

## *PERSECUTION IN AMERICA*

If Free Speech goes, Freedom of Religion will be next and Freedom of Press will soon follow. We street preacher's are the **'yellow canary'** in the coal mine and if we should die, the rest of our rights and freedom will follow in America. We are fighting in courts across this nation just to preserve Free Speech laws which are being challenged by hate speech, or charged with provoking a riot, trespassing, public nuisance, fighting words and public disturbance among others. Below you will find articles on Street Preachers arrested, cited and court cases, click the link to read the full story.



Now we find **two extreme examples** of men standing before courts in the New Testament, **first** we find Jesus who never said a word and **second** the Apostle Paul, who could not keep his mouth shut in court. He gave his testimony, used his Roman citizenship and debated his cause that almost persuaded a magistrate to be a Christian. So we have a large option to work with today if arrested or cited and as a spiritual man that judges one should know just what to do.

**"But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man"**  
**1Co.2:15**

What do most pastors or theologian's know about persecution in America? Something they learned from a Bible college, from a book they read, maybe from a guest speaker, or reading from the scriptures, maybe cross referencing two or three Bible verses, taught a history lesson of the early Church. Maybe they have googled the topic and are getting information from a website or blog but have they tasted the Word of God? When was the last time your pastor been jailed for the faith? When was the last time your favorite living Biblical theologian was beaten for their faith? If you attend a Church where someone has the title 'apostle' or 'prophet' I ask, when was the last time they were persecuted, beaten, brought before courts (FOR THE SAKE

OF THE GOSPEL) and sat in a cell for committing a crime of promoting the standard of God in public as those men we find in the Bible with those titles?

This is found throughout the Old Testament, John the Baptist was beheaded in jail, our Lord was found guilty and put on a cross with criminals, Stephen was killed for his faith, in fact 10 Apostles met a violent death minus John who was boiled in a cauldron of oil and exiled to the island of Patmos. Paul was beaten, stoned, jailed and also put to death for the Word of God, not to mention most of our New Testament comes from a prison cell.

Christians today are sitting in jail for reading a Bible or having a Bible study.

Christians to date are being beaten, houses burned and killed for the sake of the gospel. Yet today in America the TV evangelist, theology universities and maybe your pastor are exempt.....how so?

Here is my TWO REASONS:

**"The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil"**

**John 7:7**

To be HATED one must testify that the world is evil, hence speak against sins and uphold the BLACK AND WHITE standard of God. You show me someone who will not stand against sin and I will show you that same person who will never be hated. Here is a confirmation verse for those that need more:

**"An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked"**

**-Pr.29:27**

You think you are a 'just man' in Christ, well fruit of that should be your actual presents before the wicked will be hated. Bottom line is they really don't hate you, they hate what you represent. Holiness which brings me to point 2.

**"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution"**

**-2Tim.3:12**

No need to know the 'Greek' language to understand what Paul is writing about. LIVE GODLY, SUFFER PERSECUTION! Show me someone who does not 'live godly' and I will show you an individual who will never be persecuted. Need a confirmation verse?

**"Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye"**

**-Matthew 7:5**

### **Scene and Seen: 'Trust Jesus' Supporter Put in Handcuffs in Hollywood**

"....In this case, it appeared, a group preaching the Lord's word would not move on. After a few minutes of arguing with LAPD officers, the group's apparent leader was put in cuffs and either detained or booked....."

[http://laist.com/2010/11/01/trust\\_jesus\\_protestor\\_put\\_into\\_hand.php](http://laist.com/2010/11/01/trust_jesus_protestor_put_into_hand.php)

**Sign-toting preachers on the Strip may see law change**

"Clark County has a law that prohibits people from carrying signs or banners on the Strip that exceed the widths of their bodies. It was intended to prevent pedestrian obstructions. The American Civil Liberties Union took up the preachers' cause and sued Clark County, calling the law an unconstitutional violation of free speech and religion. That lawsuit could come to an end Tuesday, when commissioners consider a proposed change in the law that would settle the case....."

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2008/mar/30/sign-toting-preachers-strip-may-see-law-change/>

#### **Pa. school district takes street preacher to court**

"HARRISBURG, Pa. (RNS) Should a street preacher be banned from approaching students at a bus stop? Dauphin County, Pa., Judge Jeannine Turgeon is weighing that question regarding Stephen Garisto, who says he has a constitutional right to evangelize to the students....."

<http://www.christiancentury.org/article/2011-01/pa-school-district-takes-street-preacher-court>

#### **Amplified preacher remains defiant despite tickets**

"Calgary officials have handed a street preacher more than \$400 in tickets after using loudspeakers to spread the word of God...."

