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“The Coming of the Lord Draweth Nigh” — James 5:8

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Religion Without Salvation

By P. Ljostveit

In our roadhouses, night-clubs and nudist camps of today, and in the Hollywood cesspool and Reno divorce-mill, we have reached *perhaps* still lower depths of sin, shame and vice, than among the old heathen nation. Now, as at the time of Christ, it is really devils that are worshipped; and God's people should have no fellowship with devils. 1 Cor. 10:20.

In this dreadful darkness we discern three classes of people:

1. Those who clung fanatically to their heathen worship – some even in the depth of their superstitious fear sacrificing their own children to their gods, e. g. to Moloch, the fire-god. How cruel the devil is; and how deceitful.

2. Those who went to the other extreme, worshipped nothing, but gave themselves up to doubt, unbelief and infidelity. “What is truth?”

3. Those who had a sincere longing after the true God, yet they knew not God. Some such longing souls had even built an altar to “An Unknown God” in Athens. Acts. 17:23. Some came all the way from Greece to Jerusalem because they “desired to see Jesus.” John 12:21

We have the same three classes today. Some, like the heathen Buddhists, cling in superstitious reverence to their religious ceremonies and bring their sacrifices. Others, even preachers, go to the other extreme and abandon themselves to doubt, unbelief and infidelity. Then we have a few longing souls groping in darkness after the true

God and salvation. May they find Him! “Earth has no sadder sight than that of a man who does not know his best Friend.”

But not only among the heathen were men lost in sin, lost with religion, lost and without salvation, but among the Jews as well. There were *three religious parties among the Jews* – all full of religion but without salvation, although they had the great advantage of possessing the Word of God. Rom. 3:1-2.

1. The Pharisees who trusted in themselves that they were righteous clung “tooth and nail” to their ceremonies and ordinances. But they rejected Christ, rejected the new birth and were lost in sin with all their religion.

2. The Sadducees who cut the Bible to pieces and denied the resurrection in Acts 23:8, because they “neither knew the Scriptures nor the power of God.” Matt. 22:19. They were indifferent, cold and hard – persecuting God’s people. Acts 4:1-3.

3. The Essenes, a less-known religious party, who went deeper than the Pharisees – stressing simplicity, self-denial, obedience, prayer, meditation and separation from the world. They had a very good religion, but without salvation just the same, as so many today.

All told, what a mix-up in the religious world with utter confusion when Christ appeared – both among the Jews and Gentiles. It was a “world full of religion, yet utterly lost, and continually sinking deeper and deeper into sin and darkness. And where salvation is not experienced

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it is not any better today!

For this lost, guilty, dying, and hell-bound world God in His infinite love and mercy began to prepare salvation on the very day of the fall of man. Gen. 3:15. (Ed. And EVEN before, GOD knew what it would cost HIM!) He set aside a family – and later the nation of Israel to whom **He revealed Himself**. He gave them the Law with types, ordinances, symbols – later great kings and prophets and the wonderful record of Himself in the Old Testament Scriptures – all to prepare the world for the coming **Divine Savior**.

Furthermore God, ... Rom. 11:5, *prepared and kept alive a spiritual remnant...*

This remnant, this spiritual Israel within the national Israel, kept the holy flame alive through long and dark ages until the Savior came to redeem a lost and guilty world, 2 Peter 1:19. This spiritual remnant according to the election of Grace has kept the holy flame alive from His First Coming and on and on through the long, dark ages – until His Second Coming. This holy remnant is found within the large mass-church and in every nation, race and denomination. This holy remnant is **the Holy Christian Church**, born of the Spirit, washed in his blood. It is the **Communion of Saints**. *"It is a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light,"* 1 Peter 2:9.

Through your prayers and a supply of the Spirit of God, we hope to be given grace in a feeble way to follow this holy remnant, this Christian Church, through the long ages of history. But that can only be the Lord's doing, for it is too "wonderful in our eyes."

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Abiding in Christ

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me"

John 15:4

No less than ten times did Jesus speak the words, "**abide in Me.**" There must therefore be great significance in them. There is a depth in these words no one can fathom during this life. But this we do know, that they speak of the most intimate union and fellowship with Christ. The figure of the vine and its branches indicates a living union. When Jesus spoke these words He prayed only a little while later for His followers "*that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me*" John 17:21.

The abiding life finds expression in Christ's love reflected through us. He said, "*If my words abide in you Abide in My love.*" We abide in Christ when we abide in his love and when we possess his words in our hearts, in our minds, and upon our lips.

*"Abide with Me from morn till eve,
For without Thee I cannot live;
Abide with Me when night is nigh,
For without Thee I dare not die."*

John Keble, 1927

PRAYER: That sacred mystery, O Lord, keep alive within my life though it transcends my understanding. Abide in me, O Christ and fulfill the work of faith and service which You intend for my life. Amen.

Rosenius' Daily Meditations, Carl O. Rosenius, Lutheran
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HUMANISM

Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength... Jeremiah 17:5

To understand humanism's impact on our culture, we

must understand its basic doctrines. First, humanism touts the doctrine of **atheism**. Whereas our catechism says that humankind's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever, the humanist says that humankind's chief end is to glorify humankind. The originator of humanism, the ancient Greek philosopher Protagoras, said, "Man is the measure of all things." Humanism also asserts the doctrine of **evolution**. Humanists believe the universe is self-existing and not created, and that humans simply evolved from lesser forms and are, therefore, nothing more than animals. The third doctrine of humanism is **amorality**. Humanists don't believe in absolutes, but, instead, view truth as relative. Finally, humanists believe that we must have a **collectivist society**, sacrificing individual well-being for the common good. Some have said that humanism is nothing other than communism in philosophical garb.

Is humanism a religion? The **Humanist Manifesto** of 1933 calls it such nine times. Not only is humanism a religion, it is an insidious one. It uses our public schools as church buildings and many teachers serve as its ministers, while its high priesthood is the National Education Association. Every year our nation spends tens of billions of dollars to propagate humanism's doctrines and tenets. Humanism is particularly dangerous because, unlike any other religion in America, it is endorsed in the public schools and established in every department of the government of the United States.

We know Who wins in the end, but tragically, many souls will be lost under humanism's influence. Pray that Jesus will save those who promote this false religion and those who believe in it.

"If there is no God, everything is permitted."

