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“... I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18

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Subj: **THE CORRUPTING LEAVEN OF THE ‘GOSPEL’ [sic] COALITION (1 Cor. 5:6, KJV)**

Re: **“GREAT DOCTRINES of the REFORMED FAITH”** - 2018 Thornwell Lectures, June 3 – August 12
[Note: This letter posted online at www.ChristianLifeandLiberty.net, “Events” page]

Shepherds [?] at First Presbyterian Church,

Once again, as in 2017, the sheep of First Presbyterian Church are being betrayed by the shepherds [?] of the flock, as evidenced by the connection several of the speakers for the [2018 Thornwell Lectures](#) series: **“GREAT DOCTRINES of the REFORMED FAITH”** have with the apostate, anti-Gospel, so-called “Gospel” Coalition. This year it is not possible to blame former FPC minister [Dr. Mark McDowell](#) for the speaker lineup, as in 2017, when two speakers were even identified in the [Thornwell Lectures series brochure](#) as connected to **The “Gospel” [sic] Coalition** (Ryan Reeves, and self-described same-sex attracted **Sam Allberry**); and also when two other speakers were signers of the 2009 [Manhattan Declaration ecumenical abomination](#), including one of the three principal co-authors, **Timothy George**, whose own [writing](#) documents his blatant ecumenism with the apostate* church of Rome (*James Henley Thornwell wrote “Rome denies the blood” in Chapter 10, “Rome Denies Justification by Faith Alone” of Thornwell’s 1846 work “Sacramental Sorcery – *The Invalidity of Roman Catholic Baptism*”; 2006 reprint available online). 2017 Thornwell Series speaker **Timothy George** [wrote](#) of his participation in a Vatican synod with more than 300 Roman Catholic Bishops in October 2012 at the invitation of Rome’s Pope. After the Preamble, the [Manhattan Declaration](#) continues with these oxymoronic, even heretical words, **“We, as Orthodox, Catholic, and Evangelical Christians,..”**

In 2018, three of the Thornwell Lectures [speakers](#) are actually members of the **leadership Council** of **The “Gospel” [sic] Coalition**: **Kevin DeYoung** (July 1); **H.B. Charles** (July 8); **Ligon Duncan** (July 15). In addition, two other [speakers](#) for this year’s Thornwell Lectures, were [speakers](#) at The Gospel Coalition 2017 National Conference: **Scott Manetsch** (June 17); **Jonny Gibson** (August 12).

Shame again on whomever the individual(s) is(are) responsible for scheduling **leaders** of the apostate so-called **“Gospel” [sic] Coalition**; as well as two prominent signers of the 2009 [Manhattan Declaration ecumenical abomination](#) (**Ligon Duncan** and **William Edgar**) to be [2018 Thornwell Lectures speakers](#).

[One wonders if perhaps someday the ecumenical leaning leadership of First Presbyterian Church will ever think of inviting John MacArthur to present his message, [“The Pope and the Papacy”](#), available at the www.gty.org website; both in [audio](#) and as [transcribed](#) ?! (Listeners encouraged to look up John MacArthur’s Scripture citations in KJB)] **Albert Mohler**, **leadership Council** member of **The “Gospel” [sic] Coalition**, and [Manhattan Declaration signer](#), has also [spoken](#) at a previous Thornwell Lectures series. */// There was a Reformation for a reason, and it remains still*; but it is the ongoing **Jesuit-led** Counter-Reformation / Vatican II “Ecumenical Movement” which seeks to bring Bible-believing Christians “Home” [sic] to the Apostasy of Rome ! */// Feed the sheep.*

Jesus Christ is King of kings, and Lord of lords (1 Timothy 6:15, [KJV](#))

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Enclosures:

- 1) **“GREAT DOCTRINES of the REFORMED FAITH” flyer** (two pages)
- 2) American Council of Churches, [Special Report](#), Spring 2017: [The Gospel Coalition](#), by Dan Greenfield, pastor/ACCC Exec Secretary [Note: Enclosure as a very informative and worthwhile report is not intended to necessarily imply agreement on all points.]
- 3) [“Trusted SBC and PCA Seminaries Producing Sexual Minority Activists”](#), 5/12/2018, by Thomas Littleton, pastor
- 4) [“...The \[True\] Gospel \[is\] Great ... : Reject the False Gospel of ‘LGBT + Christianity’”](#) [edited], 5/25/2018, by Thomas Littleton, pastor
- 5) Manhattan Declaration – [full text](#) (nine pages)
- 6) [List of Religious & Organizational Leaders Signatories of Manhattan Declaration](#) (sixteen pages)
- 7) [John MacArthur on the Manhattan Declaration](#), November 24, 2009 (one page)
- 8) [Ralph Ovadal, Pastor of Pilgrims Covenant Church, Monroe, Wisconsin](#) (one page)
“A Short Statement in Response to the Manhattan Declaration”, November 23, 2009
Sermon (audio) – “A Rebuke of the Manhattan Declaration Signers”, November 22, 2009
- 9) [Letter to First Presbyterian Church ministers and Erskine Theological Seminary professor \(Columbia, SC\)](#),
Subj: BETRAYING CHRIST, BETRAYING THE REFORMATION, Re: “STILL REFORMING - The Reformation at 500”,
2017 Thornwell Lectures, June 4 - August 13 (May 31, 2017)