

Why Biblical Christians Are the Ultimate Target of the Left, Even More than Trump

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HOST: David Wheaton:

Why biblical Christians are the ultimate target of the left, even more than Donald Trump. That is the topic we'll discuss today right here on The Christian Worldview Radio Program, where the mission is to sharpen the biblical worldview of Christians and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. I'm David Wheaton, the host. The Christian Worldview is a listener-supported radio ministry. Thank you for your notes of encouragement, financial support, and lifting us up in prayer. Our website is thechristianworldview.org.

Donald Trump has been nearly assassinated twice, legally prosecuted in politically motivated show trials, had his home raided by the FBI, called a danger to democracy, and generally vilified all day, every day by the left and the media. What is it about Donald Trump that the left hates so much that they equate him to Hitler, who actually murdered millions of people?

Could it be that those who seek his defeat, and yes, his death actually see him simply as the flag bearer for those behind him that they ultimately must defeat to enact their Marxist and globalist plans? Steve Deace, Blaze TV host, bestselling author, and executive producer of the Nefarious film, joins us today to discuss the election and how biblical Christians are the ultimate target of the left. Later in the program, we will also air a portion of the message at the recent Overcomer Foundation event. But first, let's hear from Blaze TV host, Steve Deace. Steve, thank you for coming on The Christian Worldview Radio Program today. Let's start out with getting some of your background, how you became a follower of Christ, and what your life is like now.

GUEST: Steve Deace:

Sure. I host a daily show on The Blaze, right after Glenn Beck, for two hours every day. Been married to Amy since 1997. We have three kids, our two oldest daughters are out of the house now, one of them is married, and they just had their first baby six months ago, Autumn. And then our son, Noah, is heading into his senior year. There's probably two things that set our show apart from others. Number one is the prime directive of our show is biblical worldview. That's the number one rubric plumb line of our program. We filter all the daily events we comment on, get filtered through that. And then the other is I have a lot more nuts and bolts experience within the political process than a lot of the people that do what I do for a living, with a lot of extensive work on and within campaigns.

HOST: David Wheaton:

I like your bio on Twitter, or X. It says, "Child of the King of Kings." Tell us more about how you came to saving faith.

GUEST: Steve Deace:

It really started after our oldest was born and we brought her home, and I just realized this kid is doomed with me as a dad, given my background of dysfunction that I was raised in. And went to my wife one day and I said, "Hey, we're good, but maybe we should consider joining a church. This might be the one thing Hillary Clinton is right about, it might take a village to raise this kid." And Amy said, "Well, I've been thinking the same thing. I just knew better than to say anything to you about it." And because of my political work, I knew who the left-wing churches were. I didn't know dink about theology, and I was like, "I don't want to go to any of those churches where I'm going to fight political battles at church. I do that everywhere else." And Amy took to it right away.

She had a bit of a church background growing up, and it was something that she connected with right away. We had been going for about a year, and I went to a Promise Keepers event in Kansas City on September 18th, 2003, and they had a speaker there named Joe White, who was very, very powerful. And at the end he took an altar call, and I'm like, "I think altar calls are really for only bad Pentecostal television. It's not for me." And the next thing I knew, I was down there on the floor face down on the concrete, I was kind of sobbing, and my life's not been the same ever since.

HOST: David Wheaton:

Steve Deace with us today here on The Christian Worldview, Blaze TV host, host of the *Steve Deace Show*. We have him linked at our website, thechristianworldview.org. There was another assassination attempt on Donald Trump this past Sunday. This is the second one now, gunman with a rifle, I think it was within 500 yards away in the bushes of a golf course he was playing in Florida. How is this happening again, and really what does it say, Steve, about the country and media that these incredible assassination attempts just get swept aside like, "Oh, we're in the next news cycle now, no big deal. Let's move on." How is this the case?

GUEST: Steve Deace:

This is the number one value of Donald Trump, because he does not fit the profile of the kind of person that the church would traditionally link arms with. And frankly, evangelical voters don't fit the profile of who he used to hang out with before he ran for public office. I mean, he became maybe the most famous man in the world, even before running for president, and it wasn't by hanging around people like us. And so, this is such an odd marriage that it has to be providential, because it

would never come together on its own. And I think that what you're seeing the Lord use Trump for, more than anything else, I believe, is for exposing things and bringing them to light. Because this issue with violence is not just a Trump problem, it was about a decade ago that a guy named Floyd Corkins walked into the offices of the Family Research Council there in Washington D.C. and tried to kill everybody there.

