

Westboro Baptist Church Revealed

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Why I Witnessed To Westboro ‘Baptist’

As I walked across the sky walk over the street to the Convention Center in Indianapolis for the Southern Baptist Convention on Tuesday morning, I could not help but notice the bright yellow and green signs on the street corner being held high above the heads of the Westboro ‘Baptist’ picketers. Immediately I felt a nudge of the Holy Spirit telling me to go out and witness to these people. The Westboro group has been in the news in recent days as they picket the funeral processions of dead soldiers.



After breakfast, we went into the Convention for the morning session. After the session, I walked with a fellow pastor out the doors of the Convention Center to get lunch. As I saw the group standing on the opposite corner of the street with their signs informing us that we are all going to Hell, I felt that familiar nudge once again. This time, I submitted to the nudge and headed across the street. Immediately after crossing the busy intersection, I started speaking to this radical group of people. I did not have a formal plan, but I knew that I was being led across the street to these people by the Spirit of God.

As I spoke to the gentleman who was standing on the American Flag while holding two different signs high above his head, I noticed that he had a little boy (most likely his son) who was also standing there beneath this man. The young boy was also holding a sign with a very judgmental message. So, there I was in front of the infamous radical Westboro hate group. The first thing I said was, “I serve a Savior who forgives.” He responded by saying that I serve a false god and that I (along with all of the SBC) am a liar. When I asked him why he accused me of being a liar, he informed me that “You preach a message of love when God really does not love everyone - he hates most people.”

As I stood beside the busy intersection adjacent to the Convention Center, I asked him, “How many people have you seen saved through your preaching?” He responded, “We have seen several people come and join our church.” I said, “Joining your church is different than salvation. Have you seen anyone repent of their sins and turn to God through Jesus Christ as a result of your hate messages?” He responded, “The Bible says that it will be like the days of Noah in the last days, and how many were saved through Noah’s preaching?” I responded, “So, you think that only you and your small group from Westboro will be saved?” I continued, “You don’t believe that God saves people during the last days? What you should consider is that Christ has sent us out to preach the true gospel that saves rather than a hate message. We are not to make ourselves judges over people, but we are to preach the gospel. The true gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. If we will do that, people will be saved. Paul also informed us that it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached



to save them that believe. Therefore, God did not intend for us to be judges over others, He called us to take His gospel message to the world.”

The man simply disagreed and said, “Jude tells us to snatch ‘some’ from the fire.” He obviously misunderstood the passage in Jude to say that we are to snatch some out of the fire but leave others in the fire to perish. After talking to him about the true gospel for a period of 15 minutes, I ended by saying, “Sir, I just want you to know that I will be praying for you and this little boy. I am going to pray that God will spare this boy from your

false message and teaching, but I will also pray that God will open your eyes to the truth.” With a smile on his face, he said, “Your prayers do not reach God. He does not hear you. You pray to a false god.” I responded, “I pray to the one true and living God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. When I get to my hotel room, I will pray for and ask God to change your heart and open your eyes to the truth of the true Gospel.”

As I walked away, a gentleman who was watching from the crowd followed me up the street. He looked at me and said, “Sir, I want to thank you for doing that. Most people are not willing to speak the truth to these people, but maybe God will use your message to speak to their heart.” He continued, “Sir, do you have children?” I know he must have thought I was being rude, but I was a bit emotional for a moment and I could not respond. So, I shook my head and continued to walk. I was overcome with emotion because of the harshness of their message and the small boy who is caught up in the midst of it all. After a couple of deep breaths, I responded, “Yes sir, I have two children. I have a little girl who is three and a little boy who is two and a half months.” After just a moment, we shook hands and parted ways. We both agreed to pray for Westboro that night.

Why did I witness to Westboro? Was it to stir up a crowd in order to be seen of men? Was it to cause trouble? Was it to debate and argue with confused people? Was it to be interviewed by the newspaper? No! The following reasons sum up why I witnessed to Westboro:

1. I felt the unmistakable nudge of the Spirit of God telling to witness to these people.
2. I believe that God can save these people just as he saved me several years ago.
3. I saw the little boy holding the sign next to the street corner, so I felt a bit of urgency to tell him the truth.
4. These people are part of the world that we are called to evangelize (Matthew 28:18-20), and it would have been ultra hypocritical to sit in a Convention Center and talk about the Great Commission without fulfilling it less than 400 yards away.

5. We as Christians are to spread the “Good News” which is the Gospel - not a message of hate void of any Gospel. Since these people were not doing that, I felt responsible to share the truth on the street corner.

May God bless His Word! Although none of these people stopped and repented of their sin, they did hear the true Gospel. The gospel saves! I pray that Westboro ‘Baptist’ will repent and turn to Christ Jesus for salvation. May God turn them into a group who preaches the true Gospel rather than a message of hate and confusion.

OFFICIAL: Westboro Baptist Church Interview

After witnessing to Westboro Baptist Church in Indianapolis, I was left with a severely confused view of their position on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Great Commission. Therefore, I contacted the Westboro Baptist group and requested an official interview regarding these issues. They agreed to the terms, and as of late last night, I have received their response.

