

# Ohio State vs. Michigan

The following article is from “Not the Bee”, a daily compilation of informative and/or interesting news articles, viewed through the lens of strong Christian faith, and with a tinge of satirical humor it shares with its sister site, “Babylon Bee”.

This article focuses on a recent brawl between two arch-rival football teams,

Ohio State and Michigan. Both are usually in the top tier of national college football rankings, so their games are high stakes for their reputations and their honor. Emotions run high, and this time, a fight broke out.

Peter Heck of “Not the Bee” gives his great Spirit-based analysis, which I wanted to share with you.

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## In the midst of the Michigan-Ohio State brawl, did anyone notice the Christians?

by Peter Heck of “Not the Bee”



Everyone noticed the flag-planters and the brawlers.

Everyone noticed the helplessly dumb-struck coaches and the frantic officers with their pepper spray.

### Did anyone notice the Christians?

It's hard to imagine a more perfect picture of who Christians are and should be in this tortured generation. It's exactly who God calls us to be. In a world of hatred, amid wars and rumors of wars, with kingdoms placing their flags in the heart of foreign lands, with emperors and princes left paralyzed by the chaos that surrounds them, with armies exerting themselves, bystanders victimized, and cameras enthusiastically focused in on the salacious and sensational ... **there in the midst of it all gathers a bizarre group of people.**



This group of people has every earthly reason to be divided and discordant, but instead kneels together, unites in peace, surrenders their passions, lusts, urges, and appetites to the ways and will of a

God who calls them to sacrificially love one another.

What happened in that postgame brawl, on that metaphorical battlefield, was a microcosm of the eternal truth spoken nearly three millennia ago: *‘Nations rage, kingdoms crumble; but when He lifts His voice, the earth melts.’ - Psalm 46:6*

Don't miss in those divine words what the world ignores, and believers so often forget. Praying and submitting to the Lordship and Kingship of Christ isn't disengagement or surrender. It's engaging, advancing, and confronting evil in the most powerful way possible - by rousing and moving the invisible hand of Almighty God in defense of His perfect preferences and priorities.

Whether it's raging college competitors, quarreling families, or warring

nations, Christians are uniquely positioned to understand the deeper root of what causes all the unrest. James, the earthly brother of Jesus, revealed it to us: *‘What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight.’ - James 4:1-2*

The solution to it all is humble submission to God - His rule, His authority, His righteous power.

The world names and honors the leadership of those who rise and perform. God names and honors the leadership of those who kneel and pray.

So let me join the latter and commend Michigan's Donovan

Edwards, Ohio State's Gee Scott, Jr., Glorien Gough, and one other (perhaps OSU's TreVeyon Henderson), for their powerful example of humility, faith, and sword-sheathing unity in Christ our Lord.

Linda's comment:  
Here's another great article by Peter Heck of “Not the Bee”.



## Political idolatry? Look left.

I've spent much of the last year warning about the epidemic of political idolatry in our country.

Though this worship of the false god of earthly power is no respecter of parties, there are persistent indications that the progressive left is suffering terribly from its effects.

One of the most visible symptoms of the disease is a flagrant inability to see, perceive, or find fault with anyone that shares your ideology. And even if you subconsciously notice it, your seared conscience prevents you from condemning the conduct lest anyone call you a traitor. Accountability is replaced with justification and whataboutism:

- Joe Biden broke the law and abused the powers of his office to financially benefit his family? Who cares! Don't you know Donald Trump paid hush money to a porn star with whom he'd committed adultery?
- Kamala Harris boasted about putting young black men in prison for marijuana while laughing about smoking pot herself? Who cares! Mike Pence calls his wife “mother,” and won't be alone with another woman if “mother” is not present.

**This type of religious tribalism has catastrophic effects on our public character, and it normalizes degeneracy and immorality in the highest positions of the public trust.**

Perhaps no other public figure best represents this depressing development in recent years than the troubled First Son, Hunter Biden. A tragic and pitiable character, no doubt crippled from the earliest ages by parental (specifically paternal) negligence, Hunter has chosen to walk a self-destructive path of depravity and criminality. . . .

**The inability to call bad people bad, whether for political purposes or not, is the death of any civil society.**

Does this ugly trait exist on the political right? Of course. Does it infect even the religious right, who supposedly acknowledge no king but King Jesus? Sadly, yes. . . .

The accusation is well-worn: “Conservative Christians have sold out their Savior to pledge allegiance to a thrice-divorced, adjudicated rapist, and convicted felon [Trump].” Indeed there may be some who fit that description, but the vast majority of Christian Trump supporters are not those who pretend his extensive moral failings don't exist.

In fact, they have condemned them, sometimes forcefully and with extreme prejudice, while at the same time acknowledging the pragmatic prudence of selecting a cultural ally to fill the country's chief executive seat rather than a devoted enemy. . . .

The truth is that the character of those appearing on our ballots are a direct reflection of the character of our people. If we want [character] to improve, we must all commit to improving [our people].

That begins with a willingness to acknowledge misconduct and guilt, no matter the person, party, or position.

## On The Lighter Side of Serious Stuff . . . from the Web