One security guard was able to subdue him, he's in prison for the rest of his life. He's the first domestic terrorist conviction in the history of Washington D.C. And when the authorities looked for a motive, he had all kinds of Southern Poverty Law Center, Rainbow Jihad propaganda about Chick-fil-A and FRC, and he clearly was motivated by their very own rhetoric. A few years later, you had a shooter go out to a ball field where a group of Republican congressmen were playing a charity softball game, and it just so happened to be a stroke of luck that Steve Scalise is a member of leadership, had agreed to play in the game. If for any reason he had backed out of that, wife didn't want him to go, something came up in the house, well, since he was the only member of leadership he was the only one that came with the security detail.

If that had not occurred, if he had not showed up at that game, Rand Paul and a lot of other people might've just been dead. This stuff has been going on for a while. Two years ago, a poll came out that showed 47% of Democrats were fine with you either going to jail or having your children taken from you if you would not take the COVID jab. The Democratic president, a month after his CDC director admitted that the COVID genetic toxic serum doesn't actually stop the spread of coronavirus issued an executive order basically saying you had to take a mark essentially. I mean, you can't really buy or sell without a job, and you couldn't work for a major corporation in America unless you allowed yourself to be experimented upon with this injection. And then you go to the two instances we've seen with Trump, and really, David, this is the logical conclusion of the demagoguery we have seen over the last few years.

If everyone who dares to disagree with me is a racist, misogynistic, xenophobic, homophobic bigot, if Donald Trump is literally Hitler, if Donald Trump is a literal Nazi and a danger to democracy, President Biden tweeted out right before their June 27th debate, "Make no mistake, Donald Trump is a danger to our democracy," since that tweet they've tried to kill Trump twice. This morning a guy called on to see, a veteran, called C-SPAN and said he applauded the attempts to take out Trump because he's that much of a danger. That's actually the logical conclusion here. When Hitler blew his brains out in a bunker, who was like, "Man, that's really disappointing news"?

And who was like, if he would've survived, would've been like, "I'm relieved he didn't die." No one, is the answer, David. So, do you believe all these crocodile tears? "Well, I'm glad he's alive. I'm relieved." Listen, if you're relieved then you don't even believe your own rhetoric, which is possible, we're talking about politicians.

And so, the best case scenario is that the Democratic Party is cynically using this level of demagoguery just as a talking point, and this language is so irresponsible it is stoking a handful of crazies to go full Sirhan Sirhan. That's the best case scenario, that they're just incredibly irresponsible with their tongue. The more likely scenario is, when you look at this comprehensively across the board, you disagree with me? You shouldn't have free speech. Don't want to take a toxic genetic serum that doesn't work? Shouldn't have a job. When you look at the zero-sum game they play politically across the board, the far more likely scenario is that they actually believe this stuff.

HOST: David Wheaton:

Yeah. It's pretty bad, by the way, Steve, when you hear pastors repeating this language as well. I saw Thabiti Anyabwile, I'm sure you probably know who he is, he's a pastor out of Washington D.C. He was formerly quite a solid pastor, but he's become very woke and very liberal over the years, and the tweet he had said something to the effect that, "We cannot allow Trump to win." How do you plan on actually making sure that he's not allowed to win?

GUEST: Steve Deace:

I agree. Why would you not do these things? So, either again, this is beyond recklessly irresponsible language that is stoking an element of mental illness, that is clearly infesting our culture across the country from let me mutilate my children, to let me dress up and get some make believe Maybelline and call myself a woman, that's the best case scenario that they are recklessly stoking this surge of mental illness in the culture. And that's not a particularly comforting scenario, by the way. It's not.

HOST: David Wheaton:

Steve Deace is our guest today, Blaze TV host here on The Christian Worldview Radio Program. You said recently on Twitter, you said, "Polling modeling content in an election year is by far the most profitable content produced by both alternative and corporate media. The masses eat it up, especially when it tells them what they want to hear." So, are there any indicators in the year 2024 that you trust, Steve, for forecasting where this country is leaning as we head toward the election?

GUEST: Steve Deace:

Very few, and I say this as someone who has analyzed polls professionally for campaigns, I say this as someone who has done professional polling for campaigns. So, it's a process I know an awful lot about, and it was already infested with a lot of people like Dick Morris. If the Clintons are writing him a check, he'll give him the polling data that they want. If Trump's writing him a check, he'll give him the polling data that he wants. This was already an industry that was rife with grifters, and now it's even worse. I came from the world of sports talk radio, that's what I did before I got saved. And the reality is every market wants the same show, and it doesn't matter the culture or the sport, every market wants you before the game to tell me how the home team's going to win, and then after the game that the refs screwed us.