The full interview consists of 29 questions regarding practical and theological issues. Due to the length of the interview, it will be broken up into two days. The first half of the interview will be posted today, and the second half will be posted tomorrow. The remainder of the week will be dedicated to my response to their answers and positions.

WARNING: The response from Westboro does contain some cursing. The unedited version is a bit sloppy and does contain many passages of Scripture which were simply copied from a web version of the Bible. Therefore, in attempt to shorten the interview, I have cited the reference in most cases where the full chapter or large portion of Scripture was used. I will also provide a .pdf of the uncut version for your download at the conclusion of the interview.

1. When was Westboro Baptist Church constituted?

RESPONSE: November, 27, 1955

2. Who is the pastor of the church?

RESPONSE: Pastor Fred Phelps

3. Does Westboro Baptist Church belong to any association of church groups?

RESPONSE: No – like our spiritual forefathers at the beginning of the Church Age, we appear as those churches found in the scriptures. Local; visible; self-governing; Bible believing; obedient; having the ordinances of baptism by emersion of professing and orderly-walking persons and the Lord’s Supper, using one loaf and one cup from which all partake, exercising church discipline over her members; having all things being done decently and in order; with NO women preachers or women being anything when the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ meets except uncut hair, head-covered, participating in the song service and otherwise, remaining silent during the service, etc. NO tentacles reaching round the nation or the world, as that is NOT borne

out in scripture as a part of it. Please see Proverbs 31; Psalm 48 and for some good words about her people that HE, who holds the keys to the doors of utterance has opened unto us, great doors and effectual, so that today, our faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. By the loving kindness and mercy of our God, who has given us HUGE doors of utterance, great and effectual, we are permitted today to bind this nation and this generation with chains and fetters of iron, so that Doomed America now SPRINTS to her destruction. Because your oil and wine has not been touched, so that you have your soft, fluffy, gluttonous manner of life in tact, you don't even see that the siege is upon you! Like those that Noah preached to, who knew not till the waters came and took them all away. Here are some words about these faithful servants:

Isaiah 52:7-12

Read that some more – that is excellent! You see, we don't need that monster overseer (think the Vatican – that great pedophile monster sitting, like the whore of Revelation 18 with her big fat a__ sitting all over the whole world, think the Southern Baptist monster overseer with all its mess, sitting in Nashville, etc.). No, we have the Lord our God, and he goes out before us and he keeps us in all our ways! Further, He, who begun this good work in us at HIS good will and by HIS good pleasure will see it through to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power and glory, in a flame of fire, with the shout and the voice of the arch angel and with the trump of God, and he will collect up his jewels, both dead and alive (the dead rise first) and he will deal with this nation and generation of rebels against him (and you have NO cause, you have Bibles EVERYWHERE!) to your face. You truly must read and listen to the sermon from yesterday, June 22, 2008 about where the ungodly and sinners will appear.

4. Where is Westboro Baptist Church located?

RESPONSE: 3701 SW 12th Street, Topeka, Kansas.

5. How many members does Westboro Baptist Church have in attendance for worship services?

RESPONSE: All of her members appear for our worship services when the church meets (except for those few occasions when a team or two or three will be on the road, delivering a faithful message from God to this generation – but we try today to avoid that clashing with our service times). We appear with our sons and our daughters to meet with the Lord our God and receive the blessings of excellent preaching from our pastor, whom our God has mercifully set as the overseer of this little Church of the Firstborn. Our pastor fits the profile and has the qualifications required in scripture, check out this job description:

1 Timothy 3:1-13

About that word bishop – here is Strong's on that:

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from 1909 and 4649 (in the sense of 1983); TDNT-2:608,244; n m

AV-bishop 6, overseer 1; 7

1) an overseer

1a) a man charged with the duty of seeing that things to be done by others are done rightly, any curator, guardian or superintendent

1b) the superintendent, elder, or overseer of a Christian church

Don't look now, but there truly ARE standards that we are expected to OBEY and FOLLOW! They are truly NOT on the table for disposal at the will of this brutish, rebellious, disobedient, idol-worshipping (think your goofy Christmas crap at the top of the idol heap), false-god pushing and FILTHY manner of life.

6. Did the court ruling in recent days hinder the Westboro Baptist Church mission in any way?

RESPONSE: No – you need to think of that entire bit of mischief as a HUGE megaphone. It was so many things, but NONE of those things can be called a hindrance. It was a bit of drama that necessarily had to play out so that the return of our blessed Savior, and the events that must occur prior to that time would get into place, and those events are now coming on apace. If you read Jonathan Edwards book, The History of Redemption you would find a place where he discusses that when the time came for Christ to be born into this world, that the events had to come on apace to fulfill the prophesies and to get things into place. That is what is happening now for the return of our Lord and Savior, or King. Had you bothered to read the words of scripture and heed them and live in them, you would know that it is by the persecutions that the Word of God drops like a shower all over this globe! These things are precious tokens of our Father's love toward us. It is the very patience of the saints. Read these words with distinction!

