

“REMEMBERING THE PRICE”

By Dr. David C. Gibbs, Jr.

In his book *Remembering the Price*, Dr. David Gibbs presents a general synopsis of the many ways the Christian Law Association (CLA) has been of help to Christians and the local church. Many have sacrificed to give us the freedom we enjoy. These freedoms were initially established by our founding fathers with the Bible as their principle guide. Today we are losing the battle to maintain those freedoms and the future losses will be realized upon our children.

The first chapter opened with the following quote, “Being patriotic is more than just respecting the flag, paying taxes, and obeying our nation’s laws. Being patriotic is remembering the price that was paid. Remembering the price will affect how we value, appreciate, and preserve the freedom which has been purchased for us” (p. 5). This quote reflects the authors overriding premise and purpose for his text. In addition, each of the subsequent chapters contained a correlating Bible lesson regarding various aspects of Christian virtues.

In chapter two Dr. Gibbs revealed that the authors of the Declaration of Independence were essentially signing their own death warrants. “To know the mission of America, read the Declaration of Independence that started it all” (p. 10). Dr. Gibbs explained how the founding fathers with their trust in God dedicated themselves in establishing the United States of America. This chapter also gave an interesting acrostic for the word “America.” According to Dr. Gibbs, the letter “C” was intended to represent a nation of compassion. Our country continues to send its servicemen into harms way as an act of compassion in securing the freedoms of others.

The background given in chapter three of John Winthrop stressed his enduring commitment to Christ and the New World. In referring to the city of London, Winthrop was, “greatly disturbed by the immorality and the degeneracy of the city” (p.15). And he didn’t want to “lose his children to the godless popular culture that prevailed there” (p. 16). Winthrop was unwavering, generous and a servant to help lead our nation in its infancy. Men like him are so needed in our society today.

Dr. Gibbs made an emphatic statement in chapter five when he stressed that our hope as a nation does not lie in the government. “Sadly, our government does not realize that America’s greatest problem is her spiritual one” (p. 31). A single good Bible believing and living church can impact an area, eventually helping even the unbelievers of that area to greater morality.

Dr. Gibbs made the case in chapter ten that the church, as we know it, may possibly one day come to an end. He went on to illustrate the undermining of America’s religious liberties through our court system. A number of legal threats, as mentioned in chapter 11, brought attention to the fact that at any time someone can legally tie-up the churches resources and time. Some of the legal threats were unbelievable; others were bogus, correctly reflecting the nature of the legal beast in America. The author charged his readers as individual Christians to help in restoring the nation.

Dr. Gibbs made an excellent point on page 91 of chapter 19 when he pointed out that the education profession makes the most impact, but what they teach is without a foundation and eventually leads to bankruptcy of individuals soon followed by the demise of the nation.

Overall this book was straightforward and easy to read, and the various cases mentioned certainly brought home the legal issues at hand. Many chapters quietly made the case for the ministry of CLA in a tasteful and honorable manner. I also appreciated Dr. Gibbs' Scriptural points that were interwoven with various stories.