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MUST WE HEAR ABOUT HELL?

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Yes, we must! We take no pleasure in proclaiming eternal damnation. Many simply deny its existence. Some, like Henry Ward Beecher, the great American preacher of one hundred years ago, said that, to the everlasting credit of the pulpits of his day, Hell was no longer preached very much. Henry Drummond, professed Bible believer and friend of Moody, said that all would eventually be saved. Then, there are many, like Billy Graham, who claim to believe the Bible but explain away the fire and torment of Hell. Others are just silent on the subject. Hell must be preached for a number of reasons. Reason #1 - It is taught throughout the Word of God. **“The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God.”** ~Psalm 9:17. You say, “I am not wicked.” God says you are! And the fires of Hell will be your destiny: **“...than to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched.”** ~Mark 9:44,46,48. You have to destroy the plain meaning of Scripture to remove the fire from Hell! God help you if you tamper with His Holy Word! Reason #2 - Jesus spoke of it as a real place of fire and torment. Jesus said, **“And in hell he lifted up his eyes being in torments...And he cried...I am tormented in this flame...”** Luke 16:23-25. He was in the “flames” and four times in that passage the word “torment” is used to describe Hell. You may say hell means grave, state of mind, etc., but the flames and torment are still there. Also, it is forever: **“These shall go away into everlasting punishment.”** It has been well calculated that Jesus spoke more of Hell and eternal damnation than He did of Heaven. Reason #3 - It is dishonest, it is a crime, against God and lost souls to ignore their plight and let them go blindly to Hell. We are commanded to **“Preach the Word...”** and declare **“the whole counsel of God.”** Men cannot pick and choose what they will believe. We cannot pick and choose what we will preach. How could we be faithful to God and ignore one of the most fundamental doctrines? How can we see loved ones and the multitudes go on in sin to everlasting punishment without lifting up a cry? What would you think of us if we passed a burning building and did not do our best to get the people out? We plead with you to escape the flames of Hell by receiving Jesus Christ as your Savior.

Many act as if they did not believe something, it wasn't true. Pardon me, but that is utter nonsense! My friend, you are going to a beautiful, blissful Heaven or a fiery, tormenting Hell! Both are forever! See Matthew 25:41,46 and a multitude of other verses. You may say that you cannot be scared. Maybe so; I hope you can. The choice is yours! No choice is to choose Hell for you are already on that path. Christ died and rose again that you might be redeemed and spend eternity with Him in Heaven. Will you acknowledge your sin to God and receive Jesus as your Savior? Whether you believe it or not, Hell is what we all deserve because of our sins. God's Word says, **“How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation.”** ~Hebrews 2:3. The answer is obvious - there is no escape! I plead with you to face the fact of sin and judgment, and trust Christ. God has done everything He can for you; Christ died for your sins. **“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son, shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”** ~John 3:36. Trust Christ NOW!

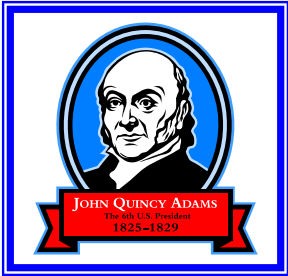
YOUTH CORNER

A PICTURE OF FOUR PRESIDENTS. *The New York Times* puts out a news magazine for young people called *Upfront*. The Sept. 4, 2000 issue had a very colorful picture of four U.S. Presidents: George Bush, Bill Clinton, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter. Pres. Reagan was not present for he is no longer in public life due to Alzheimer's disease. They were standing together on a platform behind a podium with the Presidential seal and with U.S. flags blowing in the breeze. Each one was waving an arm, evidently to a crowd of people before them. Three of the men are seen with their right arms upraised; one waved with his left arm. Can you guess which one raised his left arm? Of course, it was Bill Clinton. I thought that was rather interesting, three of these men served their country in the armed forces - naturally, they all raised their right hands. You salute with your right hand even if you are left-handed. One of the men, Mr. Clinton, the one with the left handed salute, was a draft dodger and even marched in protest against his country while in England.

STAND UPON GOD'S WORD. Today the Bible is put down, ridiculed and renounced. Prayer and Bible reading have been removed from the schools, though until recent times most school days started with prayer and Bible reading. Most, if not all of the founding fathers had great respect for it. Here's a sampling of their sentiments: **John Quincy Adams:** "I have myself, for many years, made it a practice to read through the Bible once every year." **Benjamin Franklin:** "We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings that 'except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this, and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel." **George Washington:** "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." **Daniel Webster:** "If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity." **Noah Webster:** "Education is useless without the Bible." Young people, don't be ashamed of God's Word! There's not a man today that could hold a candle to these men. The Bible is the only thing in this world that will not pass away. If you're going to build your life aright, you must build it on God's Word. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

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NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

TV IS THE PITS! TV is growing more wicked every day. *Religion Analysis* reported a study by the Parents Television Council. It said, “*Since 1989 references to sex organs have increased seven-fold, foul language has increased five and a half times, and references to homosexuality are 24 times more common.*” You are deceiving yourself if you think you can watch any of this stuff and maintain real spirituality. We have said over and over, it is time for Christians to throw out the TV. It is hard to believe that serious Christians can watch it. Parents, it would do you and your children a lot of good if you did away with it and spent more time with them, caused them to read good books, etc. **“Be not deceived, God is not mocked, whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.”** What a difference it would make if Christians threw out the TV and other things which are harmful, or just a waste of time, and spent that time in prayer, Bible study and soul winning.

I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. ~Psalm 101:3

MORMONS: SOME REVEALING STATISTICS.