Fyodor Dostoevsky

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***The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord;
He is their strength in the time of trouble.***

Psalm 37:39

***Lord, who hast suffered all for me,
My peace and pardon to procure,
The lighter cross I bear for thee
Help me with patience to endure.
Blessed be God, who hath not turned away my prayer,
nor His mercy from me.*** Psalm 66:20

DAILY FOOD for CHRISTIANS American Tract Society, 1897 or earlier.

Memories of my friend, Lucille

By Carol (Thompson) Kleveland, Forest City, Iowa

I first met Lucille when members of our church and I stopped by her assisted living apartment to sing Christmas Carols to her. She smiled, greeted us and when we handed a plate of Christmas cookies, thanked us. Members of the church told me that at one time she and her husband had even joined the church. However, when he died, she stopped coming. Now it was tradition to take her a plate of food at Thanksgiving and cookies at Christmas. She was around 90 years old at the time and quite frail.

When I began visiting folks at the apartments, I decided to stop in to make her acquaintance. The first day I visited her I began to talk a little about Jesus and she quickly cut me off by saying she did not believe in Him so did not want to talk about anything spiritual. I couldn't believe what I was hearing and, after going home, felt very burdened that I needed to share my personal testimony with her. After praying about it for some time, I took my Bible and went back hoping to witness to her. After chatting a bit, I told her I felt compelled to talk to her about Jesus. She told me once again, she did not believe in Jesus but believed that when she died she simply was going into the ground and that would be her end. I told her I understood what she believed, but I wanted to share with her what I believed. Reading verses from my Bible I told her how I, a sinner, had come to Jesus, believing that on the Cross He shed His blood to forgive me. I read John 3:16, 1 John 1:9 and Rev. 3:20 as I shared. When I finished she once again clearly told me she did not believe any of it and did not want to talk about it any further. I left that day with a heavy heart, but continued to pray consistently for her. I decided I would visit her as a friend and not share anymore spiritually unless the Lord clearly opened the door.

Then one day, I took my granddaughter along to visit the Plaza residents. We went from room to room talking and praying with each one before we left. Before I entered Lucille's apartment, I reminded Meggie that I might not talk about Jesus there, but would simply visit with her about other things. We did that and then unbelievably, just as we were about to leave, Lucille told me I could pray if I wanted to. Meggie says I looked so surprised she wondered if I was going to be able to pray out loud. I did, thanking Jesus for dying on the Cross, for His forgiveness and His love to everyone who reaches out to Him. From that day on she asked me to pray when I was ready to leave and sometimes I felt like God gave me a mini-sermon in my prayer.

She reached her 94th birthday and still seemed to

have no faith in Christ. I continued to pray daily for her salvation. Then a few months ago I was ready to travel out west for a couple weeks and once again went to see her. She was very frail and I could see she had only a short time to live. I approached her bed and asked her if she was ready to meet God. She bluntly told me, "I told you I don't believe in God." I answered, "But I do, and I love you enough that I don't want you to go to hell." Again I left with a heavy heart!

When I was gone I prayed for her often, calling once to find her family was now staying with her. When I arrived home she was in Hospice, and once again God prompted me to go and visit Lucille. I went. She was conscious and responded to my questions with a nod, so I knew she could hear. Then I said, "*Lucille, you are soon going to die. Are you saved? Are you ready to stand before God?*" She did not respond. Then I told her I was going to pray the sinner's prayer with her. If in her mind and heart she knew she was a sinner and was willing to put her trust in Jesus for Salvation, she could simply believe and Jesus would forgive her sin and take her to Heaven to be with Him. After I prayed, I opened my eyes to see tears running down Lucille's cheeks. The Holy Spirit was at work in the heart of my hardened friend. Lucille died that evening. I don't know for certain that she turned to Jesus, but I know Jesus loved her much more than I did. I am reminded of the thief on the cross who said, "*Remember me when you come into your Kingdom.*" And Jesus replied, "*Today, you will be with me in paradise.*" I know God saw her softened heart and I'm believing I will see her in Heaven someday!

Editor's Note: You and I are privileged and responsible to keep on sowing His Incorruptible SEED (the Law & Gospel) with tears/burdened heart/love and leave the results with HIM! 'We' have the privilege and responsibility to plant, water and God gives the increase.

"So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." Is. 55:11.

"Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes for weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him" Ps. 126:5-6.

"Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" 1 Timothy 2:4.

Editorial

RES

SAVED TO SERVE

"For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

(Hebrews 6:10)

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before-hand that we should walk in them" Ephesians 2:8-10.

Clearly, as I begin this ‘editorial’; LET me clearly state the solid biblical truth of do not get the “cart before the horse”! In no way do not try to merit or earn your own personal Salvation and Acts 4:12 so clearly states. YET ‘faith’ without biblical “works” (good works) is dead!

As I am ‘elderly’, I am going to the ‘school of hard-knocks’ and am learning more how we need one another along life’s journey, as of those who are ‘fellow-believers!..

The word ‘Ministry or Ministry’ means – basically in simple terms it means TO SERVE!

INSTANTLY as soon as your ‘service’ in and through our crucified and risen Savior is through; JESUS will take you HOME for all eternity in His Presence. Now ‘we’ may not know clearly what HE wants ‘us’ to be doing in and through His leadership and empowerment by the Holy Spirit: but rest assured He will lead you IF you are pliable clay in the Potters’ hands. Be though ‘faithful unto HIM and HE will give you the Crown of Life. The span of time in our journey here on Earth is in the Palm of His Hand!

Now Enoch walked with God; was pleasing to God, but for ‘our’ benefit it is recorded in God’s Eternal Word what he was doing, ‘but walking with God’!

The Bible says *knowingly or unknowingly*: “For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward” Mark 9:41, Matthew 10:42. (Even a glass/cup of cold water given in HIS NAME shall ...).

Rest assured just as there are ‘different’ members of the human body and almost every ‘member’ of the human body is vital/essential, in a way very important in the communion of saints or the church universal. Different ‘gifts’. And GOD desires *“BEHOLD, how good*

and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!” Psalm 133:1. We don’t have to agree on every minor secondary doctrine, but in the common cause and common goal of ‘unity’ in body of ‘believers’.

