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## NBCI Calls on all Christians to Get Rid of Their Guns ---Unless You have sinned

*Who is going to protect you – God or your Gun?*

**Washington DC** – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans churchgoers, calls on its membership to get rid of any weapons in their homes. The black church believes that having a weapon is a sin; as Christians we are asked to put their faith in God. God says that He will protect us even until the ends of the Earth. So if God is going to protect you, why would you need a gun?

According to the *American Journal of Epidemiology*,

*“Those persons with guns in the home were at greater risk than those without guns in the home of dying from a homicide in the home. They were also at greater risk of dying from a firearm homicide, but risk varied by age and whether the person was living with others at the time of death. The risk of dying from a suicide in the home was greater for males in homes with guns than for males without guns in the home. Persons with guns in the home were also more likely to have died from suicide committed with a firearm than from one committed by using a different method.”*

The experts say that having a firearm in your house increases the likelihood that someone in your house will either die from homicide or suicide. The Scripture says, “Thou shalt not kill.” This applies to killing yourself as well as to killing others. Therefore, a gun does not have any place in a Christian’s life. Nothing can offer salvation except for our God, and you cannot live a righteous life by preparing for a violent end. Our weapon is prayer, not violence.

The Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative, says,

*“Our community has been devastated by guns. They have caused so much pain and*

*destruction in African-American lives. Why we think that guns are the answer is beyond me. One should strive to have a non-violent personality. We will have much to say about this issue in the coming press releases. The heart of the Christian faith lies in having faith in God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and, as followers of Christ; we should never put anything above our Lord – not the Second Amendment or our guns. Our faith should be rooted in the Lord and will save us in the end, not a gun. So this is why the church is speaking clearly against a gun that can only kill the body and stain the soul. If you have a gun for protection, it is a sin and you must get rid of it. Your faith must prevail.”*

So if you have any weapons in your house, the church is decreeing you to rid your home, life, and soul of guns and their associated violence within fifteen days of reading this edict. You have a choice to keep your guns because of free will, but also remember that the Scripture states, “Those who live by the sword shall die by the sword.”

### **About NBCI**

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI’s mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI’s programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at [www.naltblackchurch.com](http://www.naltblackchurch.com).