The Mormons love to put themselves off as nice, clean living, family oriented people. Almost everyone buys it, but that is far from the truth. Salt Lake County, the capital and heart of Mormonism, has a murder rate for children five times higher than the national average. In Utah, 50% of the births are to teens and seven out of ten - 70% - are illegitimate. The divorce rate for the State is 50% higher than the national average. Everything about them and their religion is a myth. Yet they are heartily accepted by most people. Few people realize that they still have polygamy in the Book of Mormon and it is a fundamental doctrine to them. Many have testified to its widespread practice in states like Utah, Colorado, etc.

PSYCHOTHERAPY FOR DOGS. The following is from the book *Dogs On The Couch* and cited in *PsychoHeresy Awareness Newsletter*. “The need for positive, effective, and safe techniques to train and cure the behavioral problems of our dogs is a growing necessity because of their burgeoning population...*Dogs On The Couch* is the first book to use the tools of family-systems therapy and behavior therapy to analyze and treat the variety of dog-behavior problems that are often not correctable by traditional dog training methods. The theme of the book is recognizing the need to treat the entire family system when trying to prevent or change a dog-behavior problem in a loving and safe way.” Talk about going to the dogs; I hope they have better success with dogs than they have with humans.

LIBERAL HYPOCRISY. According to *Religion Today* three Episcopalian bishops are in deep trouble with their hierarchy. Thirty years ago the Episcopal Church approved the ordination of women and there are now 15,000 women who are priests and 8 of them are bishops. Three bishops have refused to go along, which is the right position. However, if they do not comply soon (one has already complied) they could be removed from their offices. However, there are a number of bishops in that denomination who have allowed priests to bless same-sex unions, a practice officially prohibited by that Church. But that doesn't seem to bother the hierarchy. What gross hypocrisy! Well, that is just what we would expect from liberal, apostate church leaders.

MORE POLITICALLY CORRECT STUFF!

About a year ago a ten year old boy from Cambridge, MA (about 5 miles from our Church) was kidnapped by two homosexuals. They lured him into their car with the promise of a new bicycle. After they raped him, they suffocated him with a gasoline soaked rag. One has heard little about it (but when two heterosexuals killed a homosexual in Arkansas it was big news for months and still shows up from time to time in the media). Can you imagine the out cry and press coverage if a professing Christian or even someone who was morally or politically conservative committed such a crime? Why the liberals in government and the media might even begin efforts to bring back the death penalty to this State. According to the *Washington Times*, the lawyer for the parents of the boy said, “Thousands of children...are raped each year by NAMBLA members.” NAMBLA stands for North American Man Boy Love Association. These people openly promote, and wherever possible engage in, this ungodly activity with hardly a voice being lifted up against it!

LIBERAL MEDIA PUTS DOWN JESUS! Nothing new in that! ABC had special on the search for the historical Jesus featuring Peter Jennings. It was the usual negative stuff where doubt was cast on just about everything in the Bible about Jesus. He relied totally on liberal scholars including four from the “Jesus Seminar” which has decided only 18% of the sayings of Jesus were “*probably true.*” Even the very liberal *Washington Post* said the program was “a foolhardy premise and in the end doesn't accomplish much more than a dog chasing his tail. Interestingly enough, the New Evangelical *Christianity Today* had a favorable report on it in an interview with Jennings.

FAITHFUL TO CHURCH

A crowded gathering of distinguished scientists had been listening spellbound to the masterly expositions of Michael Faraday. For an hour he held his brilliant audience enthralled as he demonstrated the nature and properties of the magnet. He had brought his lecture to a close with an experiment so novel, so bewildering, so triumphant, that for sometime after he resumed his seat, the house rocked with enthusiastic applause. And then, the Prince of Wales - afterwards King Edward VII - rose to propose a motion of congratulation. The resolution, having been duly seconded, was carried with renewed thunderous applause. The assembly waited for Faraday's reply. But he did not appear. Only his most intimate friends knew what had become of him. He was an elder in a little church - a church that never boasted more than 20 members. The hour at which Faraday ended his lecture was the hour of the weekly prayer meeting. - Copied. What does the church and its services mean to you? Many "Christians" never attend prayer meeting. Some do not frequent the evening services or special meetings. Maybe you no longer attend at all. What does the Church mean to Jesus Christ? The Bible says, **"Christ loved the Church, and gave Himself for it."** Christ loves the Church. You say you love Christ. I don't see how that can be true when you do not love the things the Saviour loves! If you joined this Church, you promised that you would attend *all* the services. What is so important that it keeps you from the services of Christ's Church?

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AN ON-GOING PROBLEM

One of the most serious and damaging problems in Fundamental Baptist circles is that of church splits. I dare say that 95% of all church splits are the result of someone(s) who will not submit to the authority of the Church leadership, particularly the Pastor. The Bible does say, three times in one chapter, **"Obey them that have the rule over you."** Self will is generally the problem, though the guilty parties will not admit it and without fail will find some Bible verse to justify their willfulness. I have experienced it many times in forty-one years in the same place. A related problem is the harm done to the church is more often than not compounded by the Pastor's giving up and moving. He will not admit he has thrown in the towel, but will justify his leaving by saying the people do not want the truth or the Lord has led him elsewhere. The average pastorate is less than three years, how pathetic. The poor sheep are left to be led (if you can call it that) by these self appointed rulers. Trouble is the common lot of all men including God's servants; look at Moses, Samuel, Paul, etc. Spurgeon was not only a great preacher, he was a strong leader, but all did not agree with him. Yes, he had opposition also. Leaders in his Church did not want to build the Tabernacle where he did. He refused to give in to their threats of non-support, knowing the will of God better than they. Pastor, listen to what he said: "I am captain of this vessel. If there should be a Jonah in this ship, I shall in as Christian a spirit as possible pitch him out. I shall not think that because Jonah is there I ought to leave, but I will stand by the ship in all weather as in the sunshine." Amen!