

# BITS & PIECES

## CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

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#### THE LABORERS ARE FEW

Let me tell you what you are like. It is a hot autumn day, and a man is reaping; the sweat pours from his face as he bends to the task. He fears that he will never get to the end of the field, and all the time you are pleasantly occupied leaning over a gate, and saying, "That is an uncommonly good laborer." Or, perhaps you are saying, "Why, he does not handle the sickle properly; I could show him a better way of reaping." But as you never attempt to show us, we have only your word to go by, and you must excuse us if we are a little skeptical on the matter. The work of the Church is generally done by a few earnest folks, is it not? Is that right? - C. H. Spurgeon

#### DON'T GIVE UP

Dr. Chalmers visited a dying infidel in Glasgow 21 times and was refused admission to see him on each occasion. However, on the 22nd visit the infidel invited him in. The reason: he said he wanted to see a man who could be refused 21 times and still come again. One of the tragedies of our day is very few Christians ever visit anybody for the purpose of giving them the life saving message of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "Go YE..." If you are saved, that means you!

#### CHURCH SEPARATION

A. W. Tozer said: "It is no more than a religious platitude to say that the trouble with us today is that we have tried to bridge the gulf between two opposites, the world and the church, and have performed an illicit marriage for which there is no biblical authority. Actually, no real union between the world and the Church is possible. When the Church joins up with the world it is the true Church no longer but only a pitiful hybrid thing, an object of smiling contempt to the world and an abomination to the Lord." We have too many "betweenites" today; those who try to walk with one foot in the world and one in the Church. Separation from the world for God's people is not optional, it's obligatory! To have it otherwise is sin! I John 2:15-17; II Corinthians 6:14-17; Ephesians 5:11

#### HOW FAITHFUL ARE YOU?

Some Christians think (I believe all too many) that 80% or 90% faithfulness to the Lord and His Church is pretty good. But they are sadly mistaken. If your car started 80% of the time would you consider it faithful? If your watch was right only 90% of the time would you consider it faithful? If your druggist filled your prescription correctly 90% of the time, would you say he was faithful? If your spouse was faithful 90% of the time would call it being faithful? What does God think of your idea of faithfulness? The Lord Jesus Christ, after all he has done for us, deserves our best - our all! **"It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."** Yes, 100% faithful!