Revelation 14:6-12

And these words – read them with some discipline:

Revelation 13:4-10

Even for the masses of you that don't understand most of those words – you can at least see that it is in the midst of persecutions (that would be the making war with the saints – Rev. 13:7 and it includes all the actions you rebels against God engage in to try and shut us up because we won't go along with your false religious system and your lying about God and his character and his attributes as reported in the scriptures – we are faithful to the written word and you KNOW it!) that patience is necessary and is learned.

Some more goodness on that subject and remember – it is in the most severe afflictions that we learn and perfect patience, check out these words and see how the patience is connected with the afflictions:

2 Corinthians 6:4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

2 Thessalonians 1:4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

It is for our patiently enduring all your persecutions and lying on God and the daily vexing of our righteous souls (as ancient Sodom did to Just Lot) with your filthy deeds that God will avenge us for! Thus, we keep our hands OFF the getting back at or otherwise taking any of such matters into our own hands, as our God is the avenger of all such! Check out this precious language:

Hebrews 10:30-39

And those words take us directly into the chapter on the heroes of the faith (Hebrews 11) who patiently endured persecutions and afflictions, which directly precedes these excellent words of exhortation to those of us living in the earth, and especially those of us living in these very last days of all. Check it out now:

Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

James 5:1-11

1 Peter 5:6-11

2 Peter 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

Revelation 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

You see – what does Satan have in his power to do to us except energize his minions to persecute us and try to make our service to our God so onerous and painful and scary that we will simply shut up and go away – draw back as it says in Hebrews 10. But you see – we are NOT in his hands to save or to destroy – so we press on, counting him faithful that called us and gave us this great blessing. Think about it Josh – we get the blessing of light and the wisdom of God and we get to preach to the whole world in these last days of all.

Check out this precious promise to us for these last days of all – this is for us Josh and I dearly love it!!

Revelation 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia (think Topeka, Kansas, Doomed America J) write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; You will NEVER shut us up when our God opens the doors! YEA!

8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. That would be FAITHFUL to his written word!

9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews (remember Paul says that WE, spiritual Israel are the spiritual Jews – we are the seed of Abraham – you know he said it – I’m just sayin . . . J), and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Oh yes – read that precious promise again and again – it is life and health and marrow to our bones!!

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. What more could you want then that Josh? Oh and on that overcoming thing – if not in severe afflictions, what is there to overcome? If it were easy Josh, any jackass could do it!!

13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. And on the flip side of this – if you don’t have an ear – you will NEVER hear – you will be Isaiah 6 – blind eyes, stopped up ears and hard hearts – see our Savior repeating that bit of goodness here (Paul also snapped it up because it is a work of God to curse the rebels in that fashion – blind, deaf and hard-hearted!) Mt 13:13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And this: Mt 13:15 For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Ac 28:27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Revelation 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

7. Did you lose any members as a result?

RESPONSE: How funny are you! NO! At this hour, with the coming of our Lord drawing nigh – here is how we lose members: Matthew 3:9-12

8. Do you consider yourself to be a Christian?

RESPONSE: What an impudent question from a clueless source. You brutes have given that concept a bad name. Here it is Josh – we follow the teachings of Christ, almost to the exclusion

of the rest of this generation – therefore, we are entitled to be called Christian. My skin crawls listening to this generation blather on . . . “I loooooovvvveeeee Jeesus” even as she lives in adultery. This nation has a policy of adultery Josh – can you say Cheaters? And worse than that – you have a 60 percent divorce and remarriage rate – the self-righteous Southern Baptists are some of the very worst – so what pray tell do you do with this?!?: Luke 16:18 Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.

HELLO – is this mic on? If you are divorced and remarried, you are living in adultery! Now Josh – that is what we told the brutes in Maryland and for that, we got to be dragged across the country and put on trial! We were so thankful because you see Josh – we still had our heads! John the Baptist (for whom we get our Baptist name) lost his head for plainly saying DIVORCE + REMARRIAGE = ADULTERY! Oh yes – they want our heads, but our God stays their hands!

9. How did you become a Christian? Please explain the location and the brief context of what was going on during that moment of time (church, home, work, etc.).

RESPONSE: Shut up Josh – are you trying to gag me with a pitch fork? Do you think that I would tell you such information for you brutes to pour over and access? Here is what we have been sent to tell you Josh:

GOD HATES YOU! YOU ARE GOING TO HELL! GOD HATES FAGS! GOD HATES FAG ENABLERS! GOD HATES AMERICA! AMERICA IS DOOMED! THE SIEGE IS COMING (NEW sign – hot off the press – get the mental picture until you can see it before your eyes you lucky duck – you get the first vision of this sign – think COMING with a strike mark through it and on one side of the sign it says just below the stricken COMING it says HERE – get it Josh – the siege is here! Don’t look now, but he siege is here. Then, on the other side of the sign it says – just below the stricken COMING – it says ON YOU. The siege is on you Josh – you just don’t see it yet. Stay tuned!) YOUR PASTOR IS A LYING WHORE. YOUR PASTOR IS LYING! FAG PIMP POPE! PRIESTS RAPE CHILDREN. (apparently we need a new sign after some articles I have recently read – it will look like this SOUTHERN BAPTIST PREACHERS RAPE CHILDREN) And so much more! THANK GOD FOR DEAD CHILDREN! THANK GOD FOR DEAD SOLDIERS! You need to go to www.signmovies.net and find the sign movies section and watch the videos that explains each of these signs! Good stuff!

