

# An Aged Perspective on the Country and the Church

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Host: David Wheaton 00:07

An aged perspective on the country and the church. My parents join us today here on the Christian Worldview Radio Program this Father's Day weekend. Where the mission is to sharpen the biblical worldview of Christians and to share the good news of Jesus Christ. I'm David Wheaton, the host, and our website is [TheChristianWorldview.org](https://TheChristianWorldview.org). Our country has long commemorated one Sunday in May, and one in June, to honor mothers and fathers. Sadly and tragically, in our day and age of social and familial transformation, mothers are now called, "birthing people." That's the actual term the Biden Administration used in his 2022 budget. And fathers are demeaned as weak and basically unnecessary, to which the Bible says in Romans 3:4, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar. Now there are a lot of news events going on right now with geopolitical, cultural, and moral implications. Here's a few of those stories just from this past week. President Biden is over at the G7 Summit of countries over in England right now. He met with Russian President Vladimir Putin this week, just appearing to be past his prime and his fitness for this kind of high level leadership meetings. In Taiwan, the BBC reports that a record number of Chinese military jets flew into its air defense zone on Monday. The Defense Ministry said 25 aircraft, including fighters and nuclear capable bombers, entered its so called air defense identification zone. Beijing, the article says, views Taiwan as a breakaway province. However democratic Taiwan sees itself as a sovereign state. This is

an issue that's going to become, I have a feeling, much more of a thorny issue in the coming days, especially if there's American weakness. Reuters report, moving over to Israel in Jerusalem, that Benjamin Netanyahu his record 12 year run as Israel's Prime Minister ended on Sunday, with Parliament approving a new government of change led by Naftali Bennett. An improbable scenario few Israelis once could have imagined. The new government largely plans to avoid sweeping moves on hot button international issues such as policy toward the Palestinians and to focus instead on domestic reforms. This is a major story. We have no idea how this will turn out yet. But the fact that Netanyahu is out of power is a very significant change for the most significant nation for biblical prophecy in all of the world. Speaking of that part of the world, our congress person here in Minnesota, Ilhan Omar, very leftist, tweeted a video of her asking questions of Secretary of State Antony Blinken about International Criminal Court investigations. Omar tweeted, "We must have the same level of accountability and justice for all victims of crimes against humanity," Omar wrote. "We have seen unthinkable atrocities committed by, (now notice the moral equivalency here), by the United States, Hamas, Israel, Afghanistan and the Taliban." Rightly there has been outrage over this equivalency that Omar is drawing, to which Nancy Pelosi the Speaker of the House said, "People can say whatever they want. But what I'm saying is Omar clarified, we thanked her end of subject." Just look the other way when you have a congress person in the United States, equating the US with terrorist entities. We've talked recently about the effect of Critical Race Theory on our society and many different stories came out this week. Here's one from Red State that reveals a study of over 40% of teachers in this country want civics education, to focus on Critical Race Theory. This from the Daily Wire, the result of this huge racial division, this narrative this false narrative being told, repeated all the time in our country. A 39 year old man accused of shooting and wounding five people in Alabama and Georgia, told police his assaults were racially motivated. And he was targeting white men, a detective testified. Basically, he explained throughout his life, specifically white males had taken from him, a detective testified on Monday. Did you even hear about that story? Can you imagine if a scenario was flipped, or you had a white man intentionally targeting five black people, what the outrage would have been? But I bet a lot of you hadn't even heard that story. The lie of Critical Race Theory not only leads to attempted murder, but it's coming into NASA as well. According to the Federalist, NASA unveiled an initiative called, "Mission Equity," on Monday, that seeks to, "Streamline its programs, procurements, grants, regulations and policies to remove systemic, inequitable barriers and challenges facing underserved communities." All the code language there in that quote. Here's the video that NASA recently put out about this new equity mission.



