



*Message Title: Raising up a Standard*

Text: Isa. 59: 19

Date: Sunday, January 13, 2008 at 8:00 am

**Introduction:** Throughout all of the years of Israel's failures and subsequent judgments, God never forsook them: He was at all times their God and they were at all times His people. Whoever would rise up against Israel as an enemy, the Holy Spirit of God would stand up against them. (God allowed their judgment but never their destruction.)

**The** statement "...*lift up a standard...*" is a reference to raising up a banner or a flag: One that notes whose side you are on. Song of Solomon 2: 4 says "...*His banner over us is love.*"

**This** year, I want us to raise up some banners over this community of families, parents, children, and people. Banners that will show them Christ in us and banners that will draw them to Jesus.

**Let's** raise up these standards or banners:

1. I Pet. 2: 15. Of Morality.
2. Titus 2: 11-12. Of Godliness.
3. II Cor. 6: 3-10. Of Kindness.
4. Prov. 10: 12. Of Understanding.
5. Prov. 22: 6. Of Education.

**We** need to let people know, parents, children, families, folks from all walks of life that:

- We, at HBC, are different from the rest.
- We are on their side.
- We are here to help.

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