

Tonight, we are clarifying 2 areas of where the Bible stands.

One is on what we believe about Bible prophecy.

The second is on our gender in the sight of God. These clarifications make no change whatsoever to what we have ALWAYS believed. In these last days BIBLE DOCTRINE is CRITICAL to the mission of the church and each individuals life.

Dr Albert Mohler Tuesday August 4 Briefing said

The Pattern Is Clear: Surrendering Biblical Inerrancy Is Just the Start

On June, the 18th, Baptist News Global ran an article with a headline, "Pastor Reveals Her True Identity In Live-Streamed Sunday Sermon." The article by Mark Wingfield again begins, "When June Joplin preached a sermon on June 14 about the pearl of great price, she became the modern day illustration of Jesus' parable on finding buried treasure. "She," and here I'm reading from the news report, "decided to tell her Canadian Baptist congregation the truth about herself. She is a woman."

Wingfield's article goes on, "Before that moment, members of Lorne Park Baptist church in suburban Toronto knew their pastor of six years as a male, only a handful of people knew what was coming the end of her live-streamed sermon from Matthew 13." The pastor said, "Friends, with the divine joy of one finally getting her hands on a most precious pearl, I want you to hear me when I tell you I'm not just supposed to be a pastor, I'm supposed to be a woman."

The pastor continued, "Hi friends, hi family. My name is Junia, you can call me June, I'm a transgender woman and my pronouns are she and her." Now, this made news not only in religious circles, but also, of course, in the Canadian media. The pastor said that there was no clear expectation about what would happen after this announcement that in the context of COVID-19 came in an internet service rather than in person. But, "Whatever the outcome, she knows her witness is necessary because of the dire statistics about suicide and self-harm among transgender children and youth."

It's also significant to note that the website Vox gave considerable coverage to this pastor in the announcement. Emily VanDerWerff wrote the article with the headline, "A Trans Christian Minister Came Out In A Sermon Now She's Bracing For What Comes Next." The printout of the article is 17 pages. We are told that this pastor realized at age 11 two things, and that had to do with transgender identity and a pastoral calling. It's all written as if this makes perfect sense.

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Society's new defining of gender demands our clear stand

Section 2. Articles of Faith:

1. The Scriptures

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation. This Church receives the Holy Bible, King James Authorized Version, as its authority in all matters of faith, practice, and that Bible will be used in all public speaking, teaching, and worship services.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isaiah 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 17:17; Acts 17:11; Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

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A. They will bring in ungodliness **vs 2-4**

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B. Satan will infiltrate the Church **vs 5-7**

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II. The Purpose of Doctrine

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A. Instructs me on how to Live - **manner of life**

B. Gives me Purpose for Life – **purpose**

C. Gives me Strength – **longsuffering**

D. Gives me love for others – **charity**

E. Gives me HOPE - **patience**

III. The Permanence of Doctrine

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

A. SCRIPTURE IS FROM GOD NOT MAN 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God

2 Peter 1:19-21 (KJV) 19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

A. All Scripture endureth forever

1 Peter 1:23-25 (KJV) 23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: 25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.