And then in the off-season, when you're months away from a game, that's when you can do deeply introspective, critical thinking conversations about what the team could do better. But once the season gets started, nobody wants to hear that. Everybody wants to hear we're going to win, and then if we didn't win, we got screwed. Because of the way engagement farming and clickbait works, the most read article we had at The Blaze two weeks ago was when Nate Silver's model crossed over for the first time in favor of Trump. And so, that's the only model that favors Trump. Now, it might be right, I don't know, but the point is all the righties are running the Nate Silver stuff, all the lefties are running all the other models. All the righties were running election betting odds articles in July and August. They've switched over to Kamala since the last debate, so we're not running anymore.

Our people don't want to hear about the election betting odds now that they're favoring Kamala. I sat down with a well-known reporter, a name a lot of political people would know, as this Iowa caucus process was getting started. And we just sat down from people on different sides of the aisle, and had a very blunt, honest, off the record conversation about what we knew and what we were hearing. And in this conversation he flat out told me, "Listen, the polling is the least reliable content in terms of accuracy we do. It's hard to get people to respond, and it's the most expensive stuff we do, but here's why we keep doing it. It generates more engagement than any other content we do." For example, in the state of Wisconsin, not too far from where you and I live, the state of Wisconsin the last two years, the real clear politics polling average, not a poll, the polling average has missed Wisconsin by seven points in the last two presidential elections.

That's dreadful polling. And so, it's hard to get it right, harder to get it right than ever before, people are responding to it less than ever before, but people want the content more than ever before, and they want you to feed the narrative of the content more than ever. You see where this is going? All the incentive is to do gerrymandered polling. All the incentive is there. Emerson does some pretty good objective polling. Scott Rasmussen, he no longer owns Rasmussen Polling, he sold it many

years ago, Scott Rasmussen does some pretty accurate polling. I mean, Rasmussen's actually pretty accurate, because it's very pro-Trump biased and everything else is anti-Trump biased, so it balances out everything else, but there's very few that I would recommend that people consume. Quinnipiac is a dreadful pollster. Monmouth and the New York Times are dreadfully inaccurate pollsters. There's just too much profit incentive there to tell people what they want to hear, brother.

HOST: David Wheaton:

Steve Deace with us today here on The Christian Worldview, Blaze TV host. Going from polling to actually the election itself, how confident are you that what took place in 2020, and it seems like there is so many discrepancies only God literally knows what happened in that election, but it seems way off to me. I don't see how Joe Biden got the most votes in U.S. history. What do you think about this election? Has anything been done to close the gaps and the things, the discrepancies and the fraud that really took place last time around? I mean, can Christians be confident that we're going to get an election that's going to be representative of how people actually vote?

GUEST: Steve Deace:

By and large, no. By and large, we have done nothing to counter their, I guess we'll call it ballot harvesting scheme. We'll call it that, I guess. In fact, there's evidence that it's actually better than it even was before. For example, there was a special election in an Ohio congressional district about four or five months ago, and this is maybe the reddest congressional district in all of Ohio, Trump won that district by 22 points in 2020. And so, they don't control any of the election machinery in this district. They're not in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, they're not in Wayne County, Michigan, they're not in Fulton County, Georgia, Maricopa County, Arizona, Clark County, Nevada, these are our people. We're in control of the election process there.

And they only lost that special election by eight points. And so, if they're able to generate that level of ballot harvesting, even in areas where they can't cheat, it's just not possible for them to do it, that's alarming. There's a couple of states that I think will be cleaner than they were in 2020. Georgia. For all of the back and forth that's gone on there between the Secretary of State, and Brian Kemp, and the Trump people, in between Georgia's actually done a lot to clean up the chain of custody process for its mail-in voting. I'm way more confident in Georgia than I am in Wisconsin. I was told by a Trump pollster, Wisconsin has the worst voter file he's ever seen in his career. I'm not confident in Arizona at all. I wouldn't even spend a dime in Michigan. I mean, what Gretchen Whitmer has done there, basically it's a crime to report voter fraud in Michigan.

They can just do whatever they want there, I wouldn't waste any time there. Pennsylvania though is the other state I'm optimistic about, more so because of a recent state Supreme Court ruling there that really tightened the screws on how to interpret and count mail-in ballots. That ruling will make it harder for them to do the chicanery that we saw in Pennsylvania before, and it is a state, for the last few cycles, Republicans have been making some concerted efforts there in voter registrations. About 10 years ago, Pennsylvania Democrats had about a one million voter registration advantage, now it's a little less than 400,000. But by and large, no. A lot of people have raised a lot of money on Stop the Steal and Release Krakens, and nothing was ultimately done. But there's a massive scam-packed grifter problem on the right, and has been for many, many years. Basically a lot of the right is like the televangelist on "Christian TV," "Buy our prayer towel and God will heal you."

