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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 TO BEGIN THE DAY

Robert Murray McCheyne said: “I ought to pray before seeing anyone else. Often when I sleep long, or meet with others early, it is eleven or twelve o’clock before I begin secret prayer. This is a wretched system. It is unscriptural. Christ rose before day and went into a solitary place. David says: ‘Early will I seek thee.’ ‘Thou shalt early hear my voice.’ Family prayer loses much of its power and sweetness, and I can do no good to those who come to seek from me. The conscience feels guilty, the soul unfed, the lamp not trimmed. Then when in secret prayer the soul is often out of tune. I feel it is far better to begin with God - to see His face first, to get my soul near Him before it is near another.”

TRUER WORDS WERE NEVER SPOKEN

John Witherspoon (1723-1794), a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the sixth president of Princeton University said: “Cursed be all learning that is contrary to the cross of Christ. Cursed be all learning that is not coincident with the cross of Christ. Cursed is all learning that is not subservient to the cross of Christ.” Two hundred years before, Martin Luther said: “I am much afraid the universities will prove to be the great gates to Hell, unless they diligently labor to explain the Holy Scriptures and to engrave them on the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount.” It is all too evident that they both were right. Higher learning without God is the lowest learning.

HAPPY TO BE 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.cornerstonebaptistmetrobooston.org under “Topics of Interest.”

