



2020 VISION:

SEEING AS JESUS SEES

GOD'S WILL AS THE PRIORITY



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**“The Bible and the Constitution were well-intentioned, but they are basically inherently flawed,...hence the need to amend it...gay rights, for example, it’s time for an amendment to the Bible.” (Piers Morgan)**



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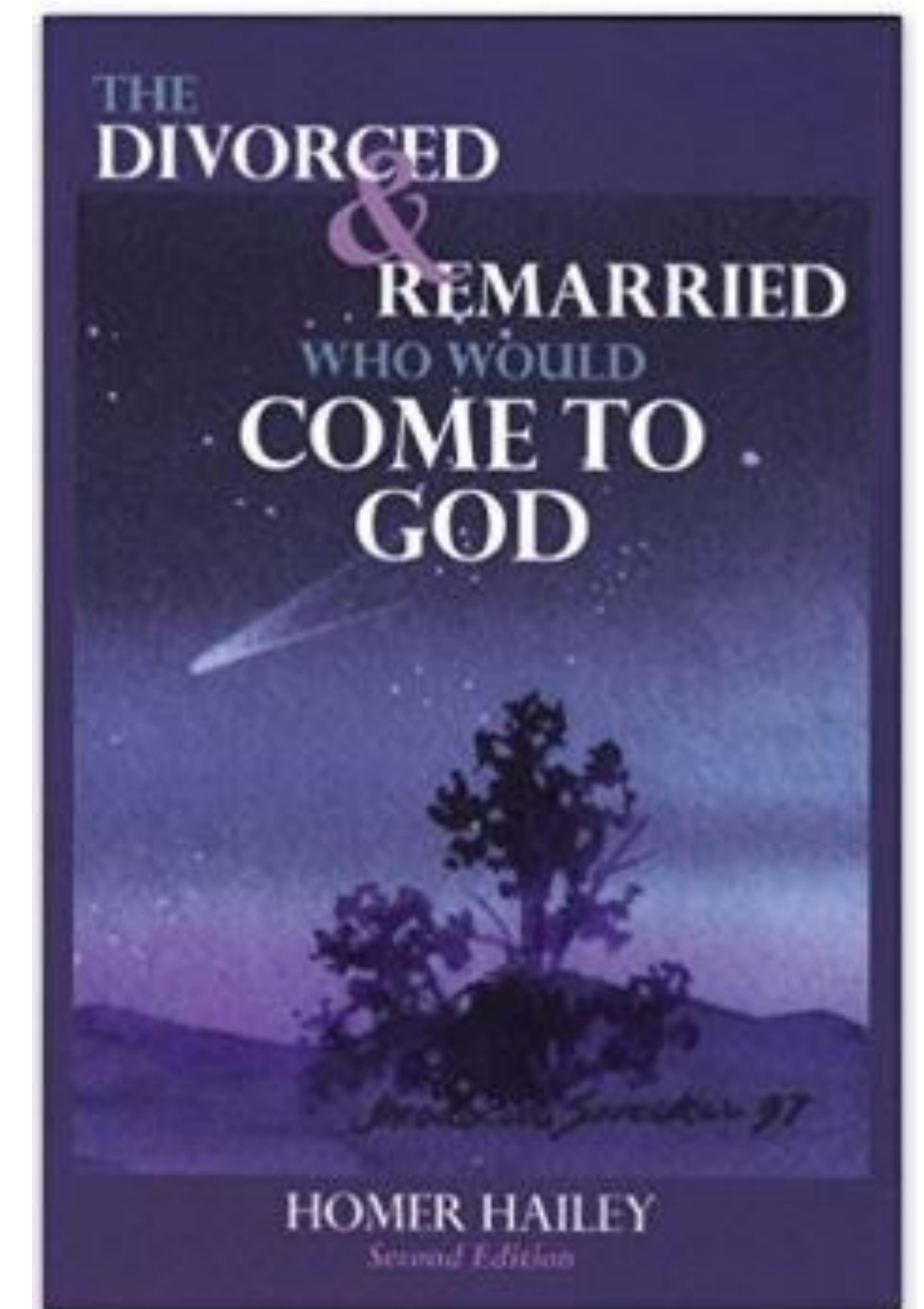
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“The alien is not under the covenant law of Christ until he brings himself under it by obedience to its terms...The alien is **not under the covenant of Christ**, having never submitted to its conditions or demands.”

[Hailey, pp. 52, 60]





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“While in the world, people cannot be *with* or *without* ‘a Scriptural cause’ for anything, seeing **they are not under *Christian Law***, but under *Civil Law* exclusively.” [Fuqua, *The Vindicator*, Oct. 1951, p. 6]

**But...John 12:48**

*DIVORCE  
and  
REMARriage*

Are Non-Christians Amenable  
to the Law of Christ?

The Warren-Fuqua Debate

Thomas B. Warren  
E. C. Fuqua



# How We Sometimes See God's Will

- **Non-Authoritative**

- **Not Binding**

“If the Bible is Contradictory, How Can it Be Authoritative?”