### NASA Video 05:28

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Host: David Wheaton 05:54

There you have it, even NASA going woke. And finally in another major story, from a Christian standpoint, the Southern Baptist picked a president this week, according to the AP who worked for racial unity. Albert Mohler did not become the president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Matter of fact, he came in third in the voting. According to the AP the Southern Baptist Convention tamped down a push from the right for more conservatives at his largest meeting in decades, electing a new president who has worked to bridge racial divides in the church in defeating an effort to make an issue of Critical Race Theory. They're even mentioning it in the articles. Ed Litton, a pastor from Alabama won 52% of the vote in a runoff against Mike Stone, a Georgia pastor backed by a new group called the Conservative Baptist Network. In the end, the message that seemed to resonate with voters was that Stone, the conservative who supported a motion to repudiate Critical Race Theory, was a divisive choice. Again, this will take some time to see what this new president is like. But from the sound of this article, it's not looking good. The Southern Baptist Convention will likely continue to move in a more liberal direction on this issue of Critical Race Theory and other issues as well. Now, even with all those important news events taking place right now, we would like to focus on something that is even more important. At least for you and your family. And that is fathers and mothers. My parents, Bruce and Mary Jane Wheaton, are joining us today for their annual interview around this time of year that we've been holding for many years. Because when you are 89 and 87 years old, and you've been married for 67 years and followers of Christ for 64 years and have raised four children and are the grandparents of seven grandchildren, it's wise to listen and learn from their perspective, an aged perspective. Proverbs 23 says, Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy truth, and do not sell it. Get wisdom and instruction and understanding. I think you're going to hear that today in our annual interview with my parents. Dad, Mom, it's great to have you on the program for another year. I'm not even sure how many years it's been now that you have come on the program during this time of year, but just grateful for another year to have both of you on. Let's start out with you, dad. Both of you had COVID earlier this year. I think it was back in February and March of this year. Talk about your first hand experience now with COVID. And then your advice for other people your age, because you're in that dangerous demographic, older demographic for people who get COVID. That's the one age group that there's very much high risk aside from those with underlying conditions. So talk about your advice for others as well, regarding the

treatment, the early treatment protocol, and then we'll get into the "vaccine" as well. But how about first with your experience with it?

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Guest: Bruce Wheaton 08:58

I contracted COVID in early March. It came on with a fever and other problems and I said, "I'm sick." Next day I saw the doctor. He tested me and I had COVID. I couldn't believe it. We did struggle through it for about two weeks almost. I was told by my doctor that the thing to do if my oxygen level dropped off too low, that I should go to the hospital, which I didn't want to do. But my son, Mark, who is an MD, has been in contact with Dr. Mercola. He advised that the hospital's use Remdesivir which is not much effective against the virus and they do not use other off label medicines to cure the problem. And so he arranged with Dr. Mercola to give me some Ivermectin which is a parasite drug, Azithromycin and Prednisone and Colchicine, and high doses of vitamin C and D and Zinc. And so I went right at it with my son's advice. And Mary Jane, of course, also caught the virus a couple days later and she was on the same program.

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Host: David Wheaton 10:16

Why do you think with this early treatment protocol put out by the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons that Dr. Peter McCullough was part of the main editing of that guide, which we have on our website, TheChristianWorldview.org. Why do you think there has been so much emphasis on this so called "vaccine," which is actually not a true "vaccine?" It's actually a gene therapy manipulation. Why do you think there's been so much emphasis on that, getting everyone, "vaccinated," from the NIH, the CDC, government, media everywhere else, and not this early treatment protocol that you just mentioned, that has worked so well for you and mom, but also many other people who have taken that early treatment protocol you talked about? Why do you think has been so much emphasis on the "vaccine," so called "vaccine" and not on an early treatment protocol?

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Guest: Bruce Wheaton 11:08

President Trump was pushing hard on the "vaccine." I have a feeling it was just thrown together, without time for an exhaustive study. It really is not needed if you've had COVID, first of all, and it has potential bad side effects. Quite often with heart problems. It would be much better to take the early treatment with the medicines I mentioned, then getting the "vaccine" because there's risk with the "vaccine" they just don't know. And every week they come up with a new problem. The way the "vaccine" recently I heard, that can especially in a young girl, they're trying to give it to the kids, I don't know why that,

especially with females, it can get into their their reproductive system and create a problem down the road for them. They may not be able to have children. So there is there something that's really bad about the "vaccine." I just don't recommend it at all.

