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MELTED SAINTS!

It is related that during the reign of Oliver Cromwell the government ran out of silver coinage. Cromwell sent some of his men to a cathedral to see if they could find any silver. They reported to him that the only silver we could find is in the statues of the saints standing in the corners. "Good," he replied, "We'll melt down the saints and put them into circulation." Today, too many of the saints are as cold as ice and need to be melted down and put into circulation winning the lost to Christ. Jesus said, "**I would thou wert cold or hot.**" Obviously, "hot" is what He wants. We need revival fire to move us in the great work of soul winning.

WANTED: WORKERS

Walter P. Chrysler, the great American industrialist said: "The reason so many people never get anywhere in life is that when opportunity knocks, they are out in the backyard looking for four-leaf clovers." Somebody (possibly Edison) said, "Genius is 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration." We speak of the Lord's work. Yes, we are saved by faith alone, but then it is go to work for God. Jesus said, "**Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers (workers) into his harvest.**" It seems we are always short of workers in the Lord's work!

LUTHER'S WARNING

"No greater mischief can happen to a Christian people than to have God's Word taken from them, or falsified, so that they no longer have it pure and clear. God grant we and our descendants be not witnesses of such a calamity." Well, Luther's sound advice has largely been ignored by God's people down through the ages. Just think of the mischief that has been done to the Word of God and the people of God through all the modern bible versions. While it is very unpopular, let us stand upon the pure Word of God - the King James Version. May it be said of us: "**For we are not as many, which corrupt the Word of God...**" ~II Corinthians 2:17.

BEWARE THE SELF-CENTERED GOSPEL

A. W. Tozer wrote: "A dreamy, sentimental faith which ignores the judgments of God against us and listens to the affirmations of the soul is as deadly as cyanide. *A faith which passively accepts all of the pleasant texts of the Bible while it overlooks or rejects the stern warnings and commandments of those same Scriptures is not the faith of which Christ and the apostles spoke!*" There is a lot of false interpretation of Scripture today which satisfies the flesh, but is not pleasing to God! God is not in favor of the self esteem gospel! "**Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...**" ~Hebrews 10:22.