Apparently can't heal you if you don't. And so, there's a lot of that grifty, scam-packy stuff on the right too, that takes advantage of a lot of gullible boomer grandparents that think they're saving America, and it's just lining somebody's pockets. And then the other issue we have is the Trump campaign has decided it can't trust the Republican Party's Get Out the Vote effort, which they're right, they can't. But their antidote is they're going to use a bunch of outside third party groups. One of them is a pack that belongs to Elon Musk, another is Turning Point USA. They're going to have these organizations do their Get Out the Vote organization around the country. They're all untested. They've never been done before. Now, they might be great, hard to be worse than the GOPs, but at least the GOP was a baseline floor of what you knew you would get. Now it's a total wide variance wild card, and we don't know. They might do great, but they're going up against a well-oiled machine over there, that's for sure.

HOST: David Wheaton:

Yeah. Steve Deace with us today on The Christian Worldview from Blaze TV. As you're talking, I'm just thinking this is why for Christians we need to trust in God's sovereignty over who comes in power. We have a hope beyond what takes place in our country, and so we just don't know, but we're going to vote regardless of what may happen. Okay, we'll pause briefly to tell you about some ministry updates and resources. Stay tuned, much more coming up. I'm David Wheaton and you are listening to The Christian Worldview Radio Program.

HOST: David Wheaton:

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Our topic today is why biblical Christians are the ultimate target of the left even more than Donald Trump, and Steve Deace, Blaze TV host, is our guest. It seems to me, Steve, as you look at what's going on, has gone on in this country, I mean, 12 of the last 16 years we've had democratic presidents. Currently, this last four years, high inflation, high prices, massive illegal immigration. We have basically a proxy war going on with Russia in Ukraine. The moral perversity, it's just open. Trans Day of Visibility on Easter, and just all kinds of examples of that within the military, everywhere we see it, the White House in rainbow colors and so forth.

We had just a bumbling president who clearly wasn't cognitively able to lead the country. Kamala Harris did very poorly in the 2020 run presidency, and yet she's been just nominated here without having any direct primary voters. It seems to me, Steve, that this election shouldn't even be close. People should be able to see how badly things are going in the country, and it should be quite obvious that more of the same here would not be a good idea. How do you explain that Kamala Harris is even close to Donald Trump in this election?

GUEST: Steve Deace:

I think you are watching either a culture under Romans 1 judgment, where God has removed his restraining hand against evil in the culture, and or there is open spiritual warfare happening in the culture. Because when you see the level of confusion and gaslighting that we see, and how do you respond to that? Did I really see what I just saw? Did I really hear what I just heard? I mean, I thought I watched one thing, and as I watched it and then I saw this coverage afterwards that told me I didn't see it, maybe I'm ... That's all demonic. That's all demonic. This is why Christians don't have to become conspiracy theorists. Now, understand the current definition of conspiracy theorist is not believing the demonic narrative. I did a lot of groundbreaking work on COVID, David. Let me tell you how I did it. I went to the truth, the information that governments were just openly putting out there, but just trusting you wouldn't look at and see, and that their news media wouldn't cover, and I highlighted it.

Denmark, for example, was a country that did some of the best COVID data in the world. I didn't sneak in to the Denmark Ministry of Health, I didn't fly in there under the cover of night. I went on their website, I ran it through Google Translate, David, and then I just published it and put it out on my show. We serve a God who wants to be known, who wrote a book, the greatest bestseller ever, and then gave it away for free. We serve a God who wants to be known so much He puts himself into human form to be Emmanuel, God with us. He's living with us. The truth wants to be known. Ask, seek, knock, it wants to be found. So, when it seems as if the truth is elusive, or clarity is not accomplishable, that's darkness, that's demonic. Don't become a gnostic.

There's a difference between being a critical thinker who doesn't trust narratives from people who are under some form of demonic, open or indirect demonic influence, to then just there's a secret formula to everything. No, that's heresy and that's gnosticism. God wants the truth to be known, we're the truth people. The truth is always easy, but it's not simple. It is easy to know what God's will for your life is. Open up the Bible, look up your issue, and He'll tell you. What's not easy is going out and then doing it from there, Dave, because we have a tendency and want to do what we want to do. Knowing who God is, knowing what God wants, knowing what God demands of us can't be any obvious than an almost totally naked man, tortured beyond recognition, dying up there on a cross in the middle of the afternoon on your behalf. That's a pretty obvious event. When things get complicated and there's always an alternative view, and did God really say? That is occult agnosticism, that's demonic influence, and that is rampant in our culture today.