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Host: David Wheaton 12:05

You're listening to my parents today here on the Christian Worldview, Bruce and Mary Jane Wheaton. They are 89 and 87 years old, married for 67 years, believers in Christ for 64 of those years, and have four children and seven grandchildren. This is our annual Father's and Mother's Day special interview with them, with an aged perspective on the country and the church. Dad, one more follow up question for you on this issue of COVID. I've heard this and I know many of our listeners will have maybe even experienced this, that there's been a division going on in families over this COVID so called "vaccine." In other words, if someone in the family decides not to get vaccinated, doesn't want to take that risk, doesn't or maybe has already had COVID, and they're immune to it for a very long, long time, or just for whatever reason, they don't want to get the "vaccine," well then the other members of the family who have really swallowed the, I think you can only describe as the propaganda of the "vaccine," because it doesn't keep you from getting COVID, it's supposed to reduce the severity of the symptoms, the other members of the family will say, "Well, if you're not going to get vaccinated, you can't come and see us. You can't come and see your grandchildren." Even husband and wife can be at odds with each other over this. One wants to get it, one doesn't. So what is your advice for those listening today who have division in their family over whether to get this COVID "vaccine," or even the politics around COVID-19, where you watch one channel like CNN or MSNBC, and this is the biggest pandemic ever. And this is, you know, the greatest threat. We need to shut down society and everyone stay in their home, locked down, don't send kids to school. Whereas the other channels you might see on TV are more conservative, are saying, let's protect the people who are the highest risk, let's do early treatment. Let's not shut down our entire society over this. So what is your advice for a division and families that may be taking place over COVID, the treatment, and the politics around it?

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Guest: Bruce Wheaton 14:06

Well, unfortunately, I can't solve the problem of, of your home divided. The husband and wife should be on the same page from everything to raising children as to finances and schooling and a lot of other things. So if they come apart on an issue like COVID and the "vaccine," I guess it's an individual thing. The husband may want to take the "vaccine" and the wife may not. And then that's a dilemma within the family. I mean, I can't solve that problem. And the use of the "vaccine," long term testing, you're really just another guinea pig, so we shouldn't be, anyone should not be bullied into the "vaccine."



**Program Director 14:47**

The Christian Worldview with David Wheaton returns in just a moment.



**Host: David Wheaton 14:50**

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**Featured Resource: In His Image 15:50**

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**Program Director 16:57**

Welcome back to the Christian Worldview. Be sure to visit our website, [TheChristianWorldview.org](https://TheChristianWorldview.org), where you can subscribe to our free weekly email and annual print newsletter, order resources for adults and children and support the ministry. Now back to today's program with host David Wheaton,



**Host: David Wheaton 17:13**

Let's move over mom to what's going on in our culture. You've seen a lot in your 87 years.

You were born in 1933. So there have been a lot of decades that have gone by and a lot of changes that have gone on in our society. This June, right now, it has become Pride Month. Interesting word for celebrating homosexuality, transgenderism and so forth. You have witnessed, both of you have witnessed a moral degeneration in this country. Not just with regard to homosexuality, but I think you would, you might say it was started with divorce, where when you were growing up, you didn't even know anyone who was divorced. So gone from divorce, to living together before marriage, to no stigma of having children out of wedlock, to the abortion culture, which came in, in Roe v. Wade in the 70's and has just expanded from there to homosexuality, to that whole movement and now the transgender movement where you're told that you can just change the gender that God gave you. This has become the norm now and in this country, you are told you need to affirm someone in whatever moral lifestyle they want to live, you will need to affirm someone in the pronouns they pick for themselves. How do you explain the kind of moral downgrade or digression that has taken place in this country? And to a lesser extent, but a significant extent, because a lot of these things are in the church as well, but first talk about the downgrade in the country and how it's impacted the church.

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Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 18:48

It's very hard, because we remember what life was like before the 60's. In the 50's we had two of our children. We were living a very nice life, just watching little TV shows and having a good time. A normal life. And then all of a sudden the 60's came and it was Woodstock. And I was watching it all on TV. I saw the rock music, the drugs, sex. And I was frankly shocked. Not that I was so shocked at what people do, but I was sad to see them because they all were thinking they were having a good time and I could just see they were ruining their lives before their life even started. And then divorce did become common. With no father. Mothers raising children. Daycare came in. Women were not home. There has to be a father in a home. I don't really think a mother can, some mothers do it, but it isn't the way it is when you have a mother and a father, married together, loving one another, loving their children. And then the homosexual, transgender all came along with fornication. People living together. It's completely accepted. Now people don't know it's wrong. But the Bible calls it sin. And the Bible says, when you do that, you're going to hell. It's just in black and white. And I'm really surprised at all of the younger people who tell me that everyone they know is living together. And I, it's hard for me to understand how they can do that. But it's just that they don't know what the Bible says. When the Bible is rejected, everyone does what is right in his own eyes.

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Host: David Wheaton 20:24

And I think I've heard you you tell me a couple times that you've, you've talked to some



younger people, because you do interact with them. And you will say something to them, like, "Did you know that it's sinful to live with someone or be involved with someone sexually outside of marriage?" And they'll just say, "I did not know that." As if their parents who may have even been involved in evangelical churches have not told them that. It's like this is new news to them. How do you explain that? That that hasn't been communicated even in a Christian culture?