Let us mediate and observe from Nehemiah chapter three: notice in area of **21 times** the statement/reference of ‘repairs’, ‘shoulders to the work’, ‘own house’ – next to one another. Now I have difficulty in believing that they ALL agreed on each individual ‘brick, stone’ in repairing but a common cause/work in obedience to Nehemiah and more importantly God, as God’s Work/ministry is a GREAT WORK! **It’s Team Work – in/with/through CHRIST** the body of ‘believers’!

We as biblical believers are prone to wander, prone to leave the God I love in this sinful world; so God does not just leave you here to occupy space and time. Therefore as pietistic, biblical ‘believers’ ‘we’ NEED one another and to work as a team. *“We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?”* 1 John 3:14, 17.

How you and I need to ask God to search out the darkest, most secret corners of our minds and hearts and takes courage: but with that in mind, we don’t have to search out the deep corners of our being, as looking for a ‘skeleton’ as the Holy Spirit will prompt us, convict us, that is IF He is permitted. From a conscientious Christian’s point of view, it is important to have even hidden sins that we might not even know, under the blood of Him who died for you and me. For example sins of: pride, suppressed anger, lack of love, jealousy, a secret yearning for recognition, for IF not cleansed (Isaiah 1:18), it will eventually destroy us. So whatever the Holy Spirit reveals to you, confess it, repent of it, and ask Christ to replace it with His purity and love. 11 Chronicles 7:14. ***Psalm 139:23-24.***

We will never be completely free from sin in this life. Although Jesus Christ came to live within us by His Spirit when we gave our lives to Him, our old sinful nature actually grows and resides without us, and as

long as we live it will keep trying to assert itself. Yes, we must keep on battling sin and embracing righteousness; so that we will become more and more like Christ – more like in our purity, our love, our service – conformed more like JESUS.

Yes, how easy it is for us to sleep or become careless in our Christian walk. Temptation strikes when we are most vulnerable. As we walk by faith it is so easy to neglect and excuse certain areas of our spiritual lives – like prayer, daily meditation of and in His Holy Word, the Bible – we become drowsy and let our guard down and thus make it even easier for Satan's deadly darts.

One of the 'areas' of service in the King's Vineyard show and encourage the brethren by being together around and under the hearing of God's Infallible Word, the Bible. Likely when Thomas was missing in the 'upper-room' after 'our' Savior rose from the grave; it caused 'concern' among the other disciples/Apostles!

Now Thomas is often nick-named as 'doubting Thomas', but please keep in mind and heart he also was 'Honest Thomas'.

Remember to share your love with others. A smile, a hand shake, cup of coffee, a piece of pie, a meal, a letter or note, etc. It is definitely very important to share 'Scripture' and learn to pray together and for one another as we are to bear one another's burdens and encourage one another.

Negative: IF not a true 'believer' walking in the light of his Word out of love; beware as you & I are definite 'targets' of which Satan is seeking to steal, rob, kill, and destroy: to abide with him in fire and brim-

stone forever! Satan will not only harass a believer, but IF permitted to indwell a fall-away. Yes, a target/candidate for Satan to even process and he likely knows his time is becoming short for him to succeed. Mark 5, (Likely awakened, but not converted). It's real, not witches with long black hair riding on a broom-handle – but in many walks of life. To be 'awakened' but not converted is probably the most dangerous and worst stage of life can be in, in this sinful world. WE are in the very midst of a 'Spiritual Warfare' = don't kid yourself.

Let 'us' be good soldiers of the CROSS and daily take up 'our' cross to bear and follow HIM! I am sensing that the privilege and opportunity to speak boldly the Gospel without severe persecution and an open an witness for the TRUTH of Scripture is rapidly closing and true 'believers' gathering in HIS Name, and the efforts of the Enemy to shut out any evidence for those truths are increasing.

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." Revelation 12:11.

LET THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD SAY SO!

THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE WANTS TO USE YOU!

"Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, 'Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes", says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them'" Revelation 14:13.

Not All Are Clean

"You are clean, but not all of you" John 13:10

Heed what the Word speaks. Then you will understand the Scriptural meaning of a saving faith. You will learn that saving faith is not a sleep upon the bed of stored-up knowledge. But it is an embracing of grace for a distressed sinner. This is true in every instance when a person comes to a saving faith. Sin and the impending judgment of God terrify, but the Word brings troubled and seeking souls to the feet of Jesus. To those drawn to Him in this manner He said, "*Your faith has saved you.*"

Jesus said, "*God so loved the world that He gave His only Son*" John 3:16. You are one in this world to whom God sent His Son. And so Christ has been given also to you! If this Word finds room in your heart so that it possesses your soul, then you have (saving) faith. Our

Lord adds further, "*Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*" If you believe this, the assurance is offered that you have everlasting life.

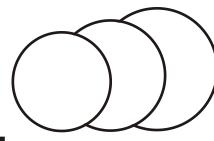
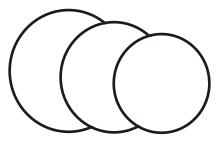
(A Living) faith rests upon the Word (the whole BIBLE), and the believer possessing the Word possesses everything that the Word promises.

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find thy promised rest."*

(Charles Wesley, 1747)

PRAYER: How rich I am, O Lord, in possessing the Word and all that it promises. Help me to use and invest these riches in such manner that Your holy Name shall be honored and Christ exalted, for His sake. Amen.

Rosenius' Daily Meditations, Carl O. Rosenius,
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From Our Fellowship Circle

S. & J. H.

Grand Rapids, MI

We enjoy reading your articles in the *Morning Glory* – so enlightening and informative in this world today!

N. F.

Rudd, IA

Thank you for your inspiring articles and Scripture passages, which give us comfort and hope in these trying times in this sinful world.

O. B.

Roseville, MN

I am enclosing a check for the *Morning Glory*. It is a good magazine and I enjoy reading it. Thank you, as it is food for the Soul.

G. R.

Killdeer, ND

Hello *Morning Glory* again! God Bless your work – what a blessing this is to us that receive this blessed reading. I am sending a ... Contribution and another address from a lady that asked to have it sent to her. Please continue to send it to me also, as I need it so I can fulfill my hunger for God's Work.

A prayer about LISTENING!

What are the blessings of being a good listener?

Dear Jesus,

Teach me to be a better listener. Soften my heart so that I may receive counsel willingly and with gratitude. When I stumble (sin) or have failures, give me the humility to accept godly correction so that I may grow in understanding. As I learn to be a good listener I pray that You would bring me the blessing of growing toward spiritual maturity. If you listen to correction you grow in understanding.

