

Love Always Protects

Genesis 3:21 has been called the first gospel sermon. Preached not by preachers, but by God himself. Not with words, but with symbol and action.

“The LORD God made clothes from animal skins for the man and his wife and dressed them” (Gen. 3:21).

God covers them. He protects them.

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Hasn't he done the same for us? We eat our share of forbidden fruit. We say what we shouldn't say. Go where we shouldn't go. Pluck fruit from trees we shouldn't touch.

So what does God do? Exactly what he did for our parents in the garden. He sheds innocent blood. He offers the life of his Son. And from the scene of the sacrifice the Father takes a robe—not the skin of an animal—but the robe of righteousness. And does he throw it in our direction and tell us to shape up? No, he dresses us himself. He dresses us with himself.

“You were all baptized into Christ, and so you were all clothed with Christ” (Gal. 3:26-27).

God has clothed us. He protects us with a cloak of love. Can you look back

over your life and see instances of God's protection? I can too. My junior year in college I was fascinated by a movement of Christians several thousand miles from my campus. Some of my friends decided to spend the summer at the movement's largest church and be disciplined. When I tried to do the same, every door closed. Problem after problem with finances, logistics, and travel.

A second opportunity surfaced: spending a summer in Brazil. In this case, every door I knocked on swung open. Two and one half decades later I see how God protected me. The movement has become a cult—dangerous and oppressive.

Time in Brazil introduced me to grace—freeing and joyful. Did God protect me? Does God protect us?

And you? Did he keep you from a bad relationship? Protect you from the wrong job? Insulate you from _____ (you fill in the blank)?

“Like hovering birds, so will [the LORD Almighty] protect Jerusalem” (Isa. 31:5 JB). “He will strengthen and protect you” (2 Thess. 3:3 NIV). “He will command his angels ... to guard you”

Tobacco users more susceptible to COVID-19 than others

Press Release

For less than a year now, the coronavirus COVID-19 has been infecting people around the world, changing the way we live and work dramatically. There is a lot that is unknown about this novel disease, but there are a few things that are certain.

Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Some of these underlying diseases include chronic lung disease, moderate or severe asthma, and serious heart conditions. Smokers may be putting themselves at an even greater disadvantage.

“The CDC places smokers in the high risk category for COVID-19 related illness since smoking suppresses the immune system and makes smokers more susceptible to illness,” said Amy Winter, Director of the Office of Tobacco Control at the Mississippi State Department of Health.

“Smoking significantly _____ (Ps. 91:11 NIV).

God protects you with a cloak of love.

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to abolish health or safety,” Council Member Alondra Cano told WCCO-AM on Monday. “What we are saying is we have a broken system that is not producing the outcomes we want.”

The state last week launched a civil rights investigation of the department. On Friday, the council approved a stipulated agreement that immediately banned the use of chokeholds and neck restraints and included several other changes. That investigation is ongoing.

worsens COVID-19 because it helps infectious diseases progress.”

According to a new meta-analysis by the University of California San Francisco that included 11,590 COVID patients, researchers found that among people with the virus, the risk of disease progression in those who currently smoke or previously smoked was nearly double that of

non-smokers.

The analysis also found that when the disease worsens, current or former smokers had more acute or critical conditions or were more likely to die. Ultimately, smoking was associated with almost a doubling of the risk of the disease progression.

Even without the additional harm from COVID-19, tobacco use remains the number one cause of preventable disease and death in the U.S. Tobacco kills more than 480,000 people per year.

In addition, 16 million people in the U.S. currently suffer from smoking-caused illness.

“Quitting smoking yields large and immediate benefits to your health, no matter when you quit,” said Sharon Nettles Director of the Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition of Madison, Yazoo, and Holmes Counties. “These benefits are more important now than ever.”

For information and resources about the dangers of e-cigarettes, tobacco products, or COVID-19, visit www.healthmys.com/tobacco or www.healthmys.com/COVID-19. For help with quitting visit www.quitlinems.com, or call the Mississippi Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

LOGISTIC & ACCURACY TESTING June 23, 2020 - Republican Primary Run-off

You, the citizens of Holmes County, are invited to attend the Logistic and Accuracy Testing a/k/a (L & A) for all voting equipment to be used in the upcoming June 23, 2020 Republican Primary Election Run-off on June 15, 16 and 17 2020.

The Mississippi State Law requires a Logistic and Accuracy Testing at least five (5) days before an election on all voting equipment.

The Logistic and Accuracy Test provides certification of the accuracy of the Voting System along with the opportunity to discover any issues that may exist with the voting equipment. Logistic and Accuracy Test will be performed on all Accu Vote-TSX and Accu Vote-OS Units, the GEMS Server, and GEMS Election Database to ensure that:

- Each voting unit is fully functional and free from mechanical problems.
- Results are tabulated properly
- Results are uploaded accurately
- Each voting unit contains correct ballot styles

For additional information, please call
Earline Wright-Hart, Circuit Clerk
662-834-1957

Officer charged in Floyd's death has 1st court appearance

Associated Press

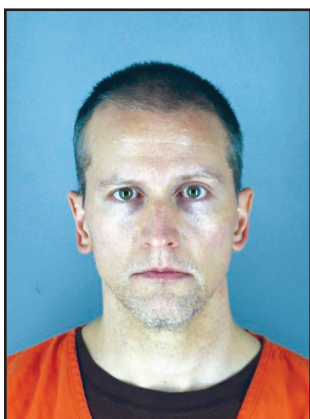
The Minneapolis police officer charged with second-degree murder in George Floyd's death was scheduled to make his first court appearance Monday, June 8.

Derek Chauvin, 44, is also charged with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in Floyd's May 25 death. Floyd, a handcuffed black man, died after the white police officer pressed his knee into his neck for several minutes even after Floyd stopped moving and pleading for air.

Floyd's death set off protests, some violent, in Minneapolis that swiftly spread to cities around the U.S. and the globe. Chauvin and three other officers on the scene were fired the day after Floyd's death.

Chauvin is being held at a state prison in Oakdale. The other three officers — J. Kueng, Thomas Lane and Tou Thao — are charged with aiding and abetting. They remain in the Hennepin County jail on \$750,000 bond.

Lane's family has set up a website seeking donations to help him post bond. The



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site highlights Lane's relative lack of experience -- he had only recently completed his probationary period -- and his questions to Chauvin about whether Floyd should be rolled onto his side. It also noted his volunteer work.

Floyd's death has ignited calls to reform the Minneapolis Police Department, which community activists have long accused of entrenched racial discrimination and brutality. A majority of Minneapolis City Council members said Sunday that they favor disbanding the department entirely, though they have yet to offer concrete plans for what would replace it.

“Nobody is saying we want

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC A MANDATORY MEETING IS REQUIRED, TO-WIT:

PANDEMIC WORKSHOP/TRAINING

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 @ 6:15PM

All of Beat 1 & 2 R & R Mgrs. & Bailiff(s) Only

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 @ 6:15PM

All of Beat 3 & 4 R & R Mgrs. & Bailiff(s) Only

Thursday, June 11, 2020 @ 6:15PM

All of Beat 5 R & R Mgrs. & Bailiff(s) Only