

CHRISTIAN WATCH

A Protestant Biblical Witness

And what I say unto you I say unto all, watch.

St. Mark 13:37



For the good of our Nation

To uphold God's Holy Word

For the honour of our Lord God

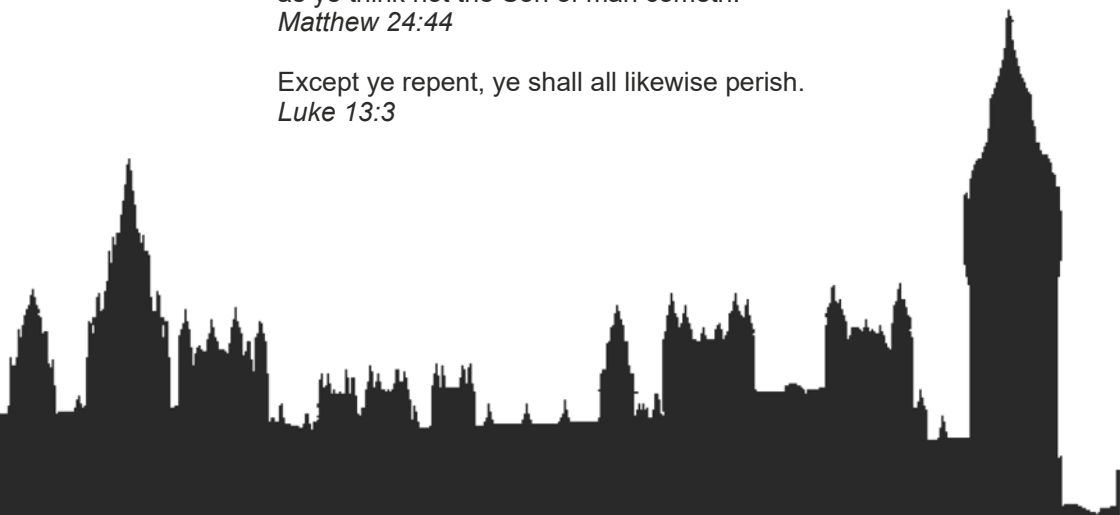
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Showing the state of our nation in the light of God's Holy Word

Repent: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.
Matthew 4:17

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour
as ye think not the Son of man cometh.
Matthew 24:44

Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.
Luke 13:3



INTRODUCTION

Christian Watch was formed in 2001 by a small group of Protestant Christians who were concerned for the future of our nation. The rapid in-roads being made by satanic forces, to undermine our Biblically-based Constitution, were of particular concern. It was also observed with dismay that the majority of professing Protestants were either content to remain silent or were unaware of what was taking place. In consequence, it was decided to concentrate on informing those who were willing to listen and to warn them of the inevitable consequences and judgments of God upon our nation, unless the trend was reversed.

Since that time, the spiritual state of our nation has declined rapidly and false religion and atheism have become increasingly dominant. Our Government regularly passes laws which are contrary to the Word of God and the Commandments given by God for the benefit of mankind. In addition, the leaders of our National Church no longer contend for a Biblical position on many fundamental issues. How imperative it is, therefore, for all who profess to be followers of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to be both watchful, prayerful and active in accordance with the command given *“that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints”* (Jude 3). We should, therefore, oppose all unscriptural developments with the energy and ability the Lord gives us, that in this dark and wicked world, we may be brighter lights to His honour and glory.

We have a membership scheme and those subscribing to it receive information to keep them aware of important national developments and events.

Ian R. Henderson
Chairman

Christian Watch began as a Movement confined to the British Isles but has now, with the Lord's help, gained members and colleagues in other nations.

The people of God always have a duty to stand up for righteous issues in godless nations. Our first duty is to our God. Where a Government, a people or a law is against the **Word of God**, we have a duty to make this fact known. Did not John the Baptist get into trouble for pointing out the evil of Herod taking his brother's wife? All the prophets spoke out in their day and many were persecuted for it.