***"He who despairs instruction despises his own soul,
But he who heeds rebuke gets understanding"*** Proverbs 15:32.

C. (T) K.

Forest City, IA

Dear Friends of the *Morning Glory*,

Enclosed find a gift toward the paper which I enjoy reading.

Recently I wrote this article for my Memoirs. If you feel it is appropriate to share for the paper, please use it. God

has spoken to me in this experience; that His Spirit is at work continually through our prayers and love for those who are spiritually dying all around us. We must work the work we are called to, while it is still day.

God has now moved me to a new home in an apartment here in Forest City. I believe it is a new mission field and am praying about a Bible Study here in the Fall. So, if you are reminded, pray with me about that. Also, that my home will sell soon. Thanks.

.... I am so thankful for the strong Christian Heritage I have through them. God's Blessings.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:6-7.

B. M.

Round O, SC

Thank you for the wonderful articles; the TRUTH of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

A = Accept

B = Believe

C = Confess

I love the Lord and I am still seeking in doing services for Him and will until He returns, as He calls my name.

I am sending a love gift as the Lord is my Shepherd. I am claiming and holding onto the following Bible Verses: John 3:16, Psalm 23 & Proverbs 3:5-6.

My Hubby loved the Lord Jesus and Pastored for 45 years. ...

W. & P. B.

Belgrade, MN

Your Newsletter is very important at this time in our Nation's history. Keep proclaiming the TRUTH! God Bless.

**THE GOD OF THE
UNIVERSE WANTS TO
USE YOU!**

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Religious Liberty Matters in U.S. too, Mr. President

An Attorney who represents Religious Liberty cases says it's appalling that the Obama Administration claims to be concerned about religious freedom.

The State Department earlier this month released its annual report on global religious freedom, documenting violations in almost 200 countries. The annual Report on International Religious Freedom cited countries, many of them Muslim, for violating "recognized human rights."

Yet the Obama administration has failed to defend religious liberty abroad and here at home, says Jordan Lorence, senior counsel at Alliance Defending Freedom.

"The Obama administration has at best been dragging its feet in defense of religious liberty on the international stage," Lorence complains. "It is relatively better than what they've been doing on the domestic stage here in the United States."

Some examples include the Little Sisters of the Poor and its fight over the contraception mandate, and the administration's fight against a Lutheran church after it fired a teacher working in its private school.

National Review writer David French wrote about Little Sisters and Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church in a May article, when the U.S. Supreme Court vacated previous rulings and sent the case to a lower court. The high court ruled unanimously for the Lutheran church, too.

"The Obama administration has pushed hard against religious liberty – on occasion too hard even for the Supreme Court's more liberal justices," French, an attorney, wrote.

Religious liberty, Lorence insists, is much more than protecting people from torture and murder.

Thursday, August 25, 2016 / Bill Bumpas
(OneNewsNow.com)

Judge Blocks Obama Bathroom Policy, Let Your School Know!

Dear Friends,

Yesterday, a Federal Judge blocked Obama Administration "guidelines" that would force schools to allow some biological males to use girls' showers, locker rooms, and restrooms (and vice versa). The order, by Judge Reed O'Connor of the U. S. District Court for the

Northern District of Texas, applies not just in Texas, but **nationwide!** Coming on the heels of the Supreme Court temporarily preventing a similar policy from going into effect in Virginia, this ruling is a rebuke to the Obama administration's aggressive attempts to force its radical gender ideology on the nation's children...

Judge O'Connor found that the administration used an illegal procedure to adopt its guidelines, and ruled that the existing law and regulation are "not ambiguous" in defining "sex" as a reference to one's biological sex at birth, rather than self-professed "gender identity."

Family Research Council, (Action Alert), 8/23/16

God's Design

God's design for human sexuality is disappearing from American culture. America is entering the age of gender confusion in which gender is a so-called fluid concept.

Is it 'hate' to seek to stand in harmony for God's Infallible Truth – That a male is a male and a female is a female? Yes, there are some (likely only a 'few' in comparison; but they 'scream' the loudest so as to be heard by some political 'representatives'!) who would scream *not true!*

It is 'high-time' we who take God at His Word are lovingly heard because we care!

The Bible is perfectly clear. We are created in God's image as male and female – Genesis 1:27.

"Be not deceived. God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows, that will he also reap." Galatians 6:7.

South Carolina To Require Students To Study Founding Documents

Governor Nikki Haley of South Carolina recently signed a bill that implements the study of U.S. founding documents into the state's public high schools.

The South Carolina Founding Principles Act requires the study of the United States Constitution, the Federalist Papers, the structure of the government and the role of separation of powers and the freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. This bill, signed June 1 (2016), reinforces South Carolina's Section 59-29-120 that required all public education students, both in high school and college, to pass a test after a year-long class on the founding documents and principles.

Information from *Signal*, 6/7/16 (The Vine and the Branches).

Jimmy Carter: “Jesus Would Approve Gay Marriage And Some Abortions”

In an interview with Marc Lamont Hill, Jimmy Carter pontificated, “I believe Jesus would approve of gay marriage and abortion in the cases of rape and incest.”

“I think Jesus would encourage any sort of love affair that was honest and sincere and was not damaging to anyone else,” he said. “And I don’t think gay marriages damage anyone else.”

Carter endorsed same-sex marriage in 2012, while promoting his study Bible.

According to Carter, the United States has elected its first African-American president; it’s time for the country to elect its first openly homosexual president.

Information indirectly from lifesitenews.com. 7/13/16

Christian Law School In Canada Denied Accreditation

A Canadian appeals court has ruled that Trinity Western University Law School, part of Trinity Western University, can be denied accreditation because of its biblical beliefs about the institution of marriage. The judges stated that the law school may live out its Christian convictions – but without accreditation. The school plans to appeal to the Canadian Supreme Court.

Information from christiannews.net, 7/11/16 (The Vine and the Branches).

At the Base Of Biblical Truth

At the base of biblical truth, at the very core of the Gospel message, is the history and reality of the early chapters of Genesis. If God lied to us in Genesis, (which He most certainly didn’t) then the rest of Scripture is totally untrustworthy.