Here you lying false prophets are:

Matthew 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Matthew 15:8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

Matthew 15:18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good;

and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

10. What is your official definition of the Gospel?

RESPONSE: What – you don't have a dictionary in Nashville? Let me help you with this – from Dictionary.com:

gos·pel g_s p_l - Show Spelled Pronunciation[gos-puh l] Pronunciation Key - Show IPA
Pronunciation
–noun

1. *the teachings of Jesus and the apostles; the Christian revelation.*
2. *the story of Christ's life and teachings, esp. as contained in the first four books of the New Testament, namely Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.*
3. *(usually initial capital letter) any of these four books.*
4. *something regarded as true and implicitly believed: to take his report for gospel.*
5. *a doctrine regarded as of prime importance: political gospel.*
6. *glad tidings, esp. concerning salvation and the kingdom of God as announced to the world by Christ.*
7. *(often initial capital letter) Ecclesiastical. an extract from one of the four Gospels, forming part of the Eucharistic service in certain churches.*
8. **GOSPEL MUSIC.**
–adjective
9. *of, pertaining to, or proclaiming the gospel or its teachings: a gospel preacher.*
10. *in accordance with the gospel; evangelical.*
11. *of or pertaining to gospel music: a gospel singer.*

Now – for your squishy discussion – “THE GOSPEL IS THE GOOD NEWS” freak show, wherein you substitute lies about God loving everyone for obedience to his commandments and standards and get butts in the seats so you can have money in your coffers because you think the Word of God can be purchased – YIKES – let me help with that as well, to wit:

1. There is NO good news for you liars!
2. There is NO forgiveness without repentance!

3. The good news freaks is that not EVERYONE has to go to hell! As many as were called, believed! I can't make this stuff up Josh – check out the WORDS OF THE BIBLE!, to wit: Ac 13:48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. JOSH – you can't multiply words and change that standard of God – if he did not ordain you before the foundation of the world to eternal life, you will NEVER believe! In these last days of all, which Christ said will be as in the days of Noah (EIGHT – 8 – souls went into that ark) and Lot (THREE – 3 – souls left out of Sodom alive) – so shall it be when the Son of Man returns – and Luke 18 says – WILL HE EVEN FIND THE FAITH when he returns. So get over all that winning souls to Christ and lying to make the Word of God palatable for the rebels! If you can get them to pretend they are going to serve God – you have NOTHING before you work on them and you have NOTHING after you are done with them and worse – according to this passage – when you get them they are worse off than they were before because you are a crusty liar and rebel yourself. Pretending that Christ is some wimp and mealy mouthed, kissy-poo liar like you! Here is some excellent words by our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, that hell-fire and brimstone preacher that you love to lie about! READ HIS WORDS! Oh – and see if you can find the persecutions and patience in this excellent sermon! To quote my 6-year-old – I love here this!

Matthew 23:1-39



11. What do you believe is required for a person to enter Heaven when he or she dies?

RESPONSE: Not a bad question Josh – and you are not the first to ask – check out this answer by Paul and let us let it do for this discussion (and again, notice the persecutions on the ground and the delivering hand of our God! Our God delights in delivering his people and he will deliver us as well – stay tuned for that – it will be a thing that causes the

ears of them that hear it to tingle!!) Note in this excellent passage – those perverts did like Doomed America did – they violated their own laws when they dealt with Paul, and Silas – just like you brutes did when you put us on trial for our religion! Psssstttt – think First Amendment! YIKES. Further, check out the little church that was in the House of Lydia! Lovely! You see Josh – God has the exclusive prerogative of who will believe and where he will chose to deposit his word – who are those vessels that will be vessels of mercy that will bring forth good fruit and serve God in truth! That all belongs to God. You must have missed the lesson of Korah. You better get to the bottom of that Josh because the prophets talk about it again and again – even down to Jude – the second to the last book of the Bible – they were still talking about Sodom and Korah and Balaam and so much more of the OLD TESTAMENT EVENTS!! Stop trying to act like the Old Testament has nothing to do with us! Oh – and read the rest of Acts 16 – you will find at the beginning of all this – it is all about their money!

Acts 16:20-40

12. What is your understanding of Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:44-49; and Acts 1:8?

RESPONSE: Here is what I say to your arrogant butt about these words and the rest of the Bible! SHUT YOUR MOUTH and OBEY YOUR GOD! Stop looking for something that will advantage YOU and promote your ego and humble yourself under the mighty hand of God! You have NOT been sent Josh – but you run anyway! You will NEVER have the Holy Spirit anywhere near you because you won't obey! Check out some of these OBEY verses:

Exodus 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

Exodus 16:28 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?

Exodus 20:6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Leviticus 22:31 Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 26:3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

Deuteronomy 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Deuteronomy 4:40 Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.

