01/09/22 New Year; Fresh Start; More Challenges

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I. News of the Week:

- a. Reminder: online class notes thanks to Joerg!!! (https://www.sjcalvaryberean.com)
- b. Understanding the Times: "Enemies Within The Church" (Pastor Cary Gordon & Jan Markell)
 - i. Today ay 1:00 on 88.1 FM or anytime at https://www.OliveTreeViews.org
 - ii. https://bit.ly/3G7zH3Z
 - iii. Expose of how 'wokeness' is influencing the Church
 - iv. https://www.EnemiesWithinTheChurch.com
 - a. "Wokeopedia"
 - v. \$12.95 online stream or \$14.95 + S&H DVD

c. Calvary's battle with Santa Clara County continues to get national coverage

- i. Stew Peters interview of Pastor Mike (16 min.)
- ii. https://bit.ly/3F7VQh2
- iii. Note: begins with 1 minute commentary on January 6, 2021
- d. A Victory ... but probably a temporary one (a test run to see public reaction?)
 - i. UN statue removed https://bit.ly/3zB3v6w
- e. Would you be interested in influencing schools in your neighborhood ... "Bibles in Schools"
 - i. https://bit.ly/3t6JBin
 - ii. Please sign up to place "The Action Bible" in school libraries

II. A Final Look at the Tradions of Christmas

Have you been 'challenged' by friends or family about whether or not you should celebrate Christmas or have a Christmas tree in your home? You need to make your own decision, but this may be a witnessing tool if you wish to 'defuse' stressful encounters

- a. Limited time offer at https://bit.ly/3f7lqYW for a donation of any amount
- **b.** Filmed in 8 countries
- c. Contents include:
 - i. Why Dec 25th is the historic birthdate of Jesus
 - ii. What is the symbolism behind Christmas trees, stockings, candy canes, etc.
 - iii. How the tradition of gift-giving began
 - iv. Bonus features
- 1. Advent: the coming of Christ
- 2. The Christmas Truce (WW1)
- 3. Christmas gifts from