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Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you **to contend for the faith** that was once for all delivered to the saints.

Jude 3

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Contending for the faith

by growing in what you believe about it,
why you believe it,
and how to communicate it
in a gracious biblical, manner.



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“A sickening and heartbreaking sight”: Four biblical responses to the Capitol assault and the promise of redemptive hope

By Dr. Jim Denison ▾

“I was grieved to see some who breached the Capitol yesterday carrying Christian flags. Some in the media are already blaming evangelicals for yesterday’s violence.”

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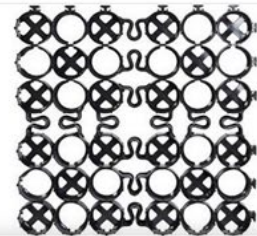
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The Washington Post

Democracy Dies in Darkness

Opinions

Trump's evangelicals were complicit in the desecration of our democracy



3 of Dr. Denison's points

- Violence against our Capitol and electoral process must be condemned.

Psalm 11:5, Proverbs 31-32

- Election concerns must be handled through due process.

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

Romans 13:1–2 (ESV)

- God can redeem this tragedy as a turning point for our nation.
 - pray for our leaders and people to seek reconciliation and peace.
 - pray for Christians to respond with truth and grace.

14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. 16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:14–21

**Contend for the faith as
ministers of reconciliation**

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Romans 5:10

21 And you, who once **were alienated** and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

Colossians 1:21

Grasp the message of reconciliation

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2 Corinthians 5:15

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20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Allow Christ's love to compel you

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