

The Future of Christendom 2023

The Gospel at War

SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2023

SPOOKY NOOK SPORTS, MANHEIM, PA

SEP 15

7 PM From the Keyboard to
the Coliseum: Lessons
from the Frontline

Dr. James White

SEP 16

8-9:30 AM 1st Xposition Session

9:30-9:45 Break

9:45-11:15 2nd Xposition Session

11:15-1 PM Lunch

1-2:30 3rd Xposition Session

2:30-3:30 Break

3:30-6:30 DEBATE: Is "Gay
Christian" a Biblically
Acceptable Identity
for a Member of
Christ's Church?

Dr. Gregory Coles
vs
Dr. James White

SEP 17

10 AM Independence Reformed
Bible Church
Worship Service



Xpositions

*CONCISE MESSAGES FOR OUR CULTURE
FROM A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW*

1st Xposition Session

1. The Gospel at War with the Military – Allen Cohen
2. The Gospel at War with Missiology – Charl van Wyk
3. The Gospel at War with Heresy – Matthew Wear
4. The Gospel at War with Art – Paul Michael Raymond

2nd Xposition Session

1. The Gospel at War with Feminism – Beth Bingaman
2. The Gospel at War with the Pulpit – Matt Kenitzer
3. The Gospel at War with Pietism – Joel Saint
4. The Gospel at War with Big Eva – Matt Trehwella

3rd Xposition Session

1. The Gospel at War with the City of Boston - Hal Shurtleff
2. The Gospel at War with the Culture of Death - David Coyle
3. The Gospel at War with the Yellow Bus – Chris Hume
4. The Gospel at War with Principalities – Ron Kronz



SPEAKERS



**Dr. James
White**

James White is the director of Alpha and Omega Ministries. He is Professor of Church History and Apologetics at Grace Bible Theological Seminary, and has taught Greek, Hebrew, Systematic Theology, Textual Criticism, Church History and various topics in the field of apologetics for numerous other schools. He has authored or contributed to more than twenty four books, including *The King James Only Controversy*, *The Forgotten Trinity*, *The Potter's Freedom*, *The God Who Justifies* and *What Every Christian Needs to Know About the Qur'an*. He is an accomplished debater, having engaged in more than one hundred eighty moderated, public debates with leading proponents of Roman Catholicism, Islam, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Mormonism, as well as critics such as Bart Ehrman, John Dominic Crossan, Marcus Borg, and John Shelby Spong. Before travel restrictions James debated in such locations as London, Sydney, as well as in mosques in Toronto and South Africa. He is a Pastor/Elder of Apologia Church in Arizona. He has been married to Kelli for more than forty years, and has two children, and five living grandchildren.



**Allen
Cohen**

Allen Cohen is a Christian, a husband, and a 19-year Air Force lieutenant colonel. As an elder of Street Church, he co-labors with faithful believers to proclaim the authority and Gospel of Jesus Christ in all aspects of society. Allen and his wife, Jean, served the LORD in Europe, Asia, Middle East, and throughout the United States. They successfully fought against the U.S. government's illegal and immoral Covid-19 'vaccine' mandates. Today, Allen continues to encourage and train others to stand boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. He is among thousands of service members and federal civilians who promote righteousness and confront wickedness in our land.



**Charl
van Wyk**

Charl van Wyk is a Christian missionary, author and activist in Africa. His belief in his Christian duty to protect the innocent, vulnerable and oppressed led him to single-handedly return fire in the midst of a terrorist attack, saving many lives! The story of how God led Charl to forgive and pursue reconciliation with his attackers is captured in his best-selling book, *Shooting Back – The Right and Duty of Self-defense*. Now he is engaged in a new war - a battle to establish kingdom-focused covenant communities in Southern Africa. His pro-active stance on educating the Church and renewing minds with a Biblical worldview drives him to see communities changed through the Gospel, discipleship and community development.



**Matthew
Wear**

Matthew Wear has served with Child Evangelism Fellowship of Reading and Berks County, Inc. since October 2019. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Pastoral Ministry at Lancaster Bible College in May of 2019 and is currently working on earning his Master's online through New Geneva Christian Leadership Academy. His goal is to be a pastor and teacher in the church. Although he loves to study, his passion is to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the public square and out of merely the four walls of the institutional church. Matthew accomplishes this presently through his vocation, as well as through open-air preaching in front of Abortion Mills, Public Schools, and the City Square. He believes that family and ministry are not at odds with each other. Matthew is married to Sarah, and the two have a baby boy named Ezekiel. When possible, Matthew brings his family with him when ministering to the community.