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Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 20:55

I've had several tell me, "Well, I'm glad you told me. I wouldn't have known it. And I won't do that, now that I know." But they don't know. It's the practical result of the death of absolutes. Like Francis Schaffer used to say, "If you don't know what the Bible says, then you do what is right in your own eyes."

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Host: David Wheaton 21:12

My parents with us today here on the Christian Worldview Radio Program, Bruce and Mary Jane Wheaton for the annual interview around the time of Father's Day and Mother's Day. And the topic this year is an aged perspective on the country and the church. Let's talk about the evangelical church. Mom, you've been in mostly evangelical churches since you were saved back in the 1950's. This is a very broad question, but talk about the two or three biggest changes you've seen in the church, from the first churches you went to after you were saved in the 50's, to what you see in the evangelical church now.

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Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 21:52

Just after we were born again, we went to just a small church. But there were no mega churches then. There were just smaller churches. We sang hymns out of a hymn book, we read the Bible, in the same version, it happened to be the King James Version, not that that's the only version but that was the only version available at the time. And the pastor would go through one book at a time, verse by verse, expository teaching, which really taught you the Bible. And I guess I would say it was sound doctrine, sound teaching, healthy teaching, we'd learn the Bible and we knew we wanted to live by the Bible. Now, it's mega churches, the rock music, felt needs, the pastor has to try to help all these people in the church who are having a multitude of problems. It's sort of completely different. It's just hard to describe.

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Host: David Wheaton 22:44



What do you think has been the problem with that? In other words, you talked about a much more basic, simple service, singing hymns, not so entertainment based, not loud, yeah. Not driven to emotionally or experientially stimulate the church congregation, or really put on what can only be described as this really highly professionalized performance each Sunday. What has been the problem with going from more of the simple, basic, singing hymns, reading the Bible, preaching out of the Bible, people dressing up for church, to the change of what the church has today? Where it's none of those things, really, for mainstream evangelical churches. The methodology is, come in, you're going to encounter basically a Christian rock concert, followed by a message. What's the problem with with these changes? Isn't it a new culture, a new society, a new generation that needs to have the same thing delivered a different way? What's wrong with that?

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Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 23:49

Everything. It's not holy. It's the world. They brought the world into the church. Everything is no different than the world. And the Bible says, If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. You can't compromise. Compromise is the language of the devil. All the emphasis is on the younger people. And I'm all for that too. But I think the older people have felt they should at least have something to say. The Bible says, The older men should be teaching the younger man, the older women should be teaching the younger women.

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Host: David Wheaton 24:21

My parents with us today here on the Christian Worldview. So having heard what mom said about the big changes she has seen in the evangelical church, if you could speak directly to a pastor listening today, elders of a church listening today, because there's a lot of pressure on them to see, "Best practices." What's going on at Saddleback Church, Rick Warren's church or Willow Creek and Bill Hybels, Andy Stanley's church, or Steven Furtick's church, or Life.Church and Craig Rochelle, these huge, big churches that are purportedly reaching 10's of 1000's of people on a given weekend. What would be your advice to pastors or elders listening today, dad, to encourage them to go with the fundamentals, and not give in to focusing on such this contemporary methodology that I think is actually a distraction away from someone focusing truly on going to church, to worship God, to fellowship with other believers, to hear the teaching of the word, and to partake in the ordinances of communion and baptism?

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Guest: Bruce Wheaton 25:33

A lot of these churches started out small, and they've expanded. They have financial

responsibilities that exceed how much how much money comes in through the offering. So they're driven to a mega show out of the church. And unfortunately, that replaces the fact that they're not going verse by verse with the Bible. They're there for the created atmosphere, so people will want to come. It's really too bad that that has to be that way. But that's the way it is. They built these large buildings, and they attract 1000's of people. And they have to keep on attracting 1000's of people. And they do that by having concerts and all sorts of various activities that are not necessarily Bible doctrine being taught.