We do not seek to exalt our name or our organisation but we trust the **Lord** to guide us and prosper what we endeavour to do for the spiritual good of our nation and to help and support those in other countries who share our concerns for the honour and glory of our God, whom we desire to serve.

We are thankful for so many members who are actively supporting our work in a variety of ways. It is a privilege to be able to assist, even in some small way, in the Lord's service and those who, for various reasons, are not able to provide tangible support, we trust will support us with their prayers. We rely upon the Lord alone and are thankful for all whom He constrains to join us in this work. Daniel was a lone voice on the night of Belshazzar's feast - but he was true to the Lord and despite his position did not attend this feast. Elijah was the lone prophet of God against the 450 prophets of Baal. Jeremiah was a lone voice and was persecuted for his stand for the Lord. Gideon continued trusting in the Lord as his army was reduced from many thousands to a mere three hundred. Did the Lord God fail any of them? No - and He never will fail those who put their trust in Him.

Our final example is our Lord Jesus Christ who was hounded and harried by the Pharisees who constantly tried to trick him and accused him of various things. Eventually, by inciting the rabble, they called for His crucifixion. They thought they had won, but proved that God is supreme. The testimony of our Lord's resurrection, together with the witness of so many Christian martyrs in the last two thousand years, confirms this fact.

'Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone' is the cry!

Christian Watch endeavours to be active in defending the reformed Protestant faith and in keeping its members informed of unscriptural developments in the nation. It also provides some spiritual material for the benefit and encouragement of members who experience a famine of the ministry of the **Word of God** in their areas.

Praise the LORD, the Lord God of Sabaoth!

OUR AIMS

- ★ To uphold the Protestant Reformed Faith upon which our National Constitution was established.
- ★ To promote a general awareness of our nations' departure from the laws of God, as given in the Holy Scriptures.
- ★ To increase the awareness of our solemn national situation, in the hope of encouraging others to support and assist in the work.
- ★ To convey the Biblical message as it currently applies to our nation and to the unrighteous laws passed by Governments in recent times.
- ★ To inform Protestants of the possible loss of their religious liberties resulting from current and proposed developments and legislation within the UK.
- ★ To encourage all who the Lord has awakened to the serious state of our nation - spiritually, morally and ethically - to warn others of the inevitable judgement of God unless true repentance is given, so that many will turn from their wicked ways to serve the Lord.

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20: 1-17

And God spake all these words, saying, I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

- 1 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 2 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of *any thing* that *is* in Heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my Commandments.
- 3 Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.
- 4 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates: for *in* six days the LORD made Heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- 5 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- 6 Thou shalt not kill.
- 7 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 8 Thou shalt not steal.
- 9 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- 10 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.

THE HOLY BIBLE

THY WORD IS TRUTH UNCHANGED AND UNCHANGING

FULL of hope for the lost!

Psalms 146 : 5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Psalms 78:6-7 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His Commandments.

FULL of life for the dead!

John 10 : 10 I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10 : 28 I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish.

FULL of joy for the redeemed!

1 Peter 1:18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold ... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Luke 15 : 10 There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

FULL of peace for the troubled!

John 14 : 27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Luke 7 : 50 Jesus said to the woman, thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

FULL of love for sinners!

Romans 5 : 8

God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 3 : 1

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.

FULL of comfort for the mourners!

Isaiah 61 : 3

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

John 14 : 16

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever.

FULL of liberty for the captives!

Isaiah 61 : 1

He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.

John 8 : 36

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

The FULLNESS of the Bible is the Lord Jesus Christ

Precious Bible! what a treasure,
Does the Word of God afford!
All I want for life or pleasure,
Food and medicine, shield and sword,
Is revealéd
In Jehovah's sacred Word.

J Newton

ARE YOU A WATCHMAN - ENGAGED IN THE BATTLE?

The Word of God states - in Jude v 3 - to “earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” - or, in other words, to engage in the battle.

It is a plain fact that the Protestant Reformed faith is under threat today as never before - it is under threat from various sources - including atheism, Islam, Ecumenism and Romanism.

