

HAMPTON AND NEWPORT NEWS RIVALRY GOES ON!

The rivalry between Hampton and Newport News and its biblical significance!

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SELF PRESERVATION MAN'S GREATEST INSTINCT!

Self Preservation is innate in all of us! It's an instinct! So is sin! Sin is innate, an instinctive in all of us! Self preservation has to do with pain and fear. When in pain we flee from it or drug ourselves from it. When fear lifts its ugly head we withdraw or steer clear. In fact self preservation is man's greatest instinct! SIN too is an instinct! We all were born with it, that's why we get upset so easy! Someone raises their voice at us we react even the same. Someone hits you; you're going to hit him back! If not some screws are missing in the belfry! If you have a brain! Well do you? Self preservation! You're protecting yourself! Don't let these Psychologists tell you it's a disease, they're crazier than a jigaboo with a chicken leg. Sin is instinct, it's innate, and it's natural in all of us! We can't help it! We were born with it! It's a natural instinct! That's why we are born wrong! This sin is what separates us from God! God being holy without sin and man sinful! That's what the Cross is all about! God took care of man's sin problem at Calvary! With Jesus Christ as Saviour and His presence in our lives, man is made fit for Heaven! I want to tell all you GOD IS REAL! I've walked with Him for over 50 years and He has proven Himself to be! Therefore, I contend that because of this! The rivalry between Hampton and Newport News is not by chance. In this rivalry is an eternal design! Think not! Go stick your head in and ice box! Freezing the brain will start it again! Let me try to show you: The rivalry between the red and white and the blue and gold will always go on and in the end the blue and gold will be victorious! There he goes again, a typhoon just destroyed Crab town and all there was left was blue skies and a gold sunset. That's it! That's all that will be left! When time is no more on eternity's shore! I remember the Hampton Roads Peninsula, Newport News, 25th Street and Buxton Avenue! Way back then my two feet had probably walked all over most of it. How many remember the East Side and a place called Stuart Gardens? I do well, I loved it there. There was a nice small white sandy beach and the little league and pony league ball fields covered most of the land there beside the overhead bridge that crossed over the inlet that led into a small boat harbor. Wouldn't it be nice to return to those days and play again once more on that beautiful garden, Stuart Gardens! Oh! How long ago was it back then? Oh, How long? My memory takes me back to a time, to a day when the blue and gold was challenged to a gang fight by some boys from Hampton, their colors red and white at Stuart Gardens. Oh! My! Boys will be boys! Approximately 20 Newport News boys showed up early, and yes me, I believe Danny Coleman, yes that guy on FB, was one of those rascals, I was there too but I went to try and break it up. "Cut that out you liar didn't you know preachers aren't supposed to lie?" "Not even little white lies?" O! Forgive me, I was there to see a fight and mix it up as much as anyone else. As it turned out I didn't haft to, about 30 Hampton crabs, boy's showed up in 5 cars, they came screeching into the parking lot, got out, came over and surrounded us and Scotty Hamilton. Yeh! Scotty, I remember you, you double rascal. I got your ticket! Scotty stepped right in front of me and my brother standing beside me. I won't tell you what my brother did! But Scotty was picking himself up off the ground and all those boys backed away and got back in their vehicles and left. What a reprieve! Then I heard somebody yell "A typhoon just went through, and blew them away." What happened? It was over in a flash! You know there's a great truth to be found in all of that nonsense! When I was 16 I

traded my brother Downie for a big Brother who told me “He would never leave me or forsake me” and He’s been true to His Word! Those were the days when we were growing up. What a time it was! The blue and gold came out smelling like heaven! I started to say like roses. And the red and white came out smelling, I better not say, like crabs! I started to say like hell! Lord forgive me?