FOCUS ON ISRAEL

The Chief Rabbi of Israel Urges Rebuilding of the Temple

By Pastor David Barnhart

Rabbi David Lau, the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel, has stated that he wants to see the temple rebuilt on the Temple Mount. According to Rabbi Lau, it could be built without removing any of the Muslim structures now standing on the Temple Mount. “There is plenty of room for Jews, Christians, Muslims, everyone,” he told the Knesset Channel in a recent interview.

Rabbi Lau’s comments about rebuilding the temple are remarkable, since his predecessors operated with a very different mindset on that subject. Since becoming Chief Rabbi, Lau has visited the Temple Institute in Jerusalem, another amazing event, since that organization and the chief rabbinate have been at odds for years over rebuilding the temple.

The Temple Institute is an organization of Orthodox Jews that is working to see the temple rebuilt on the Temple Mount. They have prepared many of the implements and vessels that will be used once the temple is in operation.

Lau and all the chief rabbis before him have followed a strict view that Jews should not go onto the Temple Mount. A sign at one of the entrances to the Temple warns Jews against going there. Furthermore, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has pledged to maintain the status quo that prohibits Jews from praying at the site. Thus a public pronouncement by Rabbi Lau that he would like to see the Temple rebuilt is ponderous indeed, as is his visit to the Temple Institute, because its leaders all regularly go onto the Temple Mount.

When I learned what Rabbi Lau said about wanting to see the temple rebuilt, and when I learned that he had visited the Temple Institute, all kinds of bells went off in my mind. For years in my books and lectures on Israel and prophecy, I have set forth the proposition that the temple could be erected on the Temple Mount without disturbing either the Dome of the Rock or the al Aqsa Mosque. The large area immediately north of the Dome of the Rock may, in fact, be the location where the original temple stood, and it is vacant today.

Needless to say, any attempt to rebuild the temple there would be met with the full fury of present-day Muslims around the world. However, it has been my contention that as we move closer to the formation and acceptance of a unified global religion, such a temple could be erected there, but only under the authority of a world dictator, described by the Bible as the antichrist. Indeed, it would take a person of unassailable power, influence and authority to cause the temple to be built.

In recent years we are all witnesses to an assortment of prophetic signs of Scripture being fulfilled. The daily news makes it ever more clear as well that Jesus Christ is coming soon. It is amazing that a growing consensus among religious Jews in Israel regarding the rebuilding of the temple should become so pronounced today. Surely the biblical signs relating to Israel, the temple and the coming antichrist are in evidence today. That discussions about rebuilding of the temple by Jewish leaders are evident at the same time ought to make all Christians realize the truth that the coming of Messiah Jesus is approaching.

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SIN OF OMISSION??

For example: the Bible clearly teaches that “*Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin*” James 4:17. Well, some may say that is only one Bible verse, and the answer is: How many times does GOD say something for ‘our’ benefit? There are definitely other Bible verses that tell ‘us’ the same!

Maybe, for some of you ‘readers’ of the Morning Glory, this ‘challenge’ might arrive at your ‘mail-box’ too late for this year’s National Election = November 8, 2016 (USA). But the reality remains the same and without getting into the ‘political arena’: let’s ask this question again!

In ‘our’ beloved Nation (USA) in which numerous numbers of our ‘fore-fathers’ started and built this USA on Christian principles and where ‘we the people’ are to be the governing body, is it SIN to not vote? (FREEDOM IS NEVER FREE)!!

Now there must be a ‘difference’ in the candidates, even IF some might be from bad to fair for the future of our USA and from fair to good, etc. AND to not VOTE as a concerned conscientious ‘Citizen’. Is not ‘voting’ a sin of omission being concerned about the future of USA?

Personally, I do not really understand how a Christian to knowingly vote for a ‘candidate’ who is in favor of abortions, same-sex marriages, etc. can do the same; being it is ‘contrary’ to God’s Infallible Book, the Bible!

There should be no problem with politicians quoting Scripture as long as it used in rightful context. Actually, I wonder if more politicians replaced their *seemingly* empty promises with the words of the Bible, our politics would be more substantive by a long ways. But when politicians or anyone else, for that matter misuse Scripture to support a position that Scripture is clearly against, they should be respectfully challenged.

REMEMBER that the choice in a presidential and other electing candidates is greater than the particular candidate(s). Our vote ultimately is about a hoped-for outcome, not particularly a person. And that hoped-for outcome should be the welfare of our country.

WHEN we vote biblical values, we obey what the Lord would have us do. Jesus is not on the ballot, so ultimately we are voting for sinners. But the question is: Where do these sinners stand on key issues?

Thought: the sin of silence is a deadly sin!

Editor

“I Delight in the Law of God in My Inmost Self”

I will put my law in their inward parts, and in thy heart will I write it. Jeremiah 31:33

Is not “*God’s law*” “*God’s will*” also? We are made aware that God’s law is written in the heart and mind only by this manifestation that the heart loves God’s will and that our attitude is such that we fervently pray: would that I could keep Thy will with my whole heart! Would that I might be able to do God’s will!

We are not claiming that a Christian is a perfect person. No, no, there is much in his inner life and outward mode of loving which is rather unsound or shaky. Nevertheless take note! If he understands what the will of God is then this law becomes his life-guide; then he also wants to fulfill it. We must necessarily cling to this that a Christian heart and mind are such.

We speak only of the mind of the inner man. In the very Chapter (Roman 7) where the Apostle’s complaint reaches a climax or reaches a peak where the Apostle complains about “*the law of sin in my members,*” he says “*For to will is present with me*” – “*For I delight in the law of God after the inward man.*” This is the prevailing condition in a Christian even though he may become careless so he does not think about God’s will, proving thereby that he is sleepy. Of this the Lord God said, “*They all slumbered and slept*” – even the wise virgins.

But a Christian’s whole life certainly cannot be asleep. He may often bitterly deplore the weakness of his will, the littleness of his earnestness and zeal with which to do God’s will and the putting to death of the flesh. This may even bring him to the brink of distrust. But in such a situation his failing will and failing earnestness will become the objects of His concern and prayer.

It is concerning this mind we are speaking here. The Lord knows all hearts; He knows the secrets of men. In our day it is rather easy to extol Christianity, to speak and think something spiritual; but we must ever remember that “*the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.*” (1 Corinthians 4:20). And a concern to do His will and a prayer for grace to do this is something found in most frail children of grace. This is the respiratory area of the new man, which cannot be still as long as there is a trace of life.

