

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

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PART 1: GEORGE FLOYD AND RACISM

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Life in America was good earlier this year as unemployment was at 3.6%, the lowest level it had been in decades. This was due in part to the record numbers of Blacks and Hispanics that had been able to secure meaningful employment under the Trump administration and subsequently caused the unemployment rate to decrease.

The impeachment initiated by democrats of President Trump failed to gain traction despite months of grandstanding by certain politicians and the mainstream media presenting fake news to the American people. The Senate ruled on the charges and swiftly dismissed the impeachment. At the time, the stock market was soaring, the construction industry was booming, and it easily looked like President Trump would be re-elected in November.

The arrival of the Covid-19 virus saw Trump enact travel bans to China and a number of nations. The mainstream media did its normal thing by hyping the situation, and before we knew it, America was in a lockdown and our booming economy was in shambles.

At the same time, the states in the Midwest, South and Atlantic experienced terrible storms that included tornadoes and flooding. Thousands of homes in the Bible belt were inundated with flood waters and there were relentless snowstorms in the north.

During the month of May many of the state governors began to reopen their states and slowly people were able to go back to work. It looked like we had ridden out the storm and were heading back to the good times.

GEORGE FLOYD

Thousands of people are arrested by the police every day. One such incident took place on May 25th in Minneapolis, Minnesota when a bystander filmed the arrest of George Floyd on their cell phone. The video was picked up by the mainstream media and shown to the American public, causing outrage as a white police officer, aided by three other colleagues, pressed his knee against the neck of a black man for nearly nine minutes despite desperate pleas from bystanders to stop the brutality.

I had never seen the murder of a man before and could not believe my eyes when I saw this black man lying handcuffed on the ground with a policeman putting his entire weight on the man's neck. Floyd was lying next to a police car with two other policemen sitting on his side and legs.

The video of this murder also included Floyd stating several times he was having difficulty breathing. I became furious after watching this brutality and wondered why the people standing on the sidewalk passively watched this unfold. This was a slow and torturous murder as the face of Floyd was pressed into the pavement. It took Officer Derek Chauvin 8 minutes and 46 seconds to suffocate George Floyd. Only then did he



get up and allow paramedics to put Floyd into an ambulance and take him to the hospital.

What the media failed to report was the fact that George Floyd and Derek Chauvin knew each other as co-workers. When Chauvin wasn't working as a police officer, he moonlighted as a security guard at the same bar where Floyd worked as a bouncer.

There must have been a feud between the two men, because once George was handcuffed, he should have been placed in the backseat of the squad car and taken to jail. He did not resist the police officers but it looks like Chauvin wanted to settle an old score by throwing Floyd to the ground and choking him out.

This accidental murder sparked immediate outrage as people took to the streets of Minneapolis to protest police brutality and white on black injustice. In a few days the streets of large cities across the United States exploded in protests as well when hundreds of thousands of people demanded justice.

Sinister powers had been waiting for such a spark. Professional agitators from anarchist organizations joined the protesters to bring in mayhem and destruction that they knew the human spirit would capitalize upon. Buildings were firebombed, stores were looted, hundreds of police officers were injured trying to stop the anarchy, with some policemen killed in the process.

WHERE IS GOD IN ALL OF THIS?

Many Christians are wondering where God can be found is in this mess. Why is He allowing this to happen? The answer may surprise you.

God is behind the calamities we are now experiencing in the United States. They are part of His judgments on America for its iniquities.

CHILD SACRIFICE

We are a nation that murders its own children.

- ❖ In 2017, doctors and clinic workers murdered 862,320 children.
- ❖ In 2018, the number rose to 876,000.
- ❖ 2,400 children are murdered through abortion every day in the United States.
- ❖ From 1970 to 2016, 46,413,319 babies have been killed in hospitals and clinics.

Do the homicides of 46.4 million people matter to God? You better believe it!