Growing up with a twin brother wasn’t easy. For the life of me why we were considered twins I’ll never know. He was always bigger, manlier and I was scrawny and weakly. The kids in our neighborhood knew that and I was the one that got pummeled all the time. There were 5 girls who saw to that! Laugh you silly twerp they probably beat you up too! One deacon in a church had the nerve to ask me one day why I didn’t discipline my children more and I told him “they grow up” then I ask him “when are you going to grow up?” Well, I finally grew up! My brother use to rib me all the time, bragging about how he had a bottle in his pocket and I had a Bible in mine. He was a jerk! My mother always seem to favor my brother he being born 15 minutes before I was and I was unexpected, naming him after my father and when I was born they had no name for me so they told the doctor to name me. That doctor was screwier than a screw in a nut house! He probably wound up in a nut house by the tag he placed on me. God forgive him! Years later, when I was on the road as an evangelist I was holding services in this church and my mother called, she was telling me how my brother was doing, that they, he and his wife, had just purchased a new home and what a big salary he was making. After that she told me how well my sister was doing then she asked, “When are you going to stop living out of a suitcase and settle down?” I was single at the time, wasn’t making much money in fact, some weekends I didn’t even have enough to eat. But Wow! I was in God’s will! Meeting new friends all over the country and people were getting saved. So I told her “Never!” I said “I wasn’t going to trade what I was doing for all the money in the world!” I remember what she said before she hung up “you’ll be sorry.” Well, I’m 70 years old now and I’ve never been sorry a day in my life, I’ve watched over a thousand souls come to Christ, seen untold numbers of lives changed, been in just about every state in this country to preach, preached in a number of foreign countries, just recently got back from Ireland, all expenses paid; went home to discover my roots and found out that I come from a line of 40 Baptist preachers, which to my surprise I never knew. I own, and live on a farm that is paid for! I don’t owe any body anything; all my bills are paid and I have the best family in the world that takes care of me. Last and best of all I have a ticket to heaven that has already been paid for! Didn’t have to do anything to earn it! I just accepted it! That’s all! With the promise that soon I’d be walking on streets paved with gold! Let’s see you beat that! Can’t can you? Didn’t think you could! There’s that gold again, “streets paved with gold” gold does have a heavenly sound doesn’t it? Well all color is a creation from our Creator, God made all colors! And all colors have biblical meanings: Gold means “deity in manifestation” or God present with man! Black represents sin, tell you anything? Blue is descriptive of Heaven, Red, of blood, White speaks of purity and Silver of redemption and so on. I believe if you look back far enough in the history of Newport News High School you’ll find those colors were chosen and picked by Bible believing founders. I already have!

Thank God for the Blue and Gold! And to all of my friends and high school mates that proudly wore those colors: May God speak to your hearts! Warning all of you not to join in with all the other church attendees and so called preachers across this country that are getting fighting mad at the preacher who soundly declares the Word of God. How they do scoff at anyone who dares to

preach that Book! Jesus Christ being very God! The God of absolutes! Watch how they do make fun of anybody who dares to talk about the desperate condition of man under a depraved fallen sinful nature which is instinct in all of us. And how they do skirt around the awful implications of the death on the cross of Calvary of our Lord Jesus Christ! Oh, my co-hearts and friends don't join this religious crowd today who hears the Word of truth, such blessed truths and then turns away making mockery of Him and His Word! The religious crowd in His day was no different! When He was here the first time on earth He preached to large crowds but most turned and went away! It's no different now! Today, they've turned from Him and called preachers who speak smooth things that won't offend!" Don't you be offended at a preacher who stands on that Book! No, sir! Don't you do it! It'll cost you your soul! I'll tell you the cost of being offended at the truth; it's too terrible! It's too high! You'll go to Hell! Don't be offended at people like me; the Gospel of God's grace is too valuable, too important! I say to you, there is no other way for any man to be saved. I say to you that man is lost; he was born wrong in sin with a fallen nature that man is corrupt, man is vile, and without anything he can offer to God that would be acceptable! It must be acceptable! HIS SON is the only thing that He'll receive in payment for man's sin! "You can be the best person who ever lived and still go to Hell" without Jesus Christ! Repentance, don't let that word scare you! True biblical repentance is being sorry for what you are, A SINNER! Not who you are! No one has ever gone to hell for smoking, cussing, drinking or any of the other vices we all have! Man goes to hell for rejecting Jesus Christ! It's not what you do either, that saves you! Giving up bad habits, anyone can do that! It's not making changes in your life or turning over a new leaf, we all can do those things. It's not church membership or even baptism like false preachers on TV espouse! It's the acceptance of Jesus Christ into one's life as Saviour and He alone! "It's not for mercy I plead but your PRESENCE is all I need!" HE ALONE! NOTHING ADDED AND NOTHING SUBTRACTED!

