speaks of our being presented without “spot or wrinkle” (Ephesians 5:27).

C. **The Savior prays on our behalf:** The Word of God reveals the wonderful fact that our Savior is even now engaged in prayer on our behalf. He is praying for our infirmities and for our security.

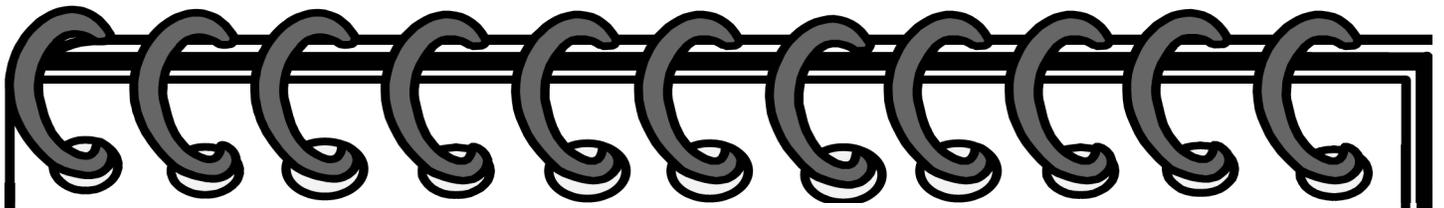
1. **His prayer for our infirmities.** There are two aspects of that prayer. For one, Christ prays that we might not sin. This would be *intercession*; and then He prays that we do not sin, which we call *advocacy*. How wonderful it is to realize that our Savior, while absent from us, has very much His focus upon us. As He prayed for us on earth, so now in heaven, He prays that we might not sin: *“I pray not that Thou shouldest*

take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil (one)” (John 17:15). *“Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us”* (Romans 8:34). The believer, while on earth, still sins, and Satan accuses him before God (Revelation 12:10). Yet Jesus Christ pleads our case because His blood shed on the cross was to care for all our sins.

2. **He prays for our security:** The way Jesus Christ prays is not just for our infirmities in His intercession and advocacy, but He also prays for our security. Christ prays that we might be eternally secure. In His high priestly prayer before His crucifixion, He indicated that He has kept us secure, He prays that the Father would keep us secure, and He prays that “none of them is lost.” “And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep them through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy name: those that Thou gavest Me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the Scripture might be fulfilled” (John 17:1-12).

For the believer, his salvation can never be in doubt because Christ’s prayer will never go unanswered. Additionally, Christ assures us that we are safe and secure in the Savior’s hand and in the Father’s hand: *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father’s hand”* (John 10:27-29). Ω

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Teaching Tips

by Doris Peppard

Guest Contributor
Our Daily Task with Children

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1. Encourage the retention of childlike simplicity so there is no gap in their progress toward following God later in life as “dear children.” ***“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children”*** Ephesians 5:1.
2. Work to help the child to put away childish speaking, understanding, and thinking. ***“When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I become a man, I put away childish things”*** I Corinthians 13:11. Be diligent in driving foolishness out of the child. ***“Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him”*** Proverbs 22:15.
3. Train the child to keep his flesh in control through discipline and hard work. ***“But I keep under my body and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway”*** I Corinthians 9:27.
4. Teach children the difference between right and wrong as clearly taught in God’s Word. ***“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness”*** 2 Timothy 3:16. ***“And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children...”*** Deuteronomy 6:6, 7a.
5. Train children to be servants – now toward their parents and teachers, and later toward God. ***“But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel”*** Philippians 2:22.

Excerpt from the booklet, *Child Training: Connecting the Dots* by Gary Maldaner, p. 16.

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Stars of the Morning



Mrs. Carolyn McVay Hobbs went into the presence of the Lord on Thursday, October 28, 2021. She was 90 years of age. She was known and loved by children as "Aunt Carolyn." She was the director and storyteller for The Children's Bible Club, a weekly broadcast heard coast to coast and abroad. Her unique ability

made Gospel stories come alive and appeal to young and old alike.

I am going to let Aunt Carolyn tell you in her own words about how her ministry began:

"In 1954, when I was a little younger than I am now, The Children's Bible Club began as a half-hour "live" radio broadcast with "live" children from Sunday School and neighborhood Bible classes. My husband, Pastor Dayton Hobbs, helped round the children up in an old van to take them to the station, where he led the children's singing, and conducted Scripture memory and quiz time while "Aunt Carolyn" played the piano and then told the Bible story.