Deuteronomy 5:10 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

Deuteronomy 5:29 O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

Deuteronomy 6:2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

Deuteronomy 6:17 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Deuteronomy 7:11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

Deuteronomy 8:2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

Deuteronomy 8:6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

Deuteronomy 10:13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

Deuteronomy 11:1 Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway.

Deuteronomy 11:8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;

Deuteronomy 11:22 For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him;

Deuteronomy 13:4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

Deuteronomy 13:18 When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 19:9 If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three:

Deuteronomy 26:17 Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice:

Deuteronomy 26:18 And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldst keep all his commandments;

Deuteronomy 27:1 And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day.

Deuteronomy 28:9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

Deuteronomy 28:45 Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:

Deuteronomy 30:10 If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

Deuteronomy 30:16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Joshua 22:5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

1Kings 2:3 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:

1Kings 3:14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

1Kings 6:12 Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father:

1Kings 8:58 That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

1Kings 8:61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

1Kings 9:6 But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:

1Kings 11:38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

2 Kings 17:13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

2 Kings 23:3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

1 Chronicles 28:8 Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.

1 Chronicles 29:19 And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision.

2 Chronicles 34:31 And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

Nehemiah 1:9 But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

Psalms 78:7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

Psalms 89:31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

Psalms 103:18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Psalms 119:60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

Psalms 119:115 Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

Proverbs 3:1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

Proverbs 4:4 He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

Proverbs 7:1 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.

Proverbs 7:2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

Daniel 9:4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

Matthew 19:17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

1 John 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

1 John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

1 John 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Re 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Get your rebel mind around all those passages AND their context and then talk about that for a while and put away all your fluffy stuff!

13. Is Westboro Baptist Church the only true Church of God?

RESPONSE: I don't know the answer to this question, as I don't know about all the world – but as our preachments reach the ears of the whole world, we hear from this generation – these matters are NOT being done in a corner, so as the days pass and the words continue to drop like dew all over the world, if there is another church at this hour, we will hear from them. If the Lord tarries till next year, ask me this again. Meanwhile, the French will be here this next weekend to take the words and publish them again in their country!

14. Have you ever witnessed one person repent and turn to God through Jesus Christ as a result of your street corner messages of hate?

RESPONSE: YIKES – Josh – did you just call the faithful preaching of the Word of God hate? YIKES! You do that sin against your own soul.

15. Do you believe the God of the Old Testament is the same God of the New Testament?

RESPONSE: Josh – you dumb a__! Did you really ask that question? Of course there is only ONE GOD! Shut up your goofy mouth Josh! Let me help you with just one little puddle of words to get your blind back-side back on track! You better read EVERY WORD of EVERY CHAPTER that contains the following verses. Check it out now:

Malachi 2:10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

Mark 12:32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

Romans 3:30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

1Corinthians 8:6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

Ephesians 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

James 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

16. Do you believe in divine acts of miracles by God?

RESPONSE: Yes Josh – God does miracles. That would be miracles 101 at Golden Candlestick University.

17. What is your understanding of Gospel missions?

RESPONSE: Stop majoring in the minors Josh – we have our ministry – we received it from our God – we jealously guard it! Our mission is to blind your eyes, stop up your ears and harden your dark, evil hearts! I love here ministry!

18. Who is responsible for sin in this world?

RESPONSE: Proverbs 16:4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

James 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

OBEY YOUR GOD JOSH, anything less than that is your sin – and you do that sin against your own soul. Further, after this sorry bit of words from you Josh, try not to talk. You are not acceptable to speak in public or out loud at all, unless it is in front of a mirror wherein you look at yourself and say over and over again – I will not speak out loud in public because I have caused so many to err from the truth. Repeat that over and over again, otherwise, don't talk at all!

19. Who is the cure for evil and sin in this world?

RESPONSE: I have to tell you Josh – a frontal lobotomy might be a cure for your evil and sin – either that or I'm afraid that it might take death and hell to cure you of all your foolish and unlearned questions.

20. Do you believe that a homosexual can be saved? If so, how?

RESPONSE: You need to read these words from these two passages and then answer this question for yourself!

Before you read, get this framework: God GAVE THEM UP to that filth! GOD is the ONLY SOURCE THAT CAN DRAW THEM TO CHRIST! Do you see a practical problem with this whole “I can win that perverts soul to Christ!” thing Josh?

Romans 1:18-32

John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

21. How does your message of hate move homosexuals toward repentance to a Holy and righteous God?

RESPONSE: Again with calling the Word of God hate! YIKES! Look dummy – it is NOT your job to worry about how the faithfully reported Word of God lands upon the ears of the hearer! God controls the hearts of men – so how they receive the Word is HIS prerogative! So get your stupid mitts off of that arena!

22. What is your goal in your messages of hatred at the funeral of dead soldiers?

RESPONSE: We publish the Gospel of Peace – it is life and health to this nation – it is marrow to your bones – if you will hear and heed this warning, your own never-dying soul will benefit – but if not – Destruction, Death and Hell await you! Period!