The people of Israel were the apple of God's eye. **Deuteronomy 32:10**

They provoked God to jealousy by sacrificing their children on the altars of strange gods. The retaliatory punishment was not a single incident; it was a barrage of judgments that befell Israel. **Deuteronomy 32:15-28**

REPENTANCE & JUDGMENT

The Israelites repented as a result of the severe judgments but the next generation plunged back into sin again. God grew tired of this sin/repentance rollercoaster and sent

three simultaneous calamities which saw the Israelites lose their precious land.
Jeremiah 24:9-10

1. *The Sword*: violence, riots, looting, and burning of buildings
2. *The Famine*: flooding and destruction of farmland
3. *The Pestilence*: virus infections such as Covid-19

EXPENDITURES

Look at these statistics of spending in the United States for 2019:

- ❖ Video game sales in the United States generated \$134.9 worldwide.
- ❖ The combined revenue for American casinos was \$41.7 billion.
- ❖ Sales of pet food in the U.S. totaled \$95.7 billion.
- ❖ Alcohol sales in the U.S. accounted for \$240 billion.
- ❖ The gross income of the pornography industry in America was \$13 billion.
- ❖ Total giving for Christian mission work was just \$33 billion.

American church members give just 2.58% of their income to the Lord, showing that the majority of Christians do not tithe as mandated. **Malachi 3:6-12**

PORNOGRAPHY

Fifty percent of Christian men and 20% of Christian women say they are addicted to pornography. The most popular day of the week for viewing porn is Sunday.

Patrick Means, author of “Men’s Secret Wars,” reveals that 63% of pastors surveyed confirm they are struggling with sexual addiction or sexual compulsion including, but not limited to the use of pornography, compulsive masturbation, or other secret sexual activity.¹

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Racism is a class of evil spirits which have been active since Noah’s flood. All the families of the earth originate from these eight survivors. Skin color and different religious beliefs are used by the spirits of racism to pit family members against each other in every nation on earth.

British Jewish merchants in the 16th century realized there was a market for slave labor in North America and built special ships capable of transporting captured African men, women and children within their cramped cargo holds. They were joined by Spanish, French, Dutch, Danish and Portuguese slave traders.

Most of the Western part of Africa south of Morocco had been invaded by British, Portuguese, and French military forces with the purpose of establishing colonies. The land was stolen from the indigenous African people.

¹ <https://tinyurl.com/yalvtcpu>

Africa then consisted of tribes that were always at war with one another. The tribes living on the coast were enlisted to go inland and capture men, women and children from different tribes who were bound and marched to the coastal cities and sold to the white slave traders.

A slave ship could hold 250 to 600 slaves shackled to benches with very little space. The abducted had no choice but to relieve themselves where they were shackled and the smell in the cargo hold was unbearable. Many of the prisoners died during the voyage to America. They were not accustomed to the food served aboard the ship and it was a hellish trip.

The men, women and children who survived the voyage were auctioned and sold to the highest bidder. The abductees from Africa were treated like animals with no legal rights.

The people in the slave trade were “men stealers” in the eyes of God. **1 Timothy 1:9-10**

The slave women and girls were used as breeders while the men were utilized as studs to impregnate the females. There was no family life as the black women raised the children, while the men were kept working. Is it any wonder that most black families today are run by women?

It is estimated that about 12 million Africans were transported on slave ships to North and South America during the span of 400 years. Many of the abductees died during the forced marches to the coast. Some 2.4 million died in the slave ships as a result of the horrible conditions in the cargo hold. These atrocities have never been fully addressed and for which there has been no atonement.

Slavery was officially abolished in the United States after the Civil War (1861-1865) but the newly freed slaves had a difficult time making a living as they were despised by the white people of the South.

Black Americans were considered inferior and there was segregation in the southern states until 1964. Many southern states passed “Jim Crow Laws” which prohibited black Americans from using residential areas, schools, colleges, parks, theaters, cemeteries, hospitals, and even the jails of the white people.

The U.S. armed forces also considered black men inferior and they were not allowed to serve alongside white men during World War II. Special army units and air force units were created with white officers overseeing the black soldiers.

EQUALITY WITH GOD

The apostle Paul made it clear that all humans are created equal; we are all one in Christ. There are no sub-humans because we are all created in the image of God. **Galatians 3:26-29; Genesis 1:26-27**

Few of the slave traders ever repented of human trafficking. John Newton was a slave ship captain who repented and later wrote the hymn “Amazing Grace.” God said He would visit the iniquities of the fathers up to the fourth generation. That is the spiritual law which we are dealing with today. **Exodus 20:1-5**

As a nation and as Christians, we need to seek God, repent of our sins, and ask Him to restore our land. **2 Chronicles 7:13-15**