Thy Cross (Daily Devotions), By Carl Olof Roenius,
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Living Thankfully

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, and abounding with thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7

A secular author was researching the subject of gratitude. As he did, he examined two large dictionaries of modern psychology and could find no mention of the terms “gratitude,” “thankfulness,” or “giving of thanks.” He then scanned the card catalog of a large university library containing hundreds of thousands of volumes. Through his search, he found not one single card giving any reference to the terms “gratitude” or “thankfulness.” Indeed, as one humorist put it, “If you’re looking for gratitude, you’d better look in the dictionary. That’s the only place you’re going to find it.”

Someone once said that thankfulness is the least of the virtues and ingratitude the worst of the vices. We consider gratitude an easy virtue to attain, yet so few people distinguish themselves by their thankfulness. Paul, in cataloging the descent of humankind into the mire of depravity, begins by saying that “*although they knew God, they did not glorify Him or give thanks to Him as God*” (Romans 1:21). He then describes humanity’s fall into all sorts of base immorality. The slide from godliness into wickedness begins with ingratitude.

Shakespeare once said, “How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child!”

But the Bible repeatedly calls upon us to remember our blessings and express gratitude. It says, “*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits*” (Psalm 103:2).

What blessings can you thank God for today? Beginning now, cultivate a grateful heart. Make it a regular practice to thank the Lord for who He is and for all He had done for you.

“*As a rule, a man's a fool. When it's hot, he wants it cool.*

When it's cool, he wants it hot. Always wanting what is not!” – Anonymous

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Your Father Knows

(Please read Matthew 6:25-34)

Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him Matthew 6:8

I was only four years old as I lay by my father on a floor mat on a hot summer night. (My mother, with a baby, had her own room at the time). This was in northern Ghana where the climate is mostly dry. Sweat covered my body, and the heat parched my throat. I felt so thirsty I shook my father awake. In the middle of that dry night, he rose up and poured water from a jar for me to quench my thirst. Throughout my life, as he did that night, he exemplified the image of a caring father. He provided what I needed.

Some people may not have a good father figure in their lives. But we all have a Father who is strong and ever-present (Ed. That is for those who are walking in fellowship with Jesus), and who does not disappoint us. Jesus taught us to pray to “our Father in heaven” (Matt. 6:9). He told us that when our daily needs confront us – food, clothing, shelter, protection (v. 31) – “your Father knows what you need before you ask Him” (v 8).

We have a Father who is always there. Night or day, whenever the going gets tough, we can trust that He will never abandon us. He has promised to care for us, and He knows better than we do what we need.

Lawrence Darmani

Thank you, Lord, for the privilege of coming to You as my Father.

You know my needs before I even ask.

Thank you that You will never turn me away.

Your loving heavenly Father never takes His eyes off you.

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“Thy cross to victory

*Thou didst bear;
O grant that I, dear Savior,
May glory in the cross and share
Thy heavenly joy and favor
Then shall my soul
Have reached its goal,
Safe in Thy loving bosom. ”*

Eric Gustav Geljer, 1812

Thanksgiving Blessings

There is a thing call an acronym. It is a word that is used to describe another word or thought. What can you do with the word “**Thanksgiving?**” Let’s make an acronym from the word, using its letters to express what we are thankful for.

T – Think of all the special people in your life.

H – Help is promised to everyone who calls on the Lord.

A – All the love people share with me is appreciated.

N – Never Alone.

K – Kindness is something I can express every day.

S – Saved from sin and for service.

G – God loves me when others don’t.

I – Inspiration is found in Prayer and Bible Study.

V – Victory over temptation can be found by resisting Satan.

I – *I* love you today and tomorrow.

N – Nobody has to be alone or feel left out (John 3:16).

G – Give and it will be given back to you.

These are just a few things that I am thankful for and can use to make an acronym. Write down the word “Thanksgiving.” Now write your own personal acronyms down! Share your list with someone special to you. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

Thought. Drive carefully today! We would rather talk to you than about you.

One Hundred and Three Devotions,
James (Jim) Mizell

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All really living Law and Gospel preaching/teaching must be personally experienced by the person to make it living and effective; in spite that God's WORD will not return unto HIM void.

But where there is no living experience in being spiritually lost and found by the Savior, the study of doctrines and dogmas will degenerate into dead faith and formalism.

According to Martin Luther, “FAITH” is a hearty trust and full surrender of the whole man to Christ. Faith lives and moves in Christ as its element, constantly obeying His will and following His example. It is only in this deeper conception of a faith that Luther’s doctrine of justification can be apprehended. Discon-

nected from it, the doctrine of justification becomes a pernicious error.”

So, according to Luther’s experience, faith is a full surrender to God through Christ, and to such a surrendered soul the Holy Spirit reveals Christ as He is presented in the Gospel. Then new life and living faith are born in the soul. Then justification is not a gradual process conditioned partly by faith and partly by good works, but “a single act of God when He imputes Christ’s righteousness to a penitent and believing sinner, acquits him of sin and its guilt and looks upon him in Christ as if he had never sinned.”

This marvelous ‘gift’ of SALVATION was not only Martin Luther’s experience; but more importantly is biblically correct!

Do you ‘care’ enough about ‘your’ Pastor/Teacher/Professor to ask: Have you personally experienced this SALVATION?

It could be that Religion has always been the worst enemy of experienced Salvation!

Editor

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God’s People Must Take Heed to Him!

America and other parts of this ‘sinful-world’ are facing a crisis of own making. As a nation, we have rejected God’s moral law.

Same-sex “marriages” are now acceptable.

Pre-born babies are sacrificed on the altar of “choice.”

Males who “self-identify” as females are free to us women’s locker and rest rooms.

During the dark days of the civil War, President Abraham Lincoln wrote a Proclamation Appointing a National Fast Day. (Can you imagine the uproar this bold action would cause today?)

“We have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!”

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He continued *“It behooves us, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.”*

As bleak as things might be, however in your Country or USA, there is always hope because of the promise of 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 ...Revelation 2:5 ...

“But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare”. (Jer. 29:7 NASB).

Temptation Comes In All Sizes

Because we know the difference between right and wrong, we often are called upon to make hard choices. Sometimes we are tempted to make the wrong choice. Choices that can get us into real bad trouble and bring severe heart break. Even the best of us are tempted, at times, to do what we know we shouldn't.