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Host: David Wheaton 26:23

Okay, let's switch over to another big societal change that has taken place in our country that has to do with, I'll use the word race, even though I don't believe there are multiple races, but what's commonly called race relations. God created one race, the human race, there are many ethnicities, skin colors of course. You all grew up in the 30's 40's and 50's. This was post slavery. But it was during the Jim Crow era, where there was racial segregation, at least in the states of the South. This era from Jim Crow was basically from the 1870's until it was ended by civil rights legislation in 1965. Jim Crow laws were probably not where you grew up here, in Minnesota. I asked this question, knowing both of you are white, and you grew up in a white area, so people who are black, a different skin color will have a different experience in life for sure, but I would just like to know your perception at least of "race relations" in this country between whites and blacks in the era that you were growing up in the 30's, 40's, and 50's. Was there this hostility that you feel today? Was there this great division? This completely different worldview? Whereas many in the black community and many white liberals feel like our country is just structurally unjust, is systemically racist. It's been that way since the founding. It needs to be overturned. If you're white you're part of the problem. Was there that worldview back then? Or what was your perception of race relations at the time?

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Guest: Bruce Wheaton 28:03

Well, growing up in the north in Minnesota, I didn't see that. In fact, at my office, I hired as my associate, my direct associate in engineering, a man from India. And he was very black. And yet, I never looked at it that way at any point, at no point. That's partially because I'm from the north. But my experience is a little different. Prior to that, when I was in the military, and I had to go down to Camp Gordon in Georgia, which is a military camp, I had to take some clothing into town to have washed and cleaned. As I was walking down the street of that town, I noticed in the window it said, "Whites only at this laundromat." I thought, I have all this khaki clothing, none of its white, so I'll have to move on to another place. I had no idea what the sign meant. I was that ignorant. It seems to

me that the problem that we have today with black versus white has been blown out of proportion. There's no doubt injustice in the country, but it's been totally overblown at this point. To the point that it's being white is bad. You are born with a skin color. There's Critical Race Theory that comes from a demented mind. If there's no proof of it, it's just been created. It's a political thing and nothing more.

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Host: David Wheaton 29:41

So mom, dad was talking about, just mentioning Critical Race Theory. The idea that the country is hopelessly racist, is built on racism, it's still oppressive toward non whites. If you're white, you're part of the problem. You're a racist and don't even know it, you have privilege, all these kinds of things. It's an incredibly divisive, resent filled, hateful worldview. I don't think this was around when you were growing up. I know we played a soundbite recently from James Cohn back in the 70's, the Father of Black Liberation Theology. He was pushing this stuff back in the 70's. Probably the 80's. He's still influential today even though he's dead. But why do you think this particular racial, if I can use the word racial division or ethnic division, has become so accepted and pushed now? So long after slavery? Slavery was, what 150 years ago it ended. The Jim Crow laws in the south were over back in the early 1960s. Why do you think this Critical Race Theory has become so popular and pervasive now?

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Because there's a constant drumbeat about it all the time. You can't ignore it because they're constantly pushing it on you on the news. And when you watch anything, you see Black Lives Matter. Well, all lives matter, not just black lives. We never had a problem with black people. I know many black people who are wonderful people, they have a real love and love for Jesus Christ. It all comes down to Christ. Jesus Christ is the answer for everything. The Bible has everything you need to know to live your life the right way. And it's just really, when it comes down to it, it's Satan, who's behind it all. To get people to hate each other because of their skin color. That's the most ridiculous thing you could even think of. Because we don't look at people based on their skin color. We, we look at people for their soul. And I love to tell people about Jesus Christ, and it doesn't matter what color they are. Really, it's the heart.

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Host: David Wheaton 31:50

Thank you for that important reminder, mom, that we're to love one another not based on their skin color, not based on their ethnicity. God created us all differently. We're to love

one another, love God, and love others. It's the Gospel that we unite around Jesus Christ. And thank you for saying that.



**Program Director 32:10**

The Christian Worldview with David Wheaton returns in just a moment.



**Sponsor: Samaritan Ministries 32:14**

Courtney was 17 weeks pregnant when she and her husband Greg learned that their son Shepherd had a heart condition that would require multiple surgeries and were uncertain about his future. But Samaritan Ministries connected them with other Samaritan members who began to pray and share the financial needs of the pregnancy and the medical care Shepherd needed. I don't know how Samaritan could have answered any differently and done any better. I don't know. Just to hear the confidence on the other end of the phone, of this is not something that you need to be concerned about at all. You focus on the health of your family, the health of your baby, and we will walk with you every step of the way. Thankfully, through God's faithfulness and provision, Shepherd is surpassing all of the doctor's expectations. To read more about this family's journey, and about how you can join a community of believers like them, visit [Samaritanministries.org/tcw](https://Samaritanministries.org/tcw).