23. If you could sum up the mission of Westboro Baptist Church in one word, what would it be?

RESPONSE: Forget that one word nonsense. We faithfully preach the Word of God to this adulterous and sinful generation of rebels against their God with NO cause!

24. God has revealed Himself in two basic ways to His creation. The first is through general revelation. That is through the world that God created and the systems that are put into place by God. The second type of revelation is contained in a Book – The Bible. The completed Word reveals the love of God in Jesus Christ and His atoning death upon the cross for sinners. The question is — Is general revelation capable of bringing a person to salvation?

RESPONSE: First – your statement leaves out ONE IMPORTANT ELEMENT – REPENT!! There is NO forgiveness without repentance! The Love of God is reserved for the penitent! NOT the rebels that will live in sin and make it their vocation and lie on God, etc, etc! STOP LYING ON GOD JOSH!

Romans 1 answers your question about what the so-called general revelation does – check it out now:

Romans 1:19-20

Read that again and again till you wrap your rebel brain around it Josh – that revealed evidence of God – his creation and all things that you see before your rebel eyes makes you without excuse for denying the sovereignty of God and his POWER!

25. Since you had signs at the Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis calling SBC pastors liars, that would include me. Therefore, on what basis do you consider me a liar?

RESPONSE: I'm so glad you asked that question Josh. I have pointed out some of your lies above – how do you brutes lie – let me take a run at this and try not to wear myself slick – it is after all, the middle of the night.

1. You liars say that you have a free will.
2. You liars say that God loves everyone.
3. You liars say that you can win souls to Christ.
4. You liars say that you can accept Christ as your own personal Savior.
5. You liars deny the deity of God!

Need I go on? Other than this Mrs. Lincoln how was the play?

26. How does your message of hate move a man like myself to repent – if what you say is true?

RESPONSE: What you just did was confirm the words of the prophet Isaiah (I love Isaiah – our #5 child is Isaiah J) –

Isaiah 53:1-3

Here it is Josh – if God does not have mercy upon you – for he hath mercy upon WHOM HE WILL AND WHOM HE WILL, HE HARDENS! – you will NEVER believe and repent! That is NOT my problem and NOT my interest. Check out these words of David which I love:

Psalms 131:1-3

You see Josh – we don't own salvation – and some matters are not crystal clear to me – so I don't worry about those matters. Because the secret things belong to the Lord our God – but the revealed things belong to us and our children FOREVER, so that we can OBEY our God! OBEY OUR GOD Josh! Forget the things you don't fully understand! If you will OBEY the crystal clear things, and seek God from a pure heart in truth, he will open the eyes of your understanding and give you wisdom and knowledge and understanding! BUT JOSH – the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and understanding. If you have reduced God to Mr. Peanut the hapless, helpless lump that is weeping over your rebellion, instead of the consuming FIRE that is kicking your rebel a___, you are NOT seeking God from a pure heart – NO – you seek him from a raised fist and your flipper finger out!

Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

If God does not open your eyes, they will NEVER BE OPEN! Shut your mouth and read Romans 9.

At the end of the day, I don't give a rat's backside if you repent or not! THAT IS NOT MY BUSINESS!

27. Is there anyone or any group who is beyond the reach of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

RESPONSE: WHAT??! What did you say dummy?

28. What is your official position on the last days (eschatology)?

RESPONSE: I answered this above! If you would bother to read Matthew 24; Luke 17, 18 & 21 and Mark 13 – and you are not completely blind, you will see that we are in the very last days of all! It is simply lovely!

While you are reading some scary things for you, check out Psalm 149 – it is that part where our God has AGAIN promised his faithful servants that we will be permitted to bind your rebel butts with chains and fetters of iron. You see Josh, we slipped around this nation for 18 years, every single day, faithfully telling you what your God requires of you and you mocked and scoffed and we sewed and sewed this precious seed. NOW – you are bound – and it is with chains and fetters of iron. Pursuant to Psalm 78, God sent us forth, evil angles (not evil people, but delivering the message of evil that God intends toward you) so that today, our faithful God is pouring out his wrath, pursuant to our words of warning. You KNOW our faithful God would not send us forth all these long years to warn and NEVER confirm our words! Had you only bothered to read 2 Chronicles 36:11 to 16 or 17 or more, you would have found the blueprint for your destruction that is upon you at this hour! YIKES!

29. What is your official position on the Trinity?

RESPONSE: God in three persons, blessed trinity! One God – triune!

RESPONSE #1: Westboro's Gospel Error

After conducting the interview with Shirley Phelps-Roper and Westboro Baptist Church, I must admit that my confusion is still present in many ways. I expected a professional response to be given to the interview, so I was shocked when I saw the responses filled with vile hatred and cursing! This is a clear violation of James' words, "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be." In fact, nothing but hatred and cursing proceeds from their mouth - no blessings at all! Although I could provide many reasons why Westboro violates the Christian faith with their lifestyle, I have chosen two main issues for my response. The first will be posted today and the second will be posted tomorrow.