One of the assurances which comes from Scripture is that Christ, too, was tempted. The book of Hebrews describes it, "*We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin*" (Heb. 4:15). Christ knows and understands what it means to be tempted. Because he has experienced it, He can understand how difficult it is. He can sympathize with us. The Devil is a smart cookie and knows where our Achilles heel (weakness) is.

In His very short and to the point style, Mark 1:12 tells of the Devil tempting Jesus when He was driven into the wilderness without food for 40 days. There Satan tempted Jesus three different ways.

The temptation was enormous. For forty days Jesus was alone, being tempted by Satan. But He withstood the test. He quoted verses from the Old Testament. They were verses He had memorized as a child. The first verse He gave to Satan was Deut. 8:3, "*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.*" The next temptation found Jesus quoting Deut. 10:20, "*You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.*" The third verse quoted by Jesus is found in Deut. 6:16, "*You shall not tempt the Lord your God.*" Notice Jesus quoted Scripture to resist Satan.

Our temptations come in many different shapes and sizes. But in each of them we can have the assurance of the presence and help of Christ. Paul shares with us in 1 Cor. 10:13, "*No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.*" Yes, when temptation comes, there is always a way to escape. We must look for it. Because Christ was able to endure, so can we.

We can use the Bible to help us resist the Devil by memorizing verses. I have heard the statement since I was a little boy; "You can't keep a bird from flying over your head, but you sure can keep the bird from building a nest on top of your head. (Editor: Quoting Martin Luther!) This is a very true saying.

Thought: Who will we listen to when temptation comes: Satan or Christ?

*One Hundred and Three Devotions,
By James (Jim) Mizell,*

I BELIEVE

By Dr. Howard A. Kelly

I believe the Bible to be the Inspired Word of God, inspired in a sense utterly different from that of any merely human book.

I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, without human father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. That all men, without exception, are by nature sinners, alienated from God and thus utterly lost in sin. The Son of God himself came down to earth, and by shedding His Blood upon the Cross, paid the infinite penalty of the guilt of the whole world. I believe he who thus receives Jesus Christ as his Saviour is born again spiritually, as definitely as in his first birth, and so born spiritually, has new privileges, appetites and affections; and will live with Him forever (Ed. As long as he remains in the true Vine). I believe no man can save himself by good works, or what is commonly known as a "moral life," such works being but the necessary fruits and evidence of the faith within, and come after salvation.

I believe Satan to be the cause of man's fall and sin and his rebellion against God as rightful Governor. Satan is the prince of all the kingdoms of this world, yet will in the end be cast into the pit and made harmless. Christ will come again in glory to earth to reign, even as He went away from earth, and I look for His return day by day. I believe the Bible to be God's Word, because as I use it as spiritual food, I discover in my own life, as well as in the lives of those who likewise use it, a transformation correcting evil tendencies, purifying affections, giving pure desires and teaching that concerning the righteousness of God which those who do not so use it can know nothing of. It is really food for the spirit as bread is for the body.

Perhaps one of my strongest reasons for believing the Bible is that it reveals to me, as no other book in the world could do, that which appeals to me as a physician, a diagnosis of my spiritual condition. It shows me clearly what I am by nature – one lost in sin and alienated from the life that is in God. I find it as a consistent and wonderful revelation of the character of God, a God far removed from any of the natural imaginings.

It also reveals a tenderness and nearness of God in Christ which satisfies the heart's longing, and shows me that the Infinite God, Creator of the world, took our very nature upon Him that He might in Infinite love be One with His people to redeem them. I believe in it because it reveals a religion adapted to all classes and races, and it is intellectual suicide, knowing it, not to believe it.

Faithful Words

THE SOLDIER'S EXAMPLE — PAUL WAS A GOOD SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST

By J. Vernon McGee

Here is Paul's example for us from his own experience:

And for me that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak (Eph. 6:19-20).

(This is ALSO true of I/we who are privileged and responsible for the 'printed-page' – Editor)

"And for me." Paul now asks for prayer on behalf of himself. As he comes to the conclusion of this epistle, he moves into the area of the personal. He was a prisoner in Rome, and he suffered from a thorn in the flesh. Yet he does not ask for prayer that these physical handicaps be removed, but that he might proclaim courageously the mystery of the gospel.

"To make known the mystery of the gospel." The gospel is a mystery that was not revealed in the Old Testament as it is now. The New Testament reveals that Christ died for all sins, was buried, rose again on the third day. This is the gospel and the message Paul was preaching.

"I am an ambassador in bonds." (Ed. Every born-again person who is walking by 'faith' with Jesus/Word is an "ambassador"). Paul had just written about the spiritual warfare, and now we see that he was experiencing the on-slaught of the enemy at the very moment he was writing.

"That therein I may speak boldly." Paul asks for prayer that he may speak the gospel with boldness. We need that same prayer. We need a boldness to declare the Word of God.

But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things; Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts. Eph. 6:21-22.

Tychicus not only carried the epistle to the Ephesian believers, but he also gave a personal account of the conditions of and the prospects for the apostle Paul. Tychicus, the pastor of the Ephesian church, is an example of the many faithful servants of Christ in the early church. The apostle Paul had great confidence in him.

"That he might comfort your hearts." Tychicus would allay any fears that the Ephesians might have about the condition of the apostle Paul. The brotherly love exhibited in the early church is the undertone of all of Paul's epistles. Paul had a real concern for the brethren.

BENEDICTION

General Douglas MacArthur said that old soldiers do not die; they just fade away. Listen to Paul's farewell.

Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Eph. 6:23-24.

Paul's own swan song is found in 2 Timothy 4:6-8: "*For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: hence forth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.*" Paul reflected what a good soldier of Christ should be and what rewards awaited him.

He closes with a twofold benediction. Most of the great words of the gospel are contained in it: peace, love, faith, grace. Hope is absent, for the believer is in the heavenly places where all is realized.

"Peace" was the form of greeting of the Jewish world. A sinner must know the grace of God before he can experience the peace of God. This is the peace of God which passes all understanding.

"Love" in verse 23 means love for the other believers. This is a fruit of the Holy Spirit.