So why is the Church not active today?

It is because God’s people are not engaged in the battle.

Some people ask - why do organisations like Christian Watch exist?

The answer is simple.

The Church is not taking the Gospel message to the people.

The Church is not opposing the evil in their communities.

The Church has too many Ministers who take a neutral stance on virtually every issue so they don’t jeopardise their cosy lifestyles and, in fact, has too many Ministers who do not even believe in the Word of God.

That’s why Christian Watch exists.

So, I ask a simple question. **Does your heart burn to do something in the Lord’s service?** - or do you want to just leave it to others.

Do you desire to stand unashamedly for the Lord’s cause and for the cause of the Gospel, but no leadership is given?

If you want to do something in the Lord’s service, then that is what Christian Watch is all about.

Let me briefly summarise some of the battlelines in which we, as Protestants, ought to be engaged.

1. We ought to be contending for the Protestant Reformed Christian faith and be a bulwark against further declension from the old paths.
2. We ought to adhere to the boundaries as laid down by the Word of God alone and defined by the great Confessions of Faith.

3. We ought to seek adherence to the Authorised Version of the Scriptures - the AV 1611 King James Bible - as being the most accurate translation of the Scriptures into the English language.
4. We ought to expose the failings of modern Bible translations and their link with the spiritual declension in so many Churches today.
5. We ought to be in regular contact with Government Ministers at Westminster when Christian freedoms are threatened and Biblical standards of morality are challenged by the introduction of ungodly legislation. Abortion - or the murder of children - has been on the Statute Books for far too long; now we have all sorts of problems with gender and, of course, so-called same-sex marriage and civil partnerships. Why do these problems exist? They exist because men and women today do not know their Bible.
6. We ought to lobby against 'wolves in sheep's clothing' - such as Ministers of local Churches who openly support godless lifestyles as being acceptable.

WE NEED TO BE WATCHMEN - WATCHMEN ENGAGED IN THE BATTLE.

So, what is a watchman?

What is the responsibility of a watchman?

The job of a watchman in the Church is to sound the alarm at the erosion of our Christian liberties whenever and where-ever they occur.

WE MUST NOT LEAVE IT TO OTHERS.

That is what Christian Watch is endeavouring to do.

What has happened to our Protestant voice today?

Christian Watch is endeavouring to stand in the gap.

So, the question is - **Who is on the Lord's side?** Are you willing to enlist in the battle?

We are contending for something valuable.

We are contending for something in jeopardy - nothing less than the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ in our land and the maintenance of our Protestant heritage.

Earnestly contend for the faith - contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints.

Engage in the battle - don't leave it to others - be proud to be a Protestant - and God will give us the victory.

May God enable us by His grace to be soldiers for Jesus Christ - and to enlist in God's army.

WHAT IS YOUR HOPE?

by **BISHOP J. C. RYLE**

Reader, what is your hope about your soul? Have you any, or have you none? Can you tell me in what way you expect to be accounted righteous before God?

Depend upon it, these are very serious questions. You and I are dying men. After death comes the judgment. What is our hope of acquittal in that awful day? What are we going to plead on our behalf before God?

Shall we say that we have done our duty to God? Shall we say that we have done our duty to our neighbour? Shall we bring forward our prayers, our regularity, our morality, our amendments, our church-going? Shall we ask to be accepted by God because of any of these things?

Which of these things will stand in God's eye? Which of them will actually justify you and me? Which of them will carry us clear through judgment and land us safe in glory?

None, none, none. Take any Commandment of the ten and let us examine ourselves by it. We have broken it repeatedly. We cannot answer God one of a thousand. Take any of us, and look narrowly into our ways, and we are nothing but sinners. There is but one verdict. We are all guilty, all deserve Hell, all ought to die. Wherewith can we come before God?

We must come in the name of Jesus, standing on no other ground, pleading no other plea than this, "Christ died on the cross for the ungodly, and I trust in Him."