**Host: David Wheaton 33:13**

David Wheaton here to tell you about a special offer on My Boy Ben. Ben was a Yellow Lab and inseparable companion back when I was competing in the pro tennis tour. I invite you to enter the story in its tapestry of relationships with Ben and my aging parents, with a childhood friend I would eventually marry and ultimately with God, whose gospel and grace caused all things, even the hard things to work together for good. Order a signed and personalized copy for yourself or for a friend who loves dogs or someone you know who needs to hear about God's grace and the gospel. My Boy Ben is owned by the Christian Worldview. It is 264 pages, hardcover, and retails for \$18.99 plus shipping. For a limited time we are offering it for a donation of any amount to the Christian Worldview. Go to [TheChristianWorldview.org](https://TheChristianWorldview.org) or call 1-888-646-2233. That's [TheChristianWorldview.org](https://TheChristianWorldview.org).



**Program Director 34:20**

Thanks for joining us on the Christian Worldview. Just a reminder that today's program and past programs are archived at our website, [TheChristianWorldview.org](https://TheChristianWorldview.org). Short takes are also available and be sure to share with others. Now back to today's program with

host David Wheaton.

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Host: David Wheaton 34:35

My parents with us today here on the Christian Worldview on this Father's and Mother's Day special program. You have seen the country, and I've heard you say this, become divided not only over the issue of Critical Race Theory, but other issues as well. Left versus right is a huge division in this country now. How do you maintain balance, or perspective, or grounding in the midst of? Just seems like the world's going crazy. How do you maintain a balance in the midst of that?

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Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 35:10

When I think about it, my life I've lived 87 years. I've been a Christian for 66 years. And when I think that, if I had not believed in Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord, my whole life would have been so different. I wouldn't have had anything. I wouldn't know how to think. But once I was born again, I had a real appetite for the Word of God. I still have it. I'm listening every day to my one teacher who has helped me through maybe 50 years of Bible teaching, because he teaches healthy teaching. Sound doctrine just means teaching. It's given me a way of life. That's as my mother used to say, the right way to live. And you can get yourself in all kinds of problems if you don't have the Bible to tell you this is right, this is wrong. It's a narrow road, the Bible. Christ said, it's a narrow road and a difficult road, and very few find it. And the broad road has many on it. And that road is the road that leads to hell, and all the problems people have. So I'm just thankful for the years I've had of the Bible, reading it, learning it, listening to it. And when I think of it, I know so little. You could spend your whole life hearing it, reading it, and you wouldn't touch it. There's so much there every day you read it. The Bible is alive, sharper than any two edged sword, dividing asunder the soul and the spirit. And as a critic of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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Host: David Wheaton 36:49

Dad, you've seen the country like mom become very divided and very chaotic. There's a worldview, a huge worldview divide in this country, not only between left and right, but between the the remnant of Bible believing, born again Christians and broader culture. So how do you maintain balance, or a foundation in a time and place now where what you believe and how you think, is in the very, very small minority with everything going on around you?

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Guest: Bruce Wheaton 37:22

Don't let yourself get sucked into everything that's on television. There's so much bad going on. Even such things as the economic situation that we're in right now. The government has become the sugar daddy of the people. It amazes me that with a national debt of \$28 trillion, a congress happily spends more trillions. Where's the endpoint? Right now it's spend, spend, spend, and people just eat it up and send checks out to everybody. Where's this? They're going to kick the can down the road and someone's going to have to pay for this. The country is so divided and chaotic. And I think that the focus on these times, for individuals listening to my voice, so put your time into reading the Bible and of course telling others about the Word of God, because everything else is just plain foolishness. And television is the worst media for affecting peoples lives from every angle. It softens your brain. The world is going up in smoke someday and the gospel will save us for eternity. There's a total deemphasizing in the Bible teaching today. And the churches are, I'm sorry to hear, but they're actually going downhill. People are being brought into the government just as they were back in Germany years ago.

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Host: David Wheaton 38:56

Mom you wanted to add something to that about an issue that we hadn't brought up today? What was that?

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Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 39:01

Feminism. I remember when feminism came in. And that was another thing that I saw was not biblical, because the Bible is very clear that in marriage, the husband is the head of the wife, the wife submits to the husband. And it's so simple when you just follow what the Bible says in Ephesians five and six about the husband, the wife, the children, but now it's just all completely wrong. And I see so many women, just they're so confused because a woman cannot be like a man. God made the woman a certain way and made the man a certain way. But we aren't made the same. So it's feminism too that I think is a great problem in the country today.