Another time my mother called me and told me that, Downie, my brother had just started going to church. I ask her where? She said, "Seventh Day Adventist" I told her I was a thousand miles away but I was on my way home. Within 48 hours I knocked on my brother's front door and his wife opened the door and let me in. I ask if I could go to church with them Saturday. Since they met on Saturdays and not Sunday, his face lit up and a big smile covered the width of his face. He said "I didn't think that you went to church on Saturday" I told him I didn't but I was this Saturday, every day is the Lord's Day. Saturday came and we all went to church together. Ten minutes into the service, I stood up in front of probably 50 people interrupting the speaker and said I was told to come and preach here this morning and to warn every one of you that Adventism was a cult, would damn their souls and send them to hell. Man, it got deadly silent so I continued to warn and preach Jesus Christ alone. I bet you, I got in at least 5 minutes when two men came over and told me I would haft to leave, I wouldn't move, they got me under each arm and hurriedly escorted me out the front door. All the way out I was shouting, and praising God. When I was out one of them ask me how it was that I could praise the Lord when being booted from a church? I told him "Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of one jackass and I rode out on the back of two." Oh! I should've said donkey. I told both of those men that this wasn't a church! My brother and his wife came storming out of that place and drove me to the bus station, where I got a bus to the airport. Gee whiz, they were mad! Oh! I can hear you now; you wouldn't go into

another church and do something like that would you? You'd just dust your feet off and leave town wouldn't you? No, you'd choke in the dust, sneezing, blowing cow patties! No one told you you'd haft too, leave that up to me, I'm heaven sent! God tells me what to do! Stay out of my business since its God's too! Several weeks later I was in a meeting in Winston Salem, NC and my brother called me and told me he had gotten saved. A pastor friend had gone by and visited him. Guess what my brother is doing now? Bet you can't! He pastors a Baptist church near Reading, Pennsylvania. Sulk on that a while you truth hater and to those who love the truth tip your hat to the Lord! Speaking about Cows do you know how many millions of dollars our government pays out each year to buy paper mask to put over cows so their scientists can determine how much methane gas is depleting the ozone layer. They were placing the mask over the wrong end; the stupid idiots didn't even know which end to put the mask on. How about this, do you know Sheryl Crow? She was having a concert at the University of Florida and told all the students they should use only one little sheet of toilet paper when they go to the bathroom, that would help conserve on trees. Best advice I can give you if you're ever around her, at one of her concerts, I wouldn't shake hands with her! That's the kind of half nuts world we live in. Sorry, there's no hope in this government! Go blue and gold!

I know some of the 1960's folks think I'm offensive and rude, so I am! If that offends you take it up with God! "THERE IS NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN!" If we had not received the Bible man would be in darkness today! Had we not taken up the Scriptures we would have had no revelation from God in this country! I'm thankful our ancestors gave up even their lives to pass the Holy Scriptures down to us! The first thing they brought ashore when the Mayflower landed was the Geneva Bible. In the Bible we know there is God! The word "God" is the English name for God, our Creator; Jehovah is the Hebrew word for God our Creator. God means "the self-existing one who reveals." You cannot know God unless He reveals himself! And you cannot counterfeit something that doesn't exist! To counterfeit God, He has to exist! God has always been in existence, He is eternal, and He had no beginning! God Is! He has always been and that's the reason for so many religious chameleons in this world today! There is really only one true God, and one true church in existence today which the Lord is about to come and call out, all the others are false! The Bible is God's revelation of Himself to His creation! The Bible shows us that God exists and that God, Jesus Christ walked on planet earth for 33 years to reveal and to show us God! THE BIBLE IS GOD'S ONLY WAY OF SPEAKING TO MAN, He will not speak to man any other way! Not in visions, not in dreams, not in voices in our heads not even our hearts and certainly not through man! Not unless man is declaring the Word of God, the Bible! (KJV) The red dragon has blinded the minds of millions! You better watch the red and white! For in the Bible, Red is a color easily shaded or let me say you can mix red with other colors to make other shades of colors. Red primarily is speaking and means the blood of Jesus Christ but it is the color used to shade the true. The war between two great rivalry's goes on, they may have closed our alma mater's doors, that's just a building! Still the colors red and white and blue and gold are at war! It's even a fiercer war that goes on now! I'm battle torn and battle warn but I'm still ready for another fight any time over those colors! You see it's over the souls of men! And when the battle is finally over those colors will wave forever! Would you shut the world out of your mind

right now for one minute? And listen! And hear! God wants your mind, your soul and your body! The evil one, the devil wants your mind, your soul and your body! Give'em to God!