The Lord blessed that simple outreach to boys and girls in the area, but after a time, the broadcast was changed to fifteen minutes, taped, duplicated, and sent to a growing number of radio stations to use in their children's programming schedules. Interest and response have grown until The Children's Bible Club is now heard on over fifty stations in the United States, on several Atlantic and Pacific Islands, and world-wide on short wave, satellite, and the internet. People who have heard my Biblically sound stories, have often asked for copies, and the "Aunt Carolyn's Collection" of visualized Gospel storybooks and other children's books.

And WHERE did this storyteller lady come from??? Outer space? Never Never Land? NO! NO! NO! "Aunt Carolyn" (Carolyn McVay Hobbs) grew up on a wheat and cattle farm near Sterling, Kansas, where there was plenty of work to do and space to ride horses or play. I was blessed with a Christian home with parents who wanted me to know the Lord and live for Him. I trusted Christ as my Savior when I was eight years old. Farm life gave me many experiences and lessons, some wonderful, some tough, but all meant by God for good. God allowed me to go to Bob Jones

University where I received further training for His service and met my husband, Robert Dayton Hobbs, who founded Grace Bible Church in 1951 in Milton, Florida, and pastored that same church for fifty plus years. "Aunt Carolyn" helped in the ministry of music, in the Christian School, and whatever way she could. Her heart's desire is to be true to the Lord Jesus Christ and to see boys and girls and grown-ups trust Christ and serve Him."

Mrs. Hobbs was the co-founder of Santa Rosa Christian School, the Children's Bible Club radio ministry, and the Santa Rosa Christian Learning Center. She was an accomplished pianist, educator, Christian conference speaker, author, radio broadcaster, and child evangelist for over 60 years.

She touched the lives of so many children and Christian workers with her illustrated Christian stories (in over 10 languages), her encouraging handwritten letters and cards, and her stunning ability to make you feel appreciated. Her children's radio broadcasts reached round the world via the internet and shortwave radio. She leaves behind a legacy of Christian humility, service, and genuine love that is unparalleled. She will be deeply missed.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Orville and Anna McVay; siblings, Mack McVay, Peter McVay, and Donna (McVay) Medlin; husband, Rev. R. Dayton Hobbs, whom she was married to from 1954-2006; and her granddaughter, Rachel Hobbs. Survivors include a daughter, Doris Peppard; grandchildren: Robert (Jessica) Peppard (great grandchildren: Kayson, Ethan, Adilynn), Emily (Andrew) Geiger (great grandchildren: Aaron, Hannah, Chloe, Lily), Andrew (Jessica) Peppard; son David Hobbs (Debby) Hobbs; grandchildren: Ben Hobbs, Paul (Ashley) Hobbs (great granddaughter Paisley), Sarah Hobbs, and Timothy Hobbs.

"Aunt Carolyn" will live on in the **Stars of the Morning**. A special thank you to all of Aunt Carolyn's faithful readers. Your letters and notes were such a blessing to her and shared stories from you were often the genesis of many of her illustrated children's stories.

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116: 15).



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MS, NC, OH, PA, RI, TX, WI, WV). Furthermore, state education boards in Florida, Georgia, Utah, and Oklahoma have taken steps to prohibit CRT teaching, and local school boards in five states (GA, NC, KY, TN, VA) are also taking a stand against the divisive ideology. Several conservative groups have also recently developed educational resources expressing an accurate view of American history. PragerU, a non-profit organization that uses social media to advance American values and history, recently announced a new educational program, PragerU Resources for Educators & Parents (PREP), to provide resources for parents, children, and educators that teach about the true founding of America. Hillsdale College has also produced the Hillsdale 1776

Curriculum, a free resource containing lesson plans that give an accurate reflection of American history to students. Christian schools have the advantage of using biblically based curricula to provide a solid foundation for students that relays the truth about American history and the principles of freedom which make this country great. While the autonomy of Christian schools protects them from being directly affected by the efforts of school boards and governments that try to force the inclusion of CRT in education, Christian schools must still be vigilant to continue teaching truth and training our students to understand and defend truth. In a recent radio interview discussing CRT and the response of Christian schools, Mr. Jamison Coppola, the AACCS government relations director, emphasized

that Christian schools, as academic institutions, must prepare students to recognize that CRT and related critical theories “are philosophies according to human tradition, they’re full of empty deceit, and they’re according to the spirit of the world,” as described in Colossians 2:8. It cannot be stressed enough that our students must be prepared to counter fallacious teaching with objective truth that is based on biblical principles. They must be informed enough to know the times and seasons into which they are entering so that they will know what they, their families, and churches must do.

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