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Host: David Wheaton 39:49

And in the church as well, now that we see this coming into the evangelical church, with women being ordained as pastors. I always have to qualify by saying God see's men and women as of complete equal value. He designed them with different roles. And one role isn't worse than the other. The roles are both equally important. My parents join us today here on the Christian Worldview. Mom, you mentioned coming to saving faith in Jesus

Christ back in the 1950's. Your mother was the first one, my grandmother, listening to Christian radio. She heard a pastor preaching on the radio, talking about who Christ is and what He did on the cross. And she grew up Catholic and came to saving faith and then you didn't understand it. But then you, a couple years later, you started listening to Christian radio. So just tell us briefly about how you came how God brought you to saving faith and and how you understood the gospel.

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Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 40:48

We had gone to New York for two years. Dad was in the Army ROTC. And I didn't like living in New York. It was a whole different world than the world I lived in, where we live now. It really was hard for me. I came home that summer and my mother had written me a note that she had been born again. And I just, I thought, oh, this is just going to blow over. It's just an emotional experience. But it didn't blow over. I could see my mother was transformed. Her life had been transformed by Christ. It took me two years, but by the end of that time, I knew that what she had was something I wanted. You know, the believer should attract people to Christ, as my mother did me. And so I started listening to Christian radio because she'd keep saying, "Mary Jane, would you just listen to the radio." And I finally started listening. And three days, after listening for three days, I got it. I realized that I was a sinner, I never knew I was a sinner. I'd grown up in the Episcopal Church, and that God is everyone's Father, and everyone's going to heaven and no one has any sin. That's all I'd heard. But when I realized that I was a sinner, and that I was actually going to hell, and it wasn't just that I was afraid of going to hell, it was just that I knew I had no answers to life. So as I listened to the radio I had, I was getting good teaching from Northwestern College at the time, there were good men there teaching the Bible verse by verse, and in three days, I got it. And I just knew that I found the truth. And dad would come home and he'd say, "What's going on with you? You aren't, you're not the same." No, I wasn't. I was not the same. All I wanted was to hear the Word of God and learn how to apply it and obey it my life.

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Host: David Wheaton 42:35

And then dad, you were saved shortly thereafter.

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Guest: Bruce Wheaton 42:38

Yes, I saw mom saved and I wondered what was going on in her life. She seemed to have a different aura about her and something that I felt I didn't have. And so with her involvement, in of course in marriage, and the fact that we were taking on new friends that were listening to the Word of God, I became exposed to it. And one day I went



forward at a meeting. It was a gospel meeting and a gospel preacher from Iowa that was preaching. I just knew at that very moment that I did not have what they were talking about. I had to go forward, and not that going forward saved me. But it was a change in my heart that caused me to become a Christian. And of course, it just changed the pathway in my life. But more importantly, the pathway of our whole family with four children.

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Host: David Wheaton 43:34

Well thank you for for sharing that. It's always great to hear your faith story, how you came to saving faith. It's been an eventful year so far. And we're only in June. Mom, you had a terrible hip break after a fall, surgery, you're recovering, I think fairly well from that. Now, as I mentioned earlier, in the program, both of you had COVID. You're 89 and 87 years old, you have constant health problems coming up, going to doctors, and then anyone who's in their 80's knows what I'm talking about. What is your perspective on knowing that you're likely living in the last years of your life? I mean, people don't typically live this long. Sometimes they're into the 90's. But you've both lived a very long life. You might be going to be in the presence of your Savior, Jesus Christ, maybe not even years from now, maybe months from now, maybe days from now. I mean, you could take a fall, you could get sick, anything can happen at this age. I mean, I know me and my siblings know this and think that way, you know, we see you and we just never know. We're thankful for how many years we've been able to have the privilege and opportunity to be with you. But we just never know a year from now. Obviously, it could be one of us as well. We could get in a car accident and our days are not guaranteed. Tomorrow is not guaranteed. But when you're your age, you must have the sense that you're at the end of your lives. I've heard you talk about it. What's it like being at the end of your life? Knowing that you're fairly close? You don't know exactly when, of course, to meeting your Savior Jesus Christ in person. How do you think at this time?

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Guest: Bruce Wheaton 45:13

Well, it's actually a good feeling. It's a feeling of stability, to know that we will someday leave this life for what the Bible calls a divine transition. We don't know the details, but we're certainly open and welcoming to it. I don't know how many days I have left, or months or years. But each day we live, we live with the light of eternity. I give no thought to when I'm going to die. I'm going to be 90 soon. And the Lord has blessed me this many years. If he wants me to stay on, I'll stay on. If he doesn't, then I'll fly, fly away.

