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WORLD**

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**1 and 2 Peter \* THE HEIGHTS FREE CHURCH**







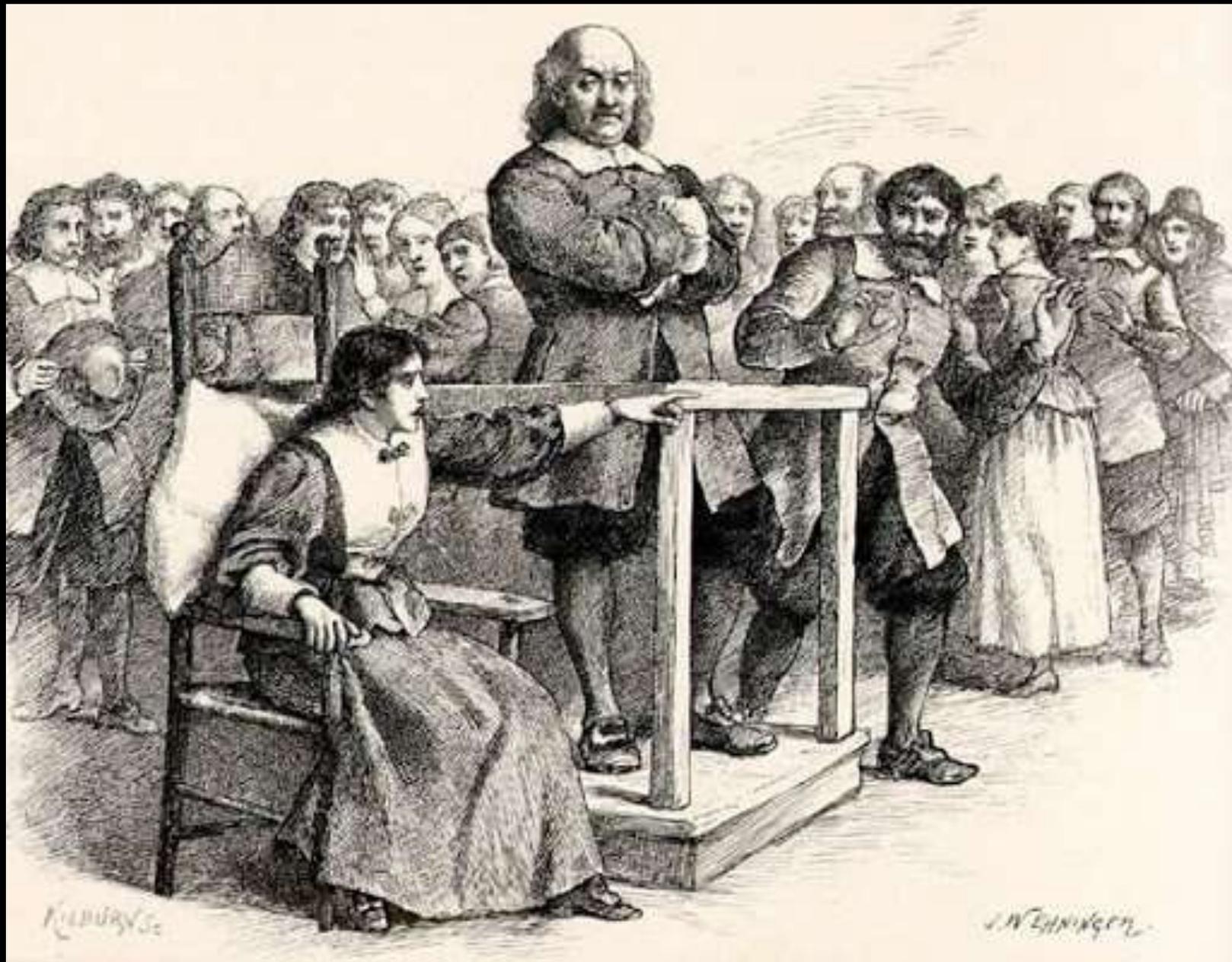


















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UNYIELDING  
**GILES COREY**  
DIED UNDER THE TORTURE  
OF SEVEN WEIGHTS  
SEPTEMBER 19 1692  
WAS AN OLD  
MAN WHO WAS TRIED  
FOR THE CRIME OF REFUSING  
TO ADMIT HIS GUILT  
AND WAS BURIED  
HERE

WITCH HYSTERIA MARTYR  
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1 Peter 1:1-12

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1 Peter 1:1-12 (ESV): “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.”

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1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV): Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."



John 5:24 (ESV): “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

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2 Timothy 1:9 (ESV): “[God] saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus.”

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1 Peter 1:6-7 (ESV): “In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, **7** so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”



1 Peter 1:6 (KJV): “Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations.”

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1 Peter 1:8-12 (ESV): “Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, **9** obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. **10** Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully...”



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“...**11** inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. **12** It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.”



Hebrews 11:35-38 (ESV): “Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.

**36** Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. **37** They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated – **38** of whom the world was not worthy – wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.”

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Acts 7:52 (ESV): “Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One.”

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1 Peter 2:11 (ESV): “Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.”

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1 Peter 4:12-13 (ESV): “Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. **13** But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.”

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Ecclesiastes 12:5 (ESV): “The grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home.”

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Ecclesiastes 11:8 (ESV): “So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many.”

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“The things which **now** have  
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“You rejoice”

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1 Peter 1:6 (YLT): “In which ye are glad, a little now, if it be necessary, being made to sorrow in manifold trials.”

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“From October 1999 to March 2004, I spent every waking morning inside a six-by-nine-foot solitary confinement cell. For years, I witnessed the men around me suffer the mental anguish of being in an environment designed to crush souls. For the first two years, I suffered alongside them. I was anxious, stressed out, and deeply depressed until I discovered the root cause of my state of being: an indeterminate sentence in solitary confinement. I simply didn’t know when or if I was ever going to be released...”



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“...Not knowing when the torture was going to end nearly drove me to the brink of insanity. Every time an officer or counselor approached my door, my body would tense up and my palms would start sweating. ‘Is this the day they are going to tell me the nightmare is over?’ I would ask myself silently. When they whisked past my cell, my heart would sink into my stomach and my mind would drift deeper into depression. What I learned in the two years to follow was that I was trying to control something I had no control over, and I suffered as a result....”



“...In my third year, I began to journal. I discovered that my thoughts and my actions were the only two things I could control. It was a pivotal moment in my life. I went from being a victim of my circumstances to being a master of my destiny. I stopped worrying about when the prison administration was going to release me and focused my energy on becoming the best version of myself.”

(From Shaka Senghor’s article *What 4 Years in Solitary Confinement Taught Me About Surviving Isolation* on [humanparts.medium.com](https://humanparts.medium.com), March 13, 2020)

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“One of the things that I personally live by and what I discovered is, if you can get through the pain in the moment, you can come out on the other side of anything. For me, it was just about moment-to-moment existence and being fully present in those moments for what they were.”

(Shaka Senghor, from his interview with Tyler Cowen on [conversationswithtyler.com](http://conversationswithtyler.com), November 20, 2019)

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Matthew 6:34 (ESV): “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

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Luke 9:62 (ESV): “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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Matthew 6:27 (ESV): “Which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?”

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**Next Week: 1 Peter 1:13-25**