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/calgary/story/2007/04/16/loud-preacher.html>

#### **Free Speech Hindered in Norway at the Nobel Peace Prize**

<http://www.abcnyheter.no/node/101121?page=1>



#### **Protesters arrested for carrying signs on Strip sue county**

".....Or you can wait to see if two street preachers win their lawsuit against Clark County. They're arguing that a law restricting the size of signs carried on public sidewalks to the width of a person's body violates their First Amendment rights to free speech and free exercise of their religious beliefs....."

[http://www.reviewjournal.com/lvrj\\_home/2006/Feb-15-Wed-2006/news/5890060.html](http://www.reviewjournal.com/lvrj_home/2006/Feb-15-Wed-2006/news/5890060.html)

### **Preachers lobby against law**

"Hendersonville's City Hall felt like a prayer meeting Thursday night, as about 80 people -- preachers and church members -- crowded the council meeting room offering random "Amens" as they spoke to city leaders about an ordinance involving street preaching....."

<http://www.blueridgenow.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070407/NEWS/704070332/1151>

### **'Pit Preacher' Banned From UNC-Chapel Hill**

"A reverend known for his fire-and-brimstone approach to sharing the gospel was cited this week for trespassing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and banned from the campus for two years..."

<http://www.wral.com/news/local/story/1229617/>

**"For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men"**

**-1Co.4:9**

### **Sally Robinson wants action on aggressive street preachers**

"City Councilwoman Sally Robinson said aggressive street preachers are harassing visitors outside the Tennessee Aquarium, but City Attorney Randy Nelson said there may be little the city can do about it...."

[http://www.chattanooga.com/articles/article\\_69679.asp](http://www.chattanooga.com/articles/article_69679.asp)

### **ACLU Helps Free New Mexico Street Preacher From Prison**

"PORTALES, NM -- The American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico today announced that it has succeeded in freeing street preacher Shawn Miller from the Roosevelt County jail. Miller was arrested last April after Portales police claimed he was yelling at passing cars, although Miller maintains he was merely "preaching the word of God."....."

<http://www.aclu.org/religion-belief/aclu-helps-free-new-mexico-street-preacher-prison>



### **A Preacher cleared over harassment**

"street preacher accused of harassing a passer-by by shouting "You are going to burn in hell" has been cleared....."

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/england/london/4100926.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/london/4100926.stm)

### **Street preacher's rants are protected speech, rules Oregon court**

"SALEM, Ore. — Loudly calling people "whoremongers" and "drunkards" in public isn't enough to convict a street preacher of disorderly conduct, the state Court of Appeals has ruled. The court said Eugene authorities wrongly used a disorderly conduct ordinance to quell the free-speech rights of Daniel Lee, even though he provoked passers-by with inflammatory accusations...."

<http://www.freedomforum.org/templates/document.asp?documentID=15291>

### **Street Preacher Wins Free Speech Case**

"PORTLAND – A federal judge ruled last week that Portland can't eject a street preacher from city parks just because he expresses a viewpoint in opposition to the views of organizers at a public event occurring at the park. According to attorneys Kelly Ford and Herb Grey, "the ruling in Gathright v. City of Portland is a complete victory. Street preachers in Portland are now free to preach inside the boundaries of public events in city parks for which the city has issued a permit, as long as the preacher doesn't violate ordinances or statutes."

<http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/Home/ADFContent?cid=2709>

### **Street preacher sues Florida county over arrests**

"PENSACOLA, Fla. — A twice-arrested street preacher sued Escambia County in federal court on Aug. 8 to challenge an ordinance requiring permits for public demonstrations. Prosecutors in May dropped both charges against Orlando Bethel, but an Escambia County sheriff's spokesman immediately said that wouldn't stop deputies from continuing to enforce the law and make arrests....."

<http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/news.aspx?id=11805>

### **UK Street Preachers Vindicated After Arrests for Calling Homosexuality Sin**

"It appears that efforts in the UK to crack down on those who speak out publicly against homosexuality are backfiring. In two different cases, street preachers taken into custody by police after publicly declaring their Christian belief that homosexual conduct is morally wrong have been awarded monetary settlements by the courts for wrongful arrest....."

[http://www.thenewamerican.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=5608:uk-street-preachers-vindicated-after-arrests-for-calling-homosexuality-sin&catid=17:europa&Itemid=35](http://www.thenewamerican.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5608:uk-street-preachers-vindicated-after-arrests-for-calling-homosexuality-sin&catid=17:europa&Itemid=35)

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<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/calgary/story/2007/04/16/loud-preacher.html>

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Last month, a street preacher from Georgia was cited twice then arrested for not obtaining the permit before preaching on Four Seasons Boulevard and again on Main Street.