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Host: David Wheaton 45:55

Mom, what are your thoughts on likely being near the the end of your life and going to heaven?

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Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 46:03

I can't tell you how much it means to know Christ as your Savior and Lord, for this life now, and knowing where you're going when you die. I'm so thankful for the life that I've had these years in Christ. And the greatest joy in my life is to tell someone else about Christ. So they can know Him too. Everywhere I've been, I've told them and some have believed. And to hear them after many years, it gives me joy to see my children, my physical children, and my spiritual children walking in the truth. I take it in, I want to give it out. I just don't understand people who take it in, but they don't give it out. I mean, what is the point if you're taking it in? Is it all for me, me, me. It's so other people, you can tell other people so they can know Christ too. But it will be worth it all when we see Jesus. It will be worth it all when we see Christ. One look at His dear face, all sorrow will erase. It will be worth it all when we see Christ.

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Host: David Wheaton 47:14

What a beautiful way to end our interview today. Thank you both for coming on the program once again and offering your perspective, an aged perspective on the country and the church. And I know I speak on behalf of my siblings, and your grandchildren, we all love you and your spiritual children. We love you so much. And we're just so grateful that God has been gracious to us. And not only keeping you here this long, but also keeping you here with the kind of relationship we have with you. And you know, as I'm getting older, I appreciate it more all the time. And I'm just thankful that now even my own son will be able to remember and has an opportunity to to interact with you and be influenced by both of you. So happy Mother's Day and happy Father's Day. And thank you again for coming on the Christian Worldview Radio Program.

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Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 48:08

Thank you, David, for having us. We listen to you every week and learn a lot from the things that you learn and then pass on to other people.

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Guest: Bruce Wheaton 48:16

We do really appreciate the Christian Worldview. And we appreciate you, David, for giving your heart and soul to help others find Christ.

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Host: David Wheaton 48:27

Well, I hope you enjoyed that interview with my parents, and I just consider myself most blessed to have been placed as a child in their family. Just a few takeaways that I thought of in listening to them. Number one, they have a valuable perspective. They have lived a long life, they have been longtime believers, they have experienced several eras, whereas younger people, maybe include myself in that, were limited by the time in which we have lived. They speak differently, you probably have noticed. They're not as nuanced, less qualifications than you hear people give today. There's an expectation of that generation that people will understand what you're saying without so many qualifications that people aren't so easily offended. If you noticed in their perspective that they're quite, I would say, pessimistic about the country and the culture and even the church if it compromises. But they're optimistic I think, as you could discern about God and His purposes and eternity. So they have this balance of pessimism about the future of mankind, but an optimism about what God and His gospel can do in the lives of people who believe in it. And that balance of pessimism about the future of the world and optimism about God's plans and purposes is squarely based on what Scripture teaches. The second takeaway that comes across loud and clear is that the turning point in their lives when they put their faith or trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord changed their lives in immeasurably for now and for eternity. And by the way, that can be the most important turning point of your life. If you're listening today, and have not put your faith in who Jesus Christ is and what he did for you on the cross, go to our website and read the page on what must I do to be saved? And I exhort you to put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, just as my parents did many, many decades ago. The third takeaway is that the Bible, the Word of God is their basis for how they think and live. They have a high view of Scripture. And not only that, they still have a need, they still feel a strong urge and desire to read it and study it and hear it preached on a daily basis because they know just like physical food helps you physically, the spiritual food of the Bible is what sustains us spiritually. The fourth takeaway is that they're still engaged in life and ministry, even at their elderly ages, as every Christian should be. You know, we may retire from work, but we definitely should not retire from the Christian life. We should be praying for the strong desire to grow closer to God and His Son, a greater desire for his word, opportunities to proclaim the gospel, to disciple those younger in the faith, and to still be engaged in a local Bible believing church as we are able. Paul wrote in his second letter to the Corinthians in chapter four, about living in the here and now in light of eternity. He said, "Therefore, we do not lose heart. But though our outer man is decaying, (and I know my parents feel that), yet our inner man is being renewed day by day." That's a good word for all of us to remember as we walk down the narrow road, following Christ in this life. Thank you for listening to the Christian World View. You can hear past programs, order resources for adults and children, sign up for our free weekly email and support the ministry or become a monthly partner at our website, [TheChristianWorldview.org](https://TheChristianWorldview.org) or by calling 1-888-646-2233. And also in mention of our

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