ISSUE #1 - Westboro's Gospel Error

Question #10 in the interview was a simple question regarding their understanding of the Gospel. Rather than defining it according to the biblical definition, it was copied and pasted from dictionary.com. That confirmed my assumptions about Westboro. The reason they act the way they do and the reason they are filled with such hatred is because their foundational problem is based on a skewed view of the Gospel. Shirley Phelps-Roper followed up the dictionary.com definition by saying that the Gospel is "Good News" and then she went on to say, "There is no good news for you liars!" It seems that Westboro clearly does not understand the Gospel.

From the Old Testament to the New Testament, we see that the Gospel is defined as God's good news to mankind. The creation of God fell into sin and we see this clearly stated in the book of

Genesis. However, after their fall, we see God's predetermined plan taking action in the sacrifices of the nation of Israel. The sacrifices were a foreshadowing of the perfect sacrifice to come - the perfect lamb - Jesus of Nazareth. That is why the angels announced his coming by saying, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people (Luke 2:10)." Therefore, when we see John the Baptist point to Jesus in John 1:29, he says, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." The mission of Christ was to take away the sin - not to pile up sin upon the heads of people for the purpose of hatred. This is further evidenced in John 3:17 - "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

Therefore, the purpose of the Gospel was a rescue mission which was predetermined by God before the foundation of the world. This rescue mission is evidenced in the words used to describe different aspects of salvation:

1. Redeem
2. Ransom
3. Save
4. Propitiation

The word "Gospel" in the New Testament is defined as follows: Gospel = euangelion = The content of good news. Therefore, when it comes to the whole of Scripture, we see God performing a great salvation through His Son Jesus Christ - for everyone who believes. So, it is very clear that the pure essence and foundational truth of the Gospel is - **good news!**

Paul later defined the Gospel as the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead - for our sin. That masterful definition is located in his letter to the Church at Corinth (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Paul, being part of the strictest sect of Jews, understood that Jesus of Nazareth was the ultimate fulfillment of the insufficient sacrifices of the Old Testament. **That is good news - not a message of hatred!**

Therefore, as we examine the greatness of God's love, mercy, and His Gospel message which is clearly revealed in the Holy Scriptures, we do not see a God who finds delight in hatred and wrath, but a God who finds delight in rescuing sinners from Hell, moving them to worship Him, and equipping them to serve Him now and for eternity. As we compare this clearly defined message in the Scriptures to the message of Westboro Baptist - we do not see any similarities at all.

Therefore, I believe that the Westboro group has a skewed and misunderstood view of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ - which is good news rather than hate. We must pray that God will give

them ears to hear and open their blinded eyes to the truth of the pure, unadulterated, and true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE #2: Westboro's Great Commission Error

As I stated in my first response to Shirley Phelps-Roper and the Westboro Baptist Church - I believe they have misunderstood the true Gospel on the basic foundational level that the Gospel is **good news** - not hate. That being true, their Gospel error has caused them to error greatly in regard to the Great Commission.

Jesus Christ commanded us, **“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matthew 28:18-20).”** Therefore, we must go out as ambassadors for Christ into a lost world in order to share the greatest news the world has ever heard - salvation is found in Jesus Christ!

Paul called the Gospel the **“power of God unto salvation”** in Romans 1:16. Paul went on to say in that same verse that it was to **“everyone who believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”** That is why Paul spent his saved life traveling across the world planting churches, pastoring churches, and evangelizing the lost. That is why Paul labored to take the message (good news) to Kings and peasants alike. Paul loved Jews (for he was a Jew) and Gentiles (for he was the missionary to the Gentile world). Paul loved people and he wanted to obey the **Great Commission** that he was given by Jesus Christ - his Savior.

Luke records the words of Jesus in Acts 1:8 as saying, **“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”** Therefore, it is abundantly clear that the purpose of the Great Commission is to be a witness of Jesus Christ to the entire world.

How To Faithfully Share The Gospel (good news):

1. In order to share the Gospel with people, it is important to share with people that they are sinners. If people do not know they are sinners, they will not know they need salvation. Some choose to use the Old Testament law (Ten Commandments) to open the eyes of people to the fact that they are sinners. Others use verses like Romans 3:23 which tells us that **“all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”**

2. To communicate to people the fact about sin is not enough! Westboro tells people they are sinners and on their way to Hell, but they leave them in that state of misery without hope. That is not the Great Commission. The Great Commission involves communicating the fact of sin (in order to reveal the true condition of the human heart), but we should never leave people in that horrible condition. We should quickly move toward the hope of salvation that is in Jesus Christ alone! **That is good news.**

In my interview with Westboro Baptist Church, I asked a simple question:

12. What is your understanding of Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:44-49; and Acts 1:8?

RESPONSE: Here is what I say to your arrogant butt about these words and the rest of the Bible! SHUT YOUR MOUTH and OBEY YOUR GOD! Stop looking for something that will advantage YOU and promote your ego and humble yourself under the mighty hand of God! You have NOT been sent Josh – but you run anyway! You will NEVER have the Holy Spirit anywhere near you because you won't obey! Check out some of these OBEY verses:

Exodus 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.
Exodus 16:28 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?
Exodus 20:6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Leviticus 22:31 Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 26:3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

Deuteronomy 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Deuteronomy 4:40 Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.