<http://www.hendersonvillenews.com:80/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070407/NEWS/704070332/1151>

### **Cops use banned noise ordinance against street preacher**

".....The original case involving Deegan came when he was delivering a Gospel message in Ithaca Commons. Officers cited Deegan under the noise ordinance – the only apparent use of that ordinance in its history at that time – despite any number of "recreation activities,

celebrations, demonstrations, rallies, musical performances, poetry readings, speeches, and other expressive undertakings" that have gone on there....."

<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?pageId=82835>



#### **Protesting pastors jailed – signs wider than torsos**

"St. Petersburg, Fla., officials made good on their plan to limit free speech at the city's homosexual festival this weekend by arresting five Christians for carrying signs "wider than their torsos" outside the officially designated protest area....."

[http://www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=56461](http://www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=56461)

#### **Street Preacher cleared of shouting homophobic abuse in the street**

"A Christian who preached a hellfire sermon outside Debenhams in Colchester condemning homosexuality has been cleared of using threatening words or behaviour....."

<http://www.secularism.org.uk/119734.html>

#### **Minister Protesting Pride Event Now in Jail**

"A street preacher who intruded on an Elmira, New York gay pride event along with three others in 2007 has been arrested on disorderly conduct charges. Julian Raven had been fined \$100 for refusing to obey police, who ordered him and several others out of a park where the pride event was taking place at the time....."

<http://www.edgeboston.com/index.php?ch=news&sc=&sc2=news&sc3=&id=103850>

#### **Alarm over street preacher's arrest:**

"....Dale McAlpine, 42, was arrested in his home town of Workington, in Cumbria, last month after he mentioned homosexuality as one of a number of sins listed in the Bible, alongside idolatry, blasphemy, fornication, and drunkenness. He said he refrained from speaking about homosexuality in his sermon but when a passerby enquired on the issue, told her it was a sin....."

<http://in.christiantoday.com/articles/alarm-over-street-preachers-arrest/5333.htm>

#### **Police drop charge against Workington street preacher**

".....Mr McAlpine, 42, of Yeowartville, was charged with a public order offence for a comment he made to a passer-by. Police this week dropped the case, insisting that they were committed to upholding the right of freedom of speech....."

[http://www.timesandstar.co.uk/news/people/police-drop-charge-against-workington-street-preacher-1.708006?referrerPath=reds\\_2\\_1709](http://www.timesandstar.co.uk/news/people/police-drop-charge-against-workington-street-preacher-1.708006?referrerPath=reds_2_1709)

### **Men jailed for being on public sidewalk**

"Two men who are members of Gideons International, the Christian organization that is famous for, among other ministries, placing Bibles in motels and giving them to children, have been arrested after trying to hand out Bibles on a public sidewalk in Florida, according to a law firm...."

[http://www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=54150](http://www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=54150)

### **Preach Bible, get arrested**

".....A Christian street preacher has been arrested in Britain, accusing of telling a woman that homosexuality is a sin, and alarms are being raised that such actions soon are coming to the United States. The case in Britain involves 42-year-old Baptist Dale McAlpine, who was preaching in the Workington section of Cumbria, England, recently when he was arrested and charged with using abusive language under the 1986 Public Order Act, which originally was written to deal with abusive soccer fans....."

<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=150973>

### **Rundle Mall spruikers fined**

"A group of Christian street preachers has been fined more than \$2,500 for preaching in Rundle Mall without a permit. Four men were taken to court by the Adelaide City Council after refusing to pay fines for unauthorised spruiking...."

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/08/02/2971187.htm>

### **Preachers Arrest Won't Shut him up**

"Christian Web News - On August 23, Pastor Ronnie Wallace will be in a court hearing due to his arrest in Charlotte, NC for preaching the gospel in front of an abortion clinic.

Wallace was sitting on a step-ladder preaching on a public easement outside the Family Reproductive Health Abortion Clinic when seven police officers came and arrested him. He was ordered to stop preaching by one officer but when he refused he was taken into custody on a vague charge of placing or maintaining an obstruction in the right of way....."

<http://cwnewz.com/content/view/1495/2/>

### **Christian Missionaries Arrested at Michigan Arab Festival**

"Four Christian missionaries were arraigned in the 19th District Court in Dearborn on July 12 and charged with disorderly conduct. Police had arrested them at Dearborn's Arab International Festival on June 18 for handing out Christian literature.

Police also seized the group's video equipment....."

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2010/jul/10071407.html>

### **City may face suit from street preachers**

"The City of San Antonio may soon have new lawsuit on its hands. Two local men say police have threatened to cite and arrest him for passing out Bible tracts and sharing their faith with people...."

<http://www.kens5.com/home/City-may-face-suit-from-street-preachers-102572314.html>

### **Street preachers silenced by court ruling**

"The South Australian Supreme Court has backed an application from Adelaide City Council to ban the preachers from Rundle Mall in the city. The council cites complaints from shoppers and

retailers. The religious group has denied claims its members are too noisy and make racist or sexually-offensive remarks....."