**Dr. Paul
Michael
Raymond**

Rev. Dr. Paul Michael Raymond is the pastor of the Reformed Bible Church in Central Virginia @ Appomattox which is committed to the Reformed tradition of "Sola Scriptura", with a strong emphasis upon the Christian's Cultural Mandate of Genesis 1:28. Originally established in 1992 in Suffolk County New York, Rev. Raymond along with others of the RBC session, expanded the ministry in 1998 by planting a church in Virginia, and by 2001 established The Institute for Theonomic Reformation. In 2009 the work continued to expand with the establishment of The New Geneva Christian Leadership Academy; an undergraduate, graduate and seminary level scholarship training entity. He has also been a court appointed advocate working with the juvenile justice system and the local department of social services. Dr. Raymond is a graduate of Whitefield Theological Seminary, holds a Masters degree from Whitefield, and a doctorate from Alameda Theological University. The Reformed Bible church is affiliated with The Alliance of Reformed and Theonomic Churches (ARTC) of which Dr. Raymond is a founding member. He has been married to his wife, Jane, for 38 years and together they have 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

SPEAKERS



Beth Bingaman is a women's Bible teacher, author and mentor. Her mission is to challenge women with Biblical truth so that, through the work of the Holy Spirit, they may grow in faith, knowledge and understanding of His Word and the work He has for His people to do. It is her hope that her teaching will be shared at home and in other situations with the next generation of God's people. After coming to saving faith in Jesus Christ in her late thirties and having been given a hunger for God's Word, Beth was called to teach for Bible Study Fellowship which proved to be a valuable training in preparation and study. She taught the Reading, Pennsylvania class for eight years. Subsequently, she has been teaching at women's retreats, conferences, Sunday school, and other Bible studies since 2009. Beth and her husband, John, live in West Reading, Pa. and are parents of 2 children and 7 grandchildren. They are active members of Independence Reformed Bible Church where John is an elder.



**Beth
Bingaman**

Matt Kenitzer has been Pastor at St. John's Reformed Church in Friedensburg, PA since June 2018 when he moved from Oregon. He received an MDiv from Cobran University in Salem, Oregon in May 2018. Matt and his wife Shea have been married since 2008 and they have three girls. Matt has a passion for expository preaching as he takes time to bring sound doctrine to bear upon all of life and to defend the purity and clarity of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Along with serving on the board of MARS Matt also serves as a Director of *Abolish Abortion Pennsylvania*.



**Matt
Kenitzer**

Joel was providentially introduced to R.J. Rushdoony's *Institutes* when he acquired a copy of it as a dispensational Bible college student in 1979. He was then guided by the influence of other young scholars who suggested other reconstructionist authors. A graduate of Washington Bible College with a degree in Biblical Studies, Joel was a youth pastor at Twin Valley Bible Chapel in Narvon, PA, before his secular career. After 20 years of career, study, and teaching ministry, he readily agreed to join and help launch the MARS organization. Joel is the Executive Director of MARS and teaches regularly at the MARS lecture series on a variety of social and political topics. He is also the pastor of Independence Reformed Bible Church of Morgantown, PA. Joel resides with his wife, Audrey, in Denver, PA and has 9 grown children and 27 grandchildren.



**Joel
Saint**

Matt has been the pastor of Mercy Seat Christian Church for 35 years – a congregation located in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area. He and his wife, Clara, have been married 41 years. They have 11 children, and 30 grandchildren. He is the founder of Missionaries to the Preborn which was instrumental in seeing abortion in Wisconsin drop by over 60% from 1990 to 2022, Pastor Matt spent over 15 months in jail for interposing on behalf of the preborn at the doors of the deathcamps. He is the author of the book *The Doctrine of the Lesser Magistrates: A Proper Response to Tyranny and A Repudiation of Unlimited Obedience to Civil Government* which has sold over 100,000 copies. He has spoken to countless magistrates, conducted countless news, radio, and podcast interviews, and has been invited to speak before legislators in 11 states. He preached his first sermon exposing the false narrative of the covid pretend-demic on March 22, 2020 – just nine days after Trump announced the national emergency. The sermon was entitled A Contrarian Look at Covid 19. He went on to expose the evil, preaching a series of sermons regarding the matter over the next two years – the sermons had hundreds of thousands of listens. You can read how Pastor Matt came to Christ at HowJesusChangedMyLife.com



**Matt
Trehwella**

Hal was born and raised in Boston and lived there until December of 2020. He now lives in Alton, NH. A father of five, and a grandfather of two, Hal and his wife Maura homeschooled all of their children. He is a U.S. Army veteran who served a tour of duty with the 101st Airborne Division and is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Hal is co-founder and director of Camp Constitution and hosts the Camp Constitution Radio as well as the Camp Constitution Report. He writes op-ed articles for *The Weirs Times* and *The Boston Broadside*. In May of 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 9-0 in Hal's lawsuit against the City of Boston "Shurtleff v Boston."



