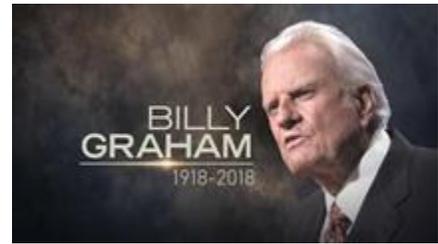


Remembering America's Preacher



Dr. Billy Graham was known as *America's Preacher*.

God used him to touch not just millions of people, but each one of us as we heard the power of God's love to redeem a lost world through Jesus Christ. God gifted, called, and used him to uniquely speak His message to the world.



Christians stand in awe of God's hand upon this North Carolina farm boy that God raised up to reach not only all corners of our nation, but also the entire world over 60 plus years of ministry. I have borrowed a few words from *Time* magazine's commemorative tribute as we lovingly remember the impact of America's Preacher on the world. The tribute reflected back on his last crusade in 2005: "He delivered the same simple message he had preached to more than 215 million people in 185 countries during more than half a century: Jesus Christ came to earth, he died on a cross, he rose again, and he calls us to repent of our sins." Amazing.

Each one of us has been touched in some special way over the decades: crusades, television, and so many other forms of the message of salvation in Christ alone. I saved a *Parade* magazine interview from 1996 with Dr. Graham that touched me most deeply, and return to it often in my thoughts about how I hope each of us can live. A reporter asked him at the end of the interview, "How would you most like to be remembered?" Graham paused for a moment, and then said, "That I was faithful to do what God wanted me to do. That I maintained integrity in every area of my life, and that I lived what I preached."

My mother, who was not "religious", often simply said to me, "I like Billy." And so did millions of souls around the world, who have had their lives changed with the message of the cross.

Warmly in Christ,

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