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**1-26-2015 Country Music Theology**

Many people, it seems, follow a "Country Music" Theology, rather than the Bible. "The Red Dirt Road," for example, said, "I learned the path to Heaven is full of sinners and believers." Really? **Psalm 1:5** says "sinners" are not "in the congregation of the righteous;" Jesus said:

"I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."  
(**Matthew 9:13**)

The command is, "Cleanse your hands, you sinners" (**James 4:8**). By obeying Jesus Christ, "believers were increasingly added to the Lord" (**Acts 5:14**). Everyone will not crowd into Heaven, according to Jesus:

"For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it."  
(**Matthew 7:13-14**)

"The red dirt road" is a Dead End!

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**1-27-2015 Useless "Religion"**

Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, 'Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you.' (**Acts 17:22-23**)

"Religion" literally means "fearing some deity," in this case, idols. Some people are "very religious" about the "gods" of: power, sex, money, sports, themselves, or things. "Worship without knowing" the God of Heaven and Earth and the Bible is vain.



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If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. ([James 1:26](#))

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**1-28-2015 "Raising Hell?"**

According to many songs and party people, having a lot of fun is "raising Hell." According to Jesus: first, this is profanity, because *Hell cannot be "raised,"* it is for damned souls for Eternity, a.k.a. "the condemnation of hell" ([Matthew 23:33](#)); secondly, *it should not be "raised"* for it is described as "torments" without a drop of water for relief ([Luke 16:23-24](#)); and third, a maimed body in life is better than the next life in "hell fire" ([Mark 9:42-48](#)).

Since "Hell" cannot nor should not be "raised," and is eternal torment: how much "fun" is it to say that? To "raise Hell" in life only lowers someone's soul into it forever! Jesus said:

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." ([Mark 16:16](#))

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**1-29-2015 "The American Sniper"**

"The American Sniper" tells about Chris Kyle in the ongoing Gulf Wars, how his devotion to America sustained him through the horrors of war, effects on his personality, and strain on his home life. He fought to protect a society that had no "sniper" to protect him! Despite the grim war scenes depicted, the militarily filthy language, and the stark ending, the movie has broken all box office records for a January.

Americans hunger to hear of someone who can protect them. David said:

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.*



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But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; let those also who love Your name be joyful in You. For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield.  
([Psalm 5:11-12](#))

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**1-30-2015 What Makes Sunday "Super?"**

According to Monday's Toronto (Canada) Sun paper:

It's back! North America's annual tribute to chicken wings, expensive commercials, dancing cheerleaders, overhyped halftime shows and – we probably shouldn't forget this one – the tradition of NFL football takes place this weekend...

They are right, except the game itself is often drab and dull. It's too bad many millions have forgotten what makes every 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week, called "Sunday" actually "awesome" – Jesus Christ:

... Bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed. ([1 Peter 2:24](#))

Go above "super."

Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord. ([Acts 22:16](#))

You'll never forget it, nor regret it.

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