**Hal
Shurtleff**

SPEAKERS

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**David
Coyle**

Dave Coyle is a husband, father, and roofer by trade. Beyond the call to his family, he serves Christ as an evangelist, teacher, and missionary to the preborn. He is the founder of *Love and Justice Ministries*, and an active board member of *Abolish Abortion Pennsylvania*. Dave came to faith in Christ at age 28. He met his beautiful bride, Rachel, shortly after he was saved. They were married in 2013, and have been blessed with three children.



**Chris
Hume**

Chris is the managing editor of *The Lancaster Patriot*, an online news and commentary outlet based in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (www.thelancasterpatriot.com). He is the author of *Seven Statist Sins: The Capital Vices of Civil Government in American Society*. He and his wife Bess have five children.



**Ron
Kronz**

Ron is a servant evangelist for the Lord Jesus Christ. Since his youth, the Lord has prepared Ron for high-contact, high-conflict opportunities in which to share the Good News of our God. Ron founded and pastors a church in the DC area, called "Street Church." Street Church's motto is, "No walls.... No fear.... No retreat." Another motto is, "No building.... No budget.... No problem." It is an active body. The Lord has been pleased to call the various members of Street Church to public evangelism, and standing for the rights of the King in matters of justice, mercy, and truth, at abortion mills, churches, schools, and the public square. Ron is a speaker, teacher, business owner, and more recently - author. He is "Pop-Pop" to his grandkids. He and his wife, Cyndie, share a remarkable testimony of God's power and faithfulness.



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Sunday (9/17)

**Join Independence Reformed Bible Church tomorrow right here at
10am for a worship service followed by a fellowship meal**

SPECIAL THANKS

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DEBATE

Is “Gay Christian” a Biblically Acceptable Identity for a Member of Christ’s Church?

Dr. Gregory Coles (Affirmative) vs Dr. James White (Negative)

Moderated by Christopher Arnzen

FORMAT

OPENING REMARKS:

Gregory Coles (20 minutes)

James White (20 minutes)

REBUTTALS:

Gregory Coles (10 minutes)

James White (10 minutes)

1st CROSS EXAMINATION SESSIONS:

James White questions Gregory Coles (15 minutes)

Gregory Coles questions James White (15 minutes)

BREAK

2nd CROSS EXAMINATION SESSIONS:

Gregory Coles questions James White (15 minutes /

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FINAL REMARKS:

Gregory Coles (5 minutes)

James White (5 minutes)

AUDIENCE Q&A (30 minutes)



**Dr. Gregory
Coles**

Greg is the author of *Single, Gay, Christian: A Personal Journey of Faith and Sexual Identity* (IVP, 2017) and *No Longer Strangers: Finding Belonging in a World of Alienation* (IVP, 2021). He holds a PhD in English from Penn State and works as a writer, speaker, and worship leader. His fiction and expository writing have been published by Penguin Random House and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; his academic research on rhetorical theory (how language works in society) has appeared in *College English* and *Rhetorica* and in an edited collection from Cambridge University Press. You can find most of his creative activities curated at gregorycoles.com.



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**Christopher
Arnzen**

Chris Arnzen is a veteran of radio, having decades of experience employed in that field since the mid-1980s. He was the Long Island Account Executive for WMCA-570AM & WWDJ-970AM in New York, affiliates of Salem Media (the largest Christian radio network in the world) for 15 years (1991-2005). While employed there, Chris created a nightly program titled "The Voice of Sovereign Grace", which was hosted by 5 different theologically Reformed ministry leaders every week (including R. J. Rushdoony), and remained on the air for nearly a decade. Chris also caught "the talk radio host bug" himself while employed by Salem when WMCA's in-house talk show host, Andy Andersen, began to request that Chris fill in for him during Andy's time off for vacation or illness. After Andy's home-going to Christ subsequent to his bout with cancer, Chris was the fill-in host for 2 full weeks prior to when Andy's permanent replacement was found. In 2005 Chris launched his own daily talk radio show, "Iron Sharpens Iron", originally out of WNYG-1440AM & WGBB-1240AM in Babylon, Long island, NY. After relocating to Carlisle, PA, in 2015, Chris relaunched "Iron Sharpens Iron" where it continues to be heard globally at www.IronSharpensIronRadio.com via live-streaming. Over the years, Chris has interviewed and has received glowing written commendations from many of the most highly respected and globally renowned Christian thinkers, including the late R. C. Sproul, John MacArthur, Steven Lawson, Joel Beeke, Doug Wilson, Geoff Thomas, Maurice Roberts, Paul Washer, Ken Ham, George Grant and Dr. James R. White.