HOST: David Wheaton:

Steve Deace with us today here on The Christian Worldview. Steve, you've written about how evangelicals are being pulled to the left, and I want to read a statement to you and have you respond to it. This is from a pastor in Idaho named Ben Creamer, and he says this, "Beware of any Christian movement that demands the government be an instrument of God's wrath, but never a source of God's charity, mercy or compassion." How would you respond to that statement? Because I think evangelicals, Christians, get easily persuaded by something like that.

GUEST: Steve Deace:

Well, especially in today's non-discipleship church culture, where we are just creating masses of false converts. But the reality is the biblical worldview says the exact opposite. The biblical worldview says that compassion and charity primarily comes from the family and from the church as instruments of God's mercy. And then Paul makes it very clear in Romans 13 that the role of government, the reason why God allows human authority on this planet, the primary reason why is to be an avenging angel, or another translation may say to bear the sword of righteousness against the evildoer. That is the role of government. Now, why? Why did God impart those duties that way? Because the people in the government are sinners too, and that's why government is necessary but also limited. You want to limit them in terms of their power and capacity to wield it, lest they end up becoming and declaring themselves to be gods.

As Chesterton famously said, "When the government removes the God, the government will become the God." Never forget this. If your audience doesn't remember anything else I've said during this conversation with you, remember this. These are two iron laws of the creation. Something must always rule, something will always be worshiped. Undeniable. Those are undeniable

metaphysical certitudes of the created order. Before we knew cuneiform, before we had spoken language, before any of these things, something will always rule, something must always be worshiped every single time. And what you typically see is you typically see the godless, because they're godless they don't understand justice, and they will then go to government and anoint it to be God as the instrument of justice in and of itself, which is essentially the way of creating a pagan religion. And that's essentially and effectively what we are up against right now.

HOST: David Wheaton:

Steve Deace with us today here on The Christian Worldview, of Blaze TV. You can find out links to him at our website, thechristianrealview.org. You probably know who William Wolfe is. He's a believer. He worked within the Trump administration, and he recently posted this. "This is not a normal election. This isn't your classic Republican versus Democrat, this is Trump versus the regime, and the regime will do anything it takes to stay in power. Suppose Kamala wins, and maybe she wins because Christians in swing states vote third party. In that case everything, the millions of third world migrants, the lawfare, the censorship, the bureaucratic destruction of our freedoms, the radical LGBT agenda, all of it gets dialed up to 11. You can wish all you want for a different candidate, or for Trump to have different policies, but at some point you have to stop wishing and reckon with reality. It's not R versus D, it's Trump versus the destruction of America as we know it in November."

Do you agree, Steve, with this apocalyptic view of what will happen in this country if Kamala Harris and Tim Walz win? And part two of the question is, what is your exhortation for Christians listening today as we approach this election?

GUEST: Steve Deace:

I did an event in your state in March, and it was an awards banquet for conservative state legislators in your state. And I do about a dozen speaking engagements around the country every year, and I have never been in a more demoralized room than that awards banquet. And this was months before any of us had a clue Tim Walz was going to be on the democratic ticket. And again, this is Minnesota, these are Republicans, they're used to losing. This is the one state Ronald Reagan couldn't win in either one of his races. So, this is not some red state, and that's important because these are people that they've seen things, they're pretty calloused. Losing isn't new to them, they're used to being in an uphill fight demographically in the state of Minnesota.

And despite that, the demoralization of what Tim Walz and his people did with just a modicum of power, and over and over, I heard that night, "They made this California in one night. And even if it produces a backlash against him and we win unprecedented margins in the future, I don't know that

we'll ever undo the damage that they did. I don't know that our state will ever be the same." I heard this all night long. So, I think the other side has made it very clear that what they aim to do is to undo our way of life. Where I would word it differently than William, Donald Trump is frankly just not a rallyable figure for many people, and he doesn't really work hard to be. There's some clear narcissism there, there's some clear King Saul tendencies there. "I'm King and I expect you to acknowledge it."

Politically, and I think this is why the system hates him so much, I think the system sees him politically, I'm not drawing a theological metaphor here, but a situational one, I think the system worries he's John the Baptist, a herald, a forerunner. And that this guy is the first, and what will come after him will be the JD Vance's and Ron DeSantis's who are smarter, and more disciplined, and more effective, and know where the levers of power are. JD Vance, you watch him in his messaging, he does all the pugilism Trump does, but no sloppiness. He gives them nothing. There's no rhetorical flourishes there that they can focus on to distract the conversation from the issues like Trump will often provide, and I think that's what they're worried about.