[Bart Ehrman Blog]

- **Other Writings Equally Authoritative**





# How We Sometimes See God's Will

- **Merely A Guidebook**
  - **A 'Buffet' System of Faith**
  - **The Individual Chooses What To Follow**



# The Consequences Of These Views

- **We Do Not Even Consider Its Relevance**
- **We Do Not Consult His Will, But Human Wisdom**
- **We Believe It Needs To Be Updated**

**Acts 22:10; Titus 2:11, 12**





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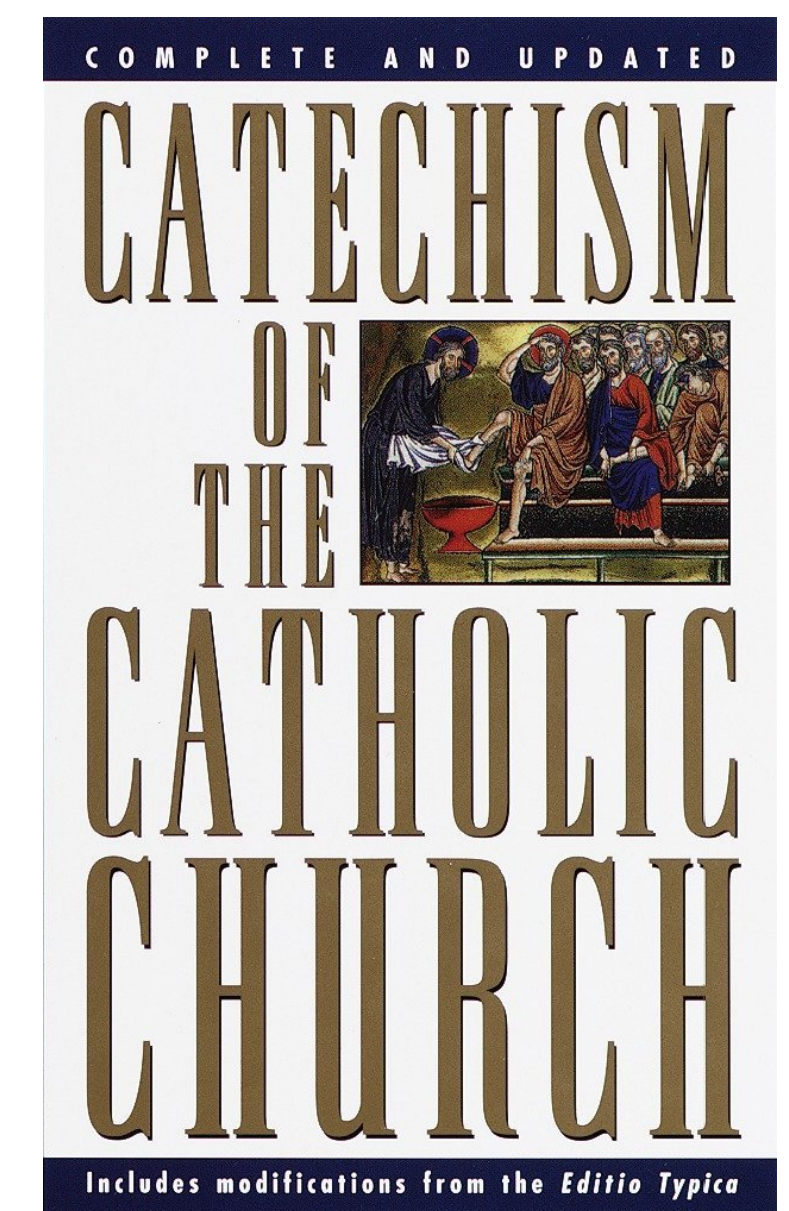
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“The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator...amongst whom are the Muslims.”

[paragraph 841, pp. 242, 243]

“Those who...do not know the Gospel of Christ or his Church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart...may achieve eternal salvation.”

[paragraph 847, pp. 244]





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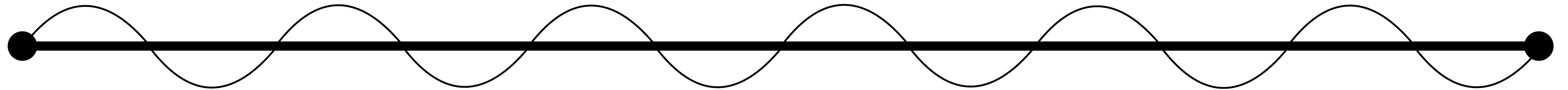
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- **We Think 'God Is Too Loving To Punish'**

**Zeph. 1:12; Psalm 10:11, 13; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thess. 1:8**



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  - **Upholding Only What Is Convenient/Socially Acceptable**
  - **We Interpret To Fit Preconceived Beliefs**

*cf. 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 5:8*



# How Jesus Sees God's Will

- **To Be Necessarily Obeyed**
  - **Not Just Hearing/Knowing God's Will**

*Matthew 7:21-27*
  - **Not Just Expressing A Desire To Do God's Will**

*Matthew 21:28-31*



# How Jesus Sees God's Will

- It Matters How We Obey

- Not Merely 'Lip Service'

**Matthew 15:7-9**

- Obedience From The Heart

**Ephesians 6:5, 6**



# How Jesus Sees God's Will

- **Our Very Existence and Purpose In Life!**

- **Living To Please Him**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:9**

- **Our 'Whole Duty'**

**Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14**

*“Therefore do not be unwise,  
but understand what the will of  
the Lord is.”*

**Ephesians 5:17**