I believe you'll find, if you go back into the history of NNHS, back to its origination and foundation, that you'll find the school was started by godly people who believed the Bible and their intention was to found an institution of education based on the principles of the Bible! Bible believers that were moved by God to build educate, and to train students in the Scriptures! And it was they who selected the school's color's blue and gold! In other words it was all in God's design! Two hundred years ago all schools were started by people led by God in this country! Don't forget that! And for all you unbelievers prove me wrong! Take that pea brain and stick it back in the soil, let it develop more and chew on that a while! If the faculty's and teachers from years ago knew what was going on in our public schools today they would be screaming in horror from their graves! Learn something! Listen to me! Every church in this country started with good intentions and started strong and after a while it begins to slide in the wrong direction, gets away from the Bible and deteriorates until it becomes false or unless it closes! I've started three Baptist churches right here in Maryland in the last 30 years and two of them have already betrayed the Bible I preach! And they only exist today as social gatherings deceiving souls! Their current pastors hate my guts and one wanted to assault me in Sam's Club several years ago! He didn't! My wife beat him up! That's another story! I'm not happy if someone doesn't hate me! They hated my Saviour! I'm sorry to say, that when we went through high school the government already had control of the schools and the teachers had sold out and were bound to Uncle Sam! I don't care if you believe that or not! So what! I'm right again and you know it! They had already been inflicted with Samboites, "Sambo-ites" the black disease! The black curse! Integration 1964! You say no such thing! You show how much knowledge you have of the Bible! People don't read their Bibles anymore! God put a curse on black folks in Genesis 10 and that curse won't be removed until Revelation chapter 21. The black man's curse! And any white who mixes with darkie has that same curse on them! All women have a curse on them in child bearing, smarty! The entire human race has a curse on it because of sin, jerk! From Americans to Americoons is jabo lips motto! Then Let's take her back boys, back to the days when boys were raised to be men, back to the days when our spirits honored the blue and gold! Let's take her back all the way back to the principles our ancestors founded our school on, the Bible! Honey, I got that right too! One final thought!

My wife accuses me of being contagious all the time! She means sick though, like in the head! A deacon in our church, told me that it took him a long time for him to come around and start coming to church and when I ask him why? He hesitated, and then he said, "What you've got is contagious and I knew it, and if I ever got around you I would get it! What you've got is real and attracts people, at least some people, it did me!" He told me whenever I would come by to visit he would always excuse himself, even when walking down the street he would always go to the side walk on the other side just to keep from catching what I had. I laughed, and said that's the way it's supposed to be; at least that's what the Bible says. The Word will draw some and it will drive others away! I seem to be driving more away these days than I'm attracting I told him. Do you know what the Bible is about? Get this! Really! It's about A FATHERS LOVE FOR HIS SON! Yep! Remember that! It's about a father who loves his son, not a man for a woman but a father's love for his son! When our first son was born, David, we carried him to a family reunion in Chester, VA, just outside of Richmond VA; just off of Rt.10 I believe that's the Southeast side of

Richmond, close to where they have a large flea market every weekend. I use to go over to it every time we visited with my wife's grandparents. The reunion had about 35 people there and several new babies like little David were in the mix. It went on for three days and no one paid any attention to our little David but boy, the other babies were cuddle and loved it seemed by everyone. The whole time I watched to see if anyone would pay any attention to our little one, only his grandmother! You know I left that reunion and have never forgotten that. After that our family stopped going to the reunion. You say, you shouldn't be upset about that! I agree! I wasn't upset or mad at anyone! There's instinct though! God was teaching me a lesson about how a father loves his son. We made sure after that, that David received a lot of attention and love. That's a God given instinct! In our world today people have gone insane: How can a mother in NC strap two of her children in a car and push the car into a lake with her children inside and watch them drown? How is it that a mother can drown five of her babies in the bathtub and then tell the world "the devil told me to do it so they would be in Heaven?" God have mercy! I want to be straight out! God loves His Son! And proved it by sending His Son into the world to die for sinners! If you were the only sinner He still would have come and died for you! Do you realize that that God the Son died for you!? How is that love? Well he proved His love when He raised Him from the dead and promised Him a kingdom over all kingdoms. America may think they have gotten rid of God by removing His name and Book from schools, they haven't! Yes, from the courthouse too. It's all in His design friend! God's not going anywhere! He has not moved! When He does move you'll know it! When He moves the earth will shake and He'll come back in Judgment! The blue and gold will be waving in Glory then! Mankind is not going to get away with its evil and with its rejection of God's Son, you hear me! It's all in the book! My question is what have you done with God's Son? What will you do with Him? My advice is to receive Him! America can't, no she can't but you still can! The only question!

WILL YOU RECEIVE HIM?