I think they're worried that if they allow this beachhead of Trump to get established, that what will come after him are things, and people, and a movement that is a real threat to what they intend to do to what's left of Western civilization. The problem we have, and I say this as someone that has worked as hard to mobilize evangelicals as anybody in America has in the last decade, and the reality is that there is an element of Trump's persona and biography that it's just going to be really hard to get a certain cache of our people to rally behind.

Yes, he's going to get 81% of the vote, but we're going to have millions of evangelicals not vote. So, you got to get 81% of those who vote, but there's millions more we could get to vote. And I think what they really need to see, and I do know William a little bit too, I would amend his statement to say this, that it's really not about Trump versus them, but them versus you. And they see Trump as the proxy for you. There's a lot of people that go to particularly, I wouldn't say they're woke or even soft woke, but this certain kind of inviting seeker friendly mega church in America. And the kind of church that doesn't want Donald Trump, or very few of his charismaniac, Paula White spiritual council would never be permitted in the pulpit. I wouldn't put her in mine either, frankly, but there's a lot of people in churches like that whose votes we need. And because of some aspects of Trump's persona and the element that he attracts, he turns those people off.

And I think making this strategically more about Donald Trump than it already is, I think is a bad idea. I think if you want to be rallied by Donald Trump, you're there, man. There's nothing more that could be done, you're already all in. There's another layer of voter who, because of Trump's persona, struggles or refuses to see the real stakes of what is happening here. And I think making it even more about Trump to that person won't work. It's got to be about you, it's got to be that Trump is the proxy for you. They need to be told, "Listen, if this guy who wet the bed during COVID, and couldn't build a wall, and steps on how many rakes on an annual basis, if they want to do this to that guy, what do you think they think about you? What do you think they think about you?"

People want elections to be about them. We've already got all the votes of people who want this to be about Donald Trump and see him as their political savior, mosaic figure, all those people are banked, accounted for, reporting for duty. We got all those people. But the next layer of person we need is for the person to realize that this is really about you, and what these people think of you, and want to do to you and your children.

HOST: David Wheaton:

That's an interesting, and I think accurate point, that the left hates Donald Trump, but they need to defeat him in order to defeat those who support his anti-globalist views. So, it's not about standing up for the man Trump as much as it is standing up for our constitutionally God-ordained liberties that they plan to just run over if Trump is defeated. And so, thank you, Steve, for coming on The Christian Worldview Radio Program today. All of God's best and grace to you and your family.

GUEST: Steve Deace:

Same to you, David. Thank you for having me, and God bless.

HOST: David Wheaton:

All right, you can find links to Steve at our website, thechristianrealview.org. We'll pause briefly to tell you about some ministry updates and resources. Stay tuned, a portion of the message at the recent Overcomer Foundation event is next. I'm David Wheaton, and you're listening to The Christian Worldview Radio Program.

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going to hear a portion of the message that took place immediately following the Overcomer Foundation Cup golf event this past Monday at Hazeltine Golf Club in Chaska, Minnesota. We praise the Lord that the event went very well. It was a beautiful day and course, there was sweet fellowship. Golfers came from Minnesota, and also from many states around the country.

Support was raised for the Overcomer Foundation, which directs The Christian Worldview Radio Program, but we also aim to bring our mission of the biblical worldview and the gospel. So, as you listen to the message, keep in mind that it was given outside in the wind. So, you'll need to listen carefully, and you can request a transcript of this program if you can't make out some of the message. So, here's a portion of the message on our mission at this year's Overcomer Foundation Cup.

There are real problems in our nation that reveal that we are an empire that is not ascending but is declining. There's a radical departure from the most important stabilizer in a society, and that is marriage and family, and the associated issues that go with it, like sexuality and gender. But I would propose that the problems and division in our country over these issues I mentioned, and other issues which I didn't mention, are ultimately not political differences, but they're actually theological differences.

And the reason I say that is that theology is upstream of politics. Theology is upstream of politics. In other words, what starts theologically goes downstream, and we see it visually in the political realm. What a society worships is really the core fundamental issue. What the majority of society believes about God and His will and ways, or rejects God, that's not only going to be manifested in houses of worship like churches and so forth, but that's going to permeate every area of life, including politics, the educational system, the business world, media, entertainment, and most obviously marriage and family. So, the fundamental problem is in our society, don't get distracted by the political realm, the fundamental problem is and always has been that we want what we want in opposition to what God desires for us.