Deuteronomy 5:10 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

Deuteronomy 5:29 O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

Deuteronomy 6:2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

Deuteronomy 6:17 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Deuteronomy 7:11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

Deuteronomy 8:2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

Deuteronomy 8:6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

Deuteronomy 10:13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

Deuteronomy 11:1 Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway.

Deuteronomy 11:8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;

Deuteronomy 11:22 For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him;

Deuteronomy 13:4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

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Deuteronomy 19:9 If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three:

Deuteronomy 26:17 Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice:

Deuteronomy 26:18 And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldst keep all his commandments;

Deuteronomy 27:1 And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day.

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1 Chronicles 28:8 Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.

1 Chronicles 29:19 And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision.

2 Chronicles 34:31 And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

Nehemiah 1:9 But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

Psalms 78:7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

Psalms 89:31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

Psalms 103:18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Psalms 119:60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

Psalms 119:115 Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

Proverbs 3:1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

Proverbs 4:4 He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

Proverbs 7:1 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.

Proverbs 7:2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

Daniel 9:4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

Matthew 19:17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

1 John 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

1 John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

1 John 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Re 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Get your rebel mind around all those passages AND their context and then talk about that for a while and put away all your fluffy stuff.

It seems abundantly clear that Shirley Phelps-Roper was unwilling to answer the question. Later in the same interview, I asked another question related to the Great Commission:

14. Have you ever witnessed one person repent and turn to God through Jesus Christ as a result of your street corner messages of hate?

RESPONSE: YIKES – Josh – did you just call the faithful preaching of the Word of God hate? YIKES! You do that sin against your own soul.

It is clear that Shirley Phelps-Roper was unwilling to deal with the issue of the Great Commission. She dodged the question and bathed her answer with hatred toward me. So, I continued by asking another question:

17. What is your understanding of Gospel missions?

RESPONSE: Stop majoring in the minors Josh – we have our ministry – we received it from our God – we jealously guard it! Our mission is to blind your eyes, stop up your ears and harden your dark, evil hearts! I love here ministry!

The response from Shirley Phelps-Roper on this question confirmed my fears. The Westboro Baptist Church has a skewed view of the Gospel which leads to a very skewed view of missions. Their view of missions is to spread a vile form of hatred mixed with the Old Testament law regarding passages of judgment without moving toward the answer to that judgment which is **propitiation through Jesus Christ our Lord**. It seems like a strange mixture of hyper-hatred + hyper-Calvinism put into a blender and mixed together. It simply does not make sense. How can people find so much joy and fulfillment in telling people they are damned?

To believe in the sovereignty of God is one thing, but to hide the good news from people who are damned is another! I pray for Westboro Baptist Church. My desire is to see them saved and spared from their incorrect understanding of our God. Yes, God is a God of wrath, but He is also a God of love and mercy. We must be faithful to spread the truth about Him in both respects - God judges Sin, but He saves on the basis of Jesus Christ and His blood sacrifice.

Conclusion:

The Story of Jim Elliot and the Auca Indians of South America.

Jim Elliot, George, Nate, Ed, and Pete all sought to evangelize the Auca Indians with the message of Jesus Christ. These Indians were known as savages and were often feared greatly by missionaries. It was these five men who flew their plane over their tribe on a continual basis to throw supplies down in efforts of starting relationships with them in peace. These savages were so far from developed society, they did not understand many of the normal things of the missionaries such as planes, clothing, and photographs. After learning basic language parts of the tribe, the five men landed their plane on Palm Beach and sought contact. Initially, the people were friendly, but things took a very sharp turn. At 12:30pm, contact was made to the wives by radio. They agreed to have another contact at 4:30pm. When no contact came, it proved to be the worst news possible. The five brave missionaries had been brutally killed and the plane had been

badly damaged by the Indians. The men were found on the beach and floating in the water by rescue teams.

It seemed that the mission of these men and their efforts to evangelize this savage tribe would end in death until Elizabeth (Jim's wife) along with other wives and faithful women continued the work. Eventually Elizabeth and other women would live among the tribe working to learn the language and witness to the people. After several years of living among the tribe, Elizabeth returned to the States to live. Other women stayed there and within 33 years, the entire tribe had changed their name to the Waorani from Auca. The name "Auca" had a savage meaning. The new name described more of who they became after the change of the good news took root in their heart. The tribe had been evangelized and turned into a Christian group rather than a lost savage tribe in the jungle of Ecuador. The blood that was spilt on the beach on January 8th 1956 proved to be exactly as Tertullian had described years before – it was the seed of the Church in the jungle of Ecuador – which eventually produced fruit for the glory of God!

Thank God that Jim Elliot and his friends did not fly over the jungle with a streamer behind their plane that said, "The Auca Indians Are Going To Hell" in their native language! Thank God they were willing to go and even die in order to get these savages the good news that Jesus saves! May God be pleased to raise up more Jim Elliots - maybe even from among the ranks of Westboro Baptist - maybe even the son of Ben Phelps - the man I was able to share the gospel with on the street corner in Indianapolis!

For the glory of God!