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/08/31/2998507.htm?section=justin>

### **Members of NM churches charged in scuffle**

"....Joshua De Los Santos, pastor of Old Paths Baptist Church, said his church has preached at other religious groups without the "animosity" members encountered at Church On The Move. "God's word tells us to preach to every creature. ... That might include some who are trapped in false religions, according to the Bible," De Los Santos said. His church's website says it uses only the King James Bible, believing "all other versions have Satan's fingerprints." "

<http://washingtonexaminer.com/crime/2010/12/members-nm-churches-charged-scuffle>

### **Indiana Police Guided Against Prohibiting Street Preaching**

"The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department has issued a new legal bulletin, advising officers not to prohibit street preaching or the distribution of leaflets. The mission statement of the IMPD "demonstrates commitment to the enforcement of laws while respecting individual rights," the bulletin reads. "Those individual rights include the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which allows citizens to express their views and beliefs in public forums – including public sidewalks, public parks and streets. This may take the form of speech, passing out leaflets and carrying signs, among other activities."....."

<http://www.christianpost.com/article/20100925/indiana-police-guided-against-prohibiting-street-preaching/>

**"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved"**

### **Silenced street preacher sues city**

"HARRISONBURG -- A civil liberties group claims a Winchester noise rule violates a person's right to free speech. The Rutherford Institute filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Harrisonburg on Wednesday on behalf of a Christian street preacher who was stopped by police from using a microphone and amplifier to speak to crowds at the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival in May...."

<http://www.nvdaily.com/news/2010/11/silenced-street-preacher-sues-city.php>

### **Mall considers how to stop street preachers**

"....Two by-laws restricting public speaking in the Adelaide City Council area have been declared invalid in court. Preacher Caleb Corneloup from the group Street Church challenged by-laws used to prevent preaching, canvassing and distributing information..."

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/11/26/3076960.htm?section=justin>

### **SC High Court Overturns Greenville Street Preacher Conviction**

" COLUMBIA, S.C. --South Carolina's high court has overturned the conviction of a man arrested for preaching against homosexuality on a sidewalk in downtown Greenville....."

<http://www2.wspa.com/news/2010/nov/08/4/sc-high-court-overturns-greenville-street-preacher-ar-1065399/>

### **Part of Greenville 'street preaching' ordinance declared unconstitutional**

"The South Carolina Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional part of a city ordinance used to convict a street preacher of disturbing....."

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com>

**Street preachers obey new laws, present many new voices:**

".....This year, street preacher Ruben Israel brought a pair of the sacred garments and had them strung between two signs as he yelled his beliefs toward passersby. "You've denied the blood of Jesus Christ! You've denied the Bible!" Israel yelled. "Shame on you! You drank the Kool-Aid here in Salt Lake City!"....."

<http://www.usustatesman.com/2.5353/street-preachers-obey-new-laws-present-many-new-voices-1.567536>

**Conference clashes result in 2 arrests:**

"Two men were arrested Sunday afternoon after they clashed with street preachers near the LDS Conference Center as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints marked its 173rd Semiannual General Conference.

In the first incident, around noon, a man allegedly assaulted a street preacher who was wearing a piece of sacred LDS clothing around his neck. Wearing that clothing in such a way would be considered highly offensive by faithful LDS Church members....."

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/515036831/Conference-clashes-result-in-2-arrests.html>

**Religious protests shouldn't be grounds for eliminating free speech zones:**

".....As for Biblical grounds for their crusade, he cited John 7:7 and Isaiah 58:1, which say respectively, "The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that what it does is evil" and "Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the house of Jacob their sins."....."

<http://www.gsusignal.com/perspectives/religious-protests-shouldn-t-be-grounds-for-eliminating-free-speech-zones-1.2050712#5>

**"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable"**  
**-1Co.15:19**

**ACTUAL VIEDO CLIPS WHERE HEATHEN WATERED,  
PUNCHED, PUSHED AND SPIT:**

**Outside a nude bar in Tampa as owner comes out with a water hose**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xqdz3eaWTpo>

**This is Brother Kevin getting punched on a sidewalk in Northern California**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69z1jOtuVzI>

**Here is a preach clip outside a strip club in Mississippi where Brother Jesse was beaten**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BExjuRe0Cuk>

**This is Brother John getting pushed off a planter into a metal garbage can on a college campus**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kusDoK4yFMI>

**"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake"**



**BROTHER RUBEN ISRAEL ARRESTED FOR PREACHING AGAINST A  
HOMOSEXUAL PARADE IN SANTA ANA 1985, SINCE THAT TIME THE CITY OF  
SANTA ANA HAS NEVER HOSTED A SODOMITE PARADE.  
THE CHARGE OF STARTING A RIOT WAS DROPPED.**