I think the first sentence of the Bible, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth," is one of the most consequential, maybe the most consequential assertion in all of history. That one sentence instantly demolishes all notions of randomness, purposelessness, and autonomy. The Creator lives, that sentence declares, and we, the created, are therefore accountable to Him and are compelled to find out who He is, what He desires of us, what He's spoken, and how we are to worship Him. The first sentence of scripture is like a test. Will you believe God at His word that He

exists, He creates, and He speaks? The evidence for this is overwhelming that God exists, creates and speaks.

In the Overcomer Course this summer we talked about four C's to the young adults who came, that we know God exists and speaks. The first C is an external revelation of creation. Creation points to a creator. No reasonable person looks at this clubhouse, or looks at a book, or looks at the DNA coding in your body and thinks, "Oh, that just evolved by itself." Creation reveals a creator. The second C goes from external revelation to internal revelation of conscience.

God put inside us something that knows between what's right and what's wrong. Everyone knows that murder and stealing is wrong. Who informed us of that? Animals don't know that, but we as human beings made in God's image know that we have to sear our conscience to not know that certain things are obviously wrong. So, an external revelation, an internal revelation that God exists and speaks. Number three, there's a personal revelation from God, and that is in the person of Jesus Christ, who claimed to be God over and over again, and performed miracles that no one else has ever done, giving proof that He was who He claimed to be. So, there's an external revelation, there's an internal revelation about God, there's a personal revelation in Christ.

And finally, there's a special revelation that God gives to prove that He exists and speaks, and that is His communication, or the Bible, His scripture. It's a book written by 40 authors over 1,500 years across three continents, and yet it has one unified message. How do you do that, about Christ being the redeemer of mankind with prophecies that are precisely fulfilled hundreds of years in advance? So creation, conscience, Christ, communication, these are the evidence that God gives us that we know that first sentence of Scripture, the basis for The Christian Worldview is accurate.

But God gives us this test of faith in this first sentence of Scripture, just like He gave Adam and Eve in the garden a test of faith. He told them they could eat from every tree in the garden except for one, and He told them the clear consequence for disobeying the Creator, which would be a spiritual and physical death. Now mind you, this was not overly restrictive at all. You could eat from all the trees except for one. Would they trust God at His word and not eat from the one tree, just enjoy eating from the rest and not do what they wanted to do?

Well, we all know tragically what happened there. When tempted, Adam and Eve disobeyed and ate the fruit of the tree they weren't supposed to eat from, and all manner of chaos resulted from that "original sin." There would be marital conflict, there would be pain in childbirth. There would be a

cursed earth with thorns and thistles, and any of you who do gardens and farm know exactly what that's about, and ultimately death would come upon our world.

Now, if you fast-forward 6,000 years from that time, and the rebellion against God's will and ways has continued, this explains what's going on in our society. Again, we don't have a political problem, we have a theological problem in rebellion against God. Now, the New Testament prophetically, in the book of Romans written by the Apostle Paul, explains this rebellion so poignantly, so directly. Romans chapter 1 says, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men."

And here's a key phrase, "Who suppress the truth in unrighteousness. Because that which is known about God is evident within them." There's the conscience, it's evident, we know. We know God's ways and we reject it. "For God made it evident to them."

Now, here's the next phrase, verse 25, "For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator." And that really explains everything you need to know, there's a suppression of truth by so many in our society today. There's an exchange of the truth for a lie, and there's a worshipping of the creature, worshipping of ourselves and what we want rather than the Creator.

Now, this is so evident today in our societies. Government schools suppress God, teaching that somehow nothing became something, and exploded by itself into an order of everything. How does that work?

So, in the opening chapter of the Bible, it also says that God says, "He created man in his own image, in the image of God He created him, male and female He created them. And a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife and they should become one flesh, and to be fruitful and multiply." Again, what we see today in society is the suppression of that perfect design by God and the exchanging of truth for a lie, it's rampant. That you can somehow choose your own gender that God designed you to be. That marriage is whatever arrangement you want it to be. That image bearers of God in the womb are somehow expendable and somehow a healthcare choice. Literally at every level that God designed, if you look at what's going on today, it's a fundamental rejection of what God has clearly designed for our good and our flourishing.

Again, we don't have a political problem we have a theological rebellion against God problem, and theological problems require theological solutions, not just political solutions. And that's where the mission of the Overcomer Foundation comes in, to help people overcome life's challenges through embracing a Christian worldview.

