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A WORD FOR PREACHERS

We who preach the Gospel must not think of ourselves as public relation agents sent to establish good will between Christ and the world. We must not imagine ourselves to be commissioned to make Christ acceptable to big business, the press, the world of sports or modern education. We are not diplomats but prophets, and our message is not a compromise but an ultimatum. -A. W. Tozer in *Man: The Dwelling Place of God*.

ON BEING A BAPTIST

C. H. Spurgeon said that he remembered his mother saying to him: "I prayed that you might become a Christian, but I never prayed that you might be a Baptist." He said, "But nevertheless, I became a Baptist, for as I reminded her, the Lord was able to do exceeding abundantly above what she asked or thought - and He did it." (RCS: I am happy to be a Baptist - a Fundamental Baptist. We have a two-page print-out on "*Why I Am A Baptist*." If you will send us a self addressed, stamped envelope, we will send you a copy of it. Or, you can also see it at www.cornerstonebaptistmetroBoston.org under "Topics of Interest.")

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY

A. W. Tozer wrote this more than fifty years ago: "Any objection to the carryings on of our present golden-calf Christianity is met with the triumphant reply, "But we are winning them!" And winning them to what? To true discipleship? To cross carrying? To self-denial? To separation from the world? To crucifixion of the flesh? To holy living? To nobility of character? To a despising of the world and its treasures? To hard self-discipline? To love of God? To total committal to Christ? Of course, the answer to all these questions is No." Ed. What would he say today? It's ten times worse and that is not only true of the Evangelicals but also Fundamentalists. Finding a believer who is truly "crucified with Christ" is not easy. What about YOU? We are reminded: **"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."**

DO YOU WANT TO BE GREAT

A man of God once said, "I like best of all that definition of humility which traces the meaning to the word itself. It comes from the word "humus" which means ground. The humble person gets on his face before God! And that is where we belong. Moody said, "The beginning of greatness is to be little; the increase of greatness is to be less; and the perfecting of greatness is to be nothing." God says, **"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."** ~Isaiah 57:15.