"Grace" is the key word of the epistle. It opened the epistle (Eph. 1:2) and is the subject of the epistle (Eph. 2:7-8). It now concludes the epistle. It is a fitting word because it is God's grace which saved us and which sustains us today.

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It is not a sin to long for Heaven. If we know Jesus, we know that in Heaven all our burdens and pain will be lifted forever. It is, as the apostle Paul stated, "*better by far*" to be in Heaven with Jesus than to be suffering on this sin-filled earth. At the same time though, God has a purpose in keeping us here until He finally take us home. He has things to teach us about Himself, and He can still use us to bless others.

Keep your eyes on eternity (Ed. JESUS) – but also seek Christ's will for you right now, no matter what you are facing.

I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far. Philippians 1:23.

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Martyrdom of John Huss

Huss was born in Bohemia in 1369, studied at the Prague University, became a professor in 1398 and a priest in 1402. The Waldense lay-preachers had reached Bohemia around 1200. Our spiritual father, Peter Waldo, had preached the Gospel there – where he also died in 1217. But under the horrible persecutions the spiritual life movement had gone underground and we hear no more of it till the Wicklif revival in England started about 1380. Then God's people in England sent over some friends to encourage the Bohemian Christians who had gone underground and dug their Bibles down. At night they dug their Bibles up again and read them in the candlelight. Then before morning they dug them down again – telling nobody, for the dreadful "gestapo" church spies were around, and if they were found reading their Bible it meant imprisonment, torture and death.

In John Huss the spiritual life movement in Bohemia got a great God-given champion. Some few years before the conversion of Huss, God's people had built a prayer-house – Bethlehem Chapel – in Prague where hungry souls gathered and heard the Gospel in their own language. Here Huss soon became the spiritual leader, preached living Christianity out from the Bible and preached against the sins of the time. He preached against the monks. He preached against the sins of the priest. He preached against granting forgiveness of sin (indulgences) for money. He preached against the pope's claim that he was Peter's successor and Christ's regent. The church is founded not on Peter, but on the Confession of Peter that Christ Himself is the Son of the living God, Huss proclaimed.

We are sorry to have to relate that in the mighty revival that followed, as the ice was broken and the dam that had held back the truth for centuries was broken down, some of the converts went to unnecessary extreme. During a church service in which a priest praised the forgiveness-of-sin-trade, three young Christians cried out aloud, "You lie, Huss is teaching us something entirely different." These zealous believers were arrested at once – and executed. This caused a tremendous stir. Some smeared the blood of these martyrs on their clothes and ran in among crowds of people. The bodies of the young men were carried in public on a golden stretcher and buried in the Bethlehem Chapel, an enormous multitude being present. Huss got the blame for all this...

In 1414 Huss was cited to appear before the great synod meeting (church council) at Constance, Bavaria. Emperor Sigismund sent him a safe-conduct. Huss went in a bold spirit to the meeting, thinking he should get a chance to win a great victory for the TRUTH. But his enemies had laid some deep, infernal plots. Shortly after his

arrival he was thrown into an awful, stinking dungeon. His books, even his Bible, was taken away from him, just like the Lutheran church did with (Hans Nielsen) Hauge in Norway long afterward.

In the meantime the synod meeting continued to condemn. All of Wicklif's writings were condemned to be burnt and so was all that Huss had written. Besides all this Huss was to be burnt at the stake unless he took it all back (retracted). Upon examination Huss confessed and answered like Luther 100 years later ...

July 6, 1414, Huss was taken into the cathedral, and the bishop of Lodi, Italy, preached a sermon against him on Rom. 6:6, "*that the body of sin may be destroyed.*" The bishop told the audience in his sermon that it was most pleasing to God to burn Huss to death, for he was full of the most awful poison – spreading like a creeping cancer. Then all the clergymen voted. The verdict was unanimous.

Huss should die at the stake. Six bishops then went on to disrobe Huss of his vestments they just before had put on him. Then they put a paper cap on his head with painted devils, and the inscription: "A ring-leader of heretics." ... After straw and wood had been piled high around his body, the Duke made a final offer of life, if he would recant. But Huss refused and said: "I shall die with joy today in the faith of the Gospel I have preached." ...

As the high priests of old went on after crucifying Jesus, to persecute His disciples, so did the priests but now it was in the name of Jesus. In their dread blindness and hatred they continued to burn God's people. But the Gospel light had been lit, and no enemy could put it out.

Excerpts from *Innermission Church History*, Hauge
Lutheran Innermission Federation, 1948

Doing Valiantly

***"Through God we will do valiantly, For it is
He who shall tread down our enemies."***

Psalm 60:12

*Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threaten hard to bear us down;
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.
He that washed us in His blood
Soon will bring us Home to God.*

***"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."* – 1 Corinthians 15:57–58 Selected**

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Giving and Receiving

"But this I say, He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" II Corinthians 9:6.

"The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself" Proverbs 11:25.

Personally, I am very thankful that it is **GOD** who makes the '**promises**' on which 'we' build and

It is by a 'living Faith' AS **HE** never changes, for **GOD** always keeps **HIS promises!**

The Bible tells us that God loves a cheerful giver. It also says that we shouldn't give grudgingly or from compulsion. But some folk do that, as they look on their giving not as sowing but as throwing, such as the man who put a dollar in the offering plate and afterward sang with all his might, "When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain."

It is so 'easy' to make 'good-intentions' but fail to come through when we have opportunities to do so. (Actually 'good-intentions' paves the way to Hell)! BUT we trust, when we specifically prayerfully give according to the Holy Spirit's direction, that **GOD** will give back to us abundantly – not always in dollars and cents (material things) though!

You know **GOD** doesn't need our money. **HE** commands us to give because we need to trust His provision. Actually, 'money' is nothing except an index to our souls; that is given unto **HIM**!

Do you 'really' believe that God will take care of all your needs? If so, then give what you can expectantly and gladly, believing in God's generosity and faithfulness. REMEMBER, you can never out-give **GOD!**

"There was a man, some called him 'mad.'
The more he gave, the more he had."

Anonymous

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True Repentance

When Evangelist Billy Sunday held a campaign in Bloomington, Illinois on March 30, 1908, 84 saloons in the vicinity went out of business afterward. In fact, the line of people publicly pledging to turn from liquor to Jesus went for blocks and looked like a parade. Now that's true repentance!

Taken from *Billy Sunday*
by D. Bruce Lockerbie