I just gave you the first two points of a Christian worldview, that God created the universe and man, establishing His perfect will and ways. That's the first pillar of a Christian worldview. The second pillar is man rebels from God's design, and has wreaked corruption, and death, and alienation from God. This is really the bad news about what's going on in our world today. But God doesn't leave us without hope and without promise.

The third point of The Christian Worldview is that God graciously has provided one way of redemption in reconciliation through his Son, Jesus Christ. That's the good news. Now to read a portion of Psalm chapter 2, which was penned thousands of years ago, which describes that progression from God's creation to man's rebellion, to the hope we can have through that third pillar of Jesus Christ.

It says this in Psalm 2, "Why are the nations in an uproar, and why are the people devising a vain thing?" Verse two, "The kings of the earth and the rulers take their stand, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord, and against his anointed saying, 'Let us tear their feathers apart and cast away their cords from us!'" In other words, we don't want to be under the accountability and authority of God, we want to go our own way. Verse four, here's God's response. "He who sits in the heavens laughs, the Lord scoffs at them. Then he will speak to them in His anger and terrify them in His fury, saying, 'But as for Me,'" God's speaking here, "I have installed my King," referring to his son, "Upon Zion, My holy mountain. I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, 'You are my son,'" speaking of Christ again. "Today I have begotten You. Ask of me and I will surely give you the nations as your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, you shall shatter them like earthenware."

And we look at our world, we think it's spinning out of control, but it's not spinning out of control. God has everything in control. He is ordaining and working everything toward His ultimate desired end for mankind. You read Revelation, you know where things are going. And then finally, the last two verses of this Psalm 2 comes the offer, the grace, the redemption that God offers for anyone who wants to escape the conflict and chaos going into our world. He says, "Now, therefore, O kings, show discernment. Take warning, O judges of the earth, worship the Lord with reverence and rejoice

with trembling." Verse 12, "Do homage to the Son, Jesus Christ, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

That's a promise.

This is our message of the Overcomer Foundation, to do homage to the Son, to take refuge in Him. And it's not a message that we came up with. We didn't do a focus group to come up with this message, it's a message we proclaim because it comes directly from the God who speaks. It's a message for kings, and judges, and Donald Trump, and Kamala Harris. It's a message for our nation. It's also for individuals like you and like me. The Bible says, "There is none righteous, no, not one." The Bible says, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." And the Bible says, "The wages of sin is death." But we have all, I think of my own life, I look back at my own life, we've all rebelled and broken God's law.

All you need to do is compare your own life to the 10 Commandments sometime. Have ever put a name before God or had an idol in your life? Have you ever used God's name in vain? Ever dishonored your parents? Ever hated, or lusted for someone not your spouse? Ever lied, ever coveted? I think if we're honest, we will all admit that we have also been rebels against the Creator God, and we deserve His judgment.

But God, and this is the greatest transition in all scripture, but God. After the bad news, but God. It's the most hope-filled transition in history. I read the first half of Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death," but I didn't read the second half, "But the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." And so, since our founding 15 years ago in 2009, this has been our message of the Overcomer Foundation, that you can receive regeneration of your eternal soul when you believe, place your faith in the sinless life, the substitutionary death, the supernatural resurrection of Jesus Christ.

That's what Jesus means, regeneration, when he says you must be born again, that's regeneration. But our message goes beyond regeneration of your eternal soul, to transformation of your earthly life as well, through embracing a Christian worldview. Now, this doesn't mean that your life is going to be free from trials and tribulation, because remember what Jesus said. "In this world you will have tribulation," guaranteed, "but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" And that's the promise that you'll be able to overcome like He did. When you know Him, you're regenerate and you are transformed through the renewing of your mind by a Christian Worldview.

And by the way, this is not an exclusive message just for certain people, this is incredibly inclusive. This message is for everyone. Everyone needs to hear this message. If this isn't a message that you hear today, come to the Overcomer Foundation event for golf and so forth, if it's something you haven't believed and received, get in touch with me or one of us. This is what we want to do, this is why we exist, to tell this message of regeneration and transformation. We would love to get together with you, and sit down and show you from scripture what the gospel is, and what it means to repent and believe in the gospel.

Well, we hope you could make out what was being said despite the wind. If not, get in touch and we can send you a transcript. Thanks to those who attended or supported the Overcomer Foundation Cup this year, or participated in the silent auction. We still have a few items available if you go to our website, thechristianrealview.org/auction. Thank you for joining us today on The Christian Worldview, and for your support of this non-profit radio ministry. Let's remember that Jesus Christ and His word are the same yesterday, and today, and forever. So, until next time, Think biblically, Live accordingly and Stand firm!

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