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UPSIDE-DOWN WORLD

By Rev. Dr. BJ Phillips

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The world seems to be turning upside down, good is considered bad and bad is considered good. You may be feeling the same frustration that most of Americans are. I think that this is another sign that we are living in the "End Times." *Isaiah* 5:20-23 says: "Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight. Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine and champions at mixing drinks, who acquit the guilty for a bribe, but deny justice to the innocent."

Just watch the nightly news and see if you don't recognize this happening in our country today. Look at the politicians who are running for the office of President. The dignity of the office of the President is losing the prestige that it once had; the dignity of the office is gone.

God has been legally removed from much of our current society. The Ten Commandments used to be displayed prominently in Court Rooms, School Rooms, and Churches. Now the cultural philosophies of a small percentage of Atheists, Agnostics, and New Agers are taking the place of God. People are

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UNDERSTANDING FEAR

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Fear is the root cause of anxiety. There are many different kinds of anxiety/fear. We can be afraid of people, places, and specific things.

Being afraid of People is called: **Sociophobia**. This fear generally causes a person anxiety whenever they are in social settings with other people. The fear may be due to a fear of embarrassing oneself, or someone else embarrassing you. You may fear that the other person will harm you in some way.

Being afraid of certain places is called: *Topophobia*. This refers to various topographic areas. There are several different types of place phobias. Basically it is a fear of being in a specific place with or without people present with you

Being afraid of specific things is called by a variety of different names based on the

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POLITICAL CORRECTNESS RUN AMUCK

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Political Correctness, Half-Truths, & Blatant Lies! This is the world we live in today. It makes it very hard for us to trust anyone. I think that part of the problem is that we have been using these ways to communicate with each other for so long now, it seems to be normal. Since God, Jesus, Morals, Ethics, and Honesty have been removed from our vocabulary and way of life we think in terms of relativity now.

When we make truth relative to our point of view we lose sight of what is good, true, honest, morale and ethical. Everybody does their own thing, and in their eyes, they are right—no matter who it hurts. People are always arguing because they all believe they are right and the other person is wrong. Try to prove your point to anyone and they will naturally disagree with you, because they believe that they are right. Are you beginning to see the dilemma? This is what causes the division between people.

This is the problem in our world today—There are no absolutes—Absolute Truth, Absolute Honesty or, Absolute Morality,

This is why we need to know and live our life by the Word of God. In *John 14:6* "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." If we do not live our lives with integrity then we are liars and the truth is not in us. John tells us in 1 John 1:5-8 "This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Political Correctness seems to be destroying the very foundation that our country was built upon.

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"We no longer speak the truth....out of fear of being labeled a "Hater", "Bigot", or "Whatever Phobic."



Are we losing Truth, Honesty, Morals and ethics, in the name of Political Correctness?

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leaving churches by the thousands every year. *1Timothy 4:1* says: "But the Spirit explicitly says that *in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons."*

We are living in treacherous times. The Middle East is a hotbed of evil, people are being killed just because they are Christians. Women and young girls are being sold into slavery of various kinds. Families are being torn apart people are having their heads chopped off and are being burned alive. Husbands, fathers, and sons are being murdered right in front of their wives and daughters. Yes, this world we live in seems to be turning upside down. 2 Timothy 3:1-5 warns us: "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people." We need to be aware, and prepared because the times are getting worse.



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OUR WEDDING SERVICES

We offer several options for each couple:

Chapel or Garden Weddings:

Small Weddings: Bride & Groom only \$200.00 Family Weddings: up to 30 guests \$250.00 Romantic Memories: 31 - 100 guests \$500.00



Each ceremony includes the couple's First Communion as Husband & Wife.

We charge an additional fee for garden weddings due to the extra set up time required for garden services.

Our ministers will perform your Wedding at your location for a fee of \$250.00. These services also include your 1st Communion as a married couple.

GRACE CHAPEL'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP:
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:
THURSDAY WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP:
1ST THURSDAY HEALING SERVICE:
WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING:
SATURDAY SEMINARS:

10:30 AM
6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM
6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM
6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM
7:30 PM TO 8:30 PM
PERIODIC SCHEDULING
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specific thing that one is afraid of.

For example: Arachnephobia is a fear of spiders

Acrophobia is a fear of heights

Many people have a fear of the number 666 which is called: *Hexakosioihexekontahexaphobia*; that's a real tongue twister.

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Maybe the following acronym will help you to remember that the definition of **Fear is**:

F alse
E xpectations
A ppearing
R eal



"I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. Luke 12:4-5

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Unless something changes soon we will be a country bound for destruction due to Political Correctness. We have become so afraid that we might offend someone until we no longer speak the truth about the situation that we find ourselves in. We are afraid of being labeled a "Hater", "Bigot", or "Whatever Phobic." The Bible tells us what to do in **2 Chronicles 7:13-14** "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." We need to humble ourselves before the LORD and pray for His protection over our land and our people so that we might rebuild the foundation upon which this country began.

CLASSES & SEMINARS

DOES GOD HEAR MY PRAYERS?

Are you exhausted, frustrated and feeling overwhelmed? Do you rush to do everything but feel like you never accomplish anything?

Do you ever wonder what God's plans are for your life? Do you ever ask yourself if God even hears your prayers?

Maybe it's your relationship with God that you need to work on.

"Discover God's Purpose For You"

In these experiential seminars you will learn:

- 1. How to rest in the Sabbath that God designed for you.
- 2. How to be still and listen for God's answers to your prayers.

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- 3. How to receive God's answers to your prayers.
- 4. How to receive the Love of God so that you'll have His love to give to others in your life.
- 5. How to receive the abundant life that God desires to give to you.

Seminars will begin in November 7, 2015. All seminars will be held on the following Saturday' in November: 7; 14; 21; & December 5. Each seminar will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 4:00 PM; the cost for each seminar is: \$15.00 per participant that preregisters by 10-30-15

\$20.00 per participant at the door on the day of the Seminar; The cost for the seminar covers:

- All materials & Continental Breakfast
- Lunch is on your own from 12:00 to 1:00 PM

These seminars build on each other so it is to your benefit to take them all. However, you are not obligated to come to more sessions than you wish to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

We take Cash, Checks (Made out to: Grace Chapel), and all major Credit Cards. You can register by:

- email: bjccm@sc.rr.com
- Phone: 803.941.7104—Leave your name, phone number & email address on voicemail
 - We will get back to you ASAP

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Check the calendar on our websites for dates & times of things happening at Chapin Christian Counseling & Grace Chapel