Oh, believe me, Christ must be all the hope of every one who would be justified and saved. You must be content to go to Heaven as a beggar - saved by free Grace, simply as a believer in Jesus - **OR YOU WILL NEVER BE SAVED AT ALL.**

GOOD TIDINGS FROM HEAVEN

What about your Soul?

Mark 8 : 36-37 “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his **own soul**? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”

Ezekiel 18 : 20 “**The soul** that sinneth, it shall die.”

Have you ever stopped to wonder
What this life is all about?
Why you're here and where you're going
When your lease of time runs out?
Maybe you've been far too busy,
Trying hard to reach your goal;
Would you let me ask you kindly.
Have you thought about **your Soul**?

You may reach the highest portals,
And your dreams may all come true.
Wealth and fame may be your portion,
And success may shine on you.
All your friends may sing your praises,
Not a care on you may roll:
What about the great tomorrow-
Have you thought about **your Soul**?

Don't forget your days are numbered,
Though you may be riding high;
But, like all of us poor mortals,
Someday you'll just up and die.
Your success and fame and glory
Won't be worth the bell they toll;
Let me ask you just one question,
Have you thought about **your Soul**?

If you've never thought it over,
Spend a little time today;
There is nothing more important
That will come your way
Than the joys of sin forgiven,
And to know you've been made whole,
In the Name of Christ, the Saviour,
Have you thought about **your Soul**?

Leviticus 17 : 11 “It is the blood that maketh an atonement for **the Soul**”

Isaiah 55 : 3 “Incline your ear, and come unto ME: hear, and **your Soul** shall live”

GOD REVEALED IN HIS NAMES

JEHOVAH JIREH! He'll provide:
No harm shall reach thee near His side,
'Your Father knoweth all your need,'
Before you at His footstool plead:
Nor can a mother's pity be
More tender than is His to thee. (*Genesis 22:14*)

JEHOVAH SHALOM! He is peace;
His voice shall bid the tempest cease;
And on thy soul a calm shall be
As deep as once o'er Galilee. (*Judges 6:24*)

JEHOVAH SHAMMAH! God is there,
Where'er we cast on Him our care;
Nor need we climb the mountain's brow
To worship and before Him bow;
If thy heart seek Him, He is nigh,
To wipe the tear and hush the sigh. (*Ezekiel 48:35*)

JEHOVAH ROPHI! He will heal,
And all thy heart's deep yearnings feel:
His Word reveals Him thus to be,
The LORD; "the LORD that healeth thee!" (*Exodus 15:26*)

JEHOVAH TSIDKENU! He'll bless,
And feel for thee in thy distress;
He is "THE LORD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS!"
(Jeremiah 23 : 6; 33 : 16)

JEHOVAH NISSI'S name shall be
Our banner borne to victory;
The gathering nations round it sing.
And own Him Lord - of kings the King;
'All flesh shall His salvation see'
And low before Him bend the knee! (*Exodus 17:15*)

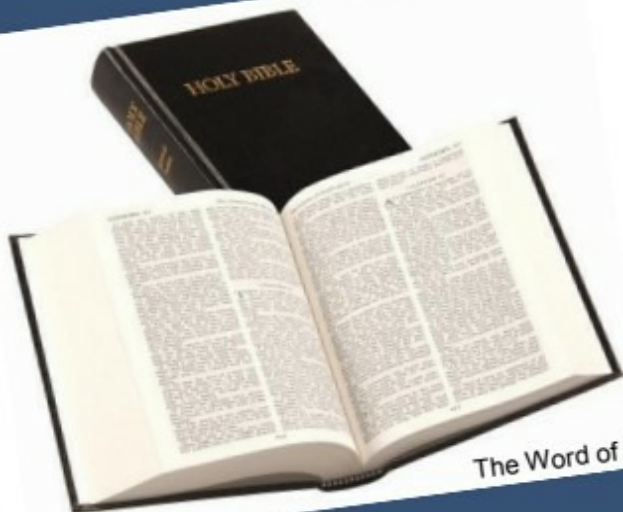
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