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## ARE THE HEATHEN LOST?

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No well instructed Christian needs to be told that they are, but there are many who call themselves "Bible believers" who are not well instructed. Yes, those who have never heard the Gospel are lost; note these reasons:

- Because of what man is by nature! He is born a sinner (Romans 3:23) and being dead in sins he is by nature a child of wrath. (Ephesians 2:1,3)
- Because of the character of God! He is perfect righteousness! **"Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look upon iniquity."** Hab.1:13. Do the heathen have iniquity?
- Because God has established the fact that one must be born again in order to enter into the Kingdom of God. **"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."** John 3:3.
- Because all men have some light and God will give more to those who seek it. **"Nevertheless, he left not himself without witness in that he did good and gave us rain..."** ~Acts 14:17. (See also Romans 2:5,6)
- Because it is God's will all come to repentance - Impossible without hearing and believing the Gospel. **"The Lord is...not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."** ~II Peter 3:9.
- Because of the sacrifice of Christ. How could He die for the whole world if the whole world wasn't lost? **"Who gave himself a ransom for all..."** ~I Timothy 2:6 and other Scriptures.
- Because of God's command for believers to **"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."** If the heathen are not lost what is the point in expending the lives, finances, etc. of God's people to tell heathen the Gospel. Why not just let them alone, for if they hear the truth and reject it, (which the vast majority do) they will then be worse off, being damned.

I suppose there have always been some who would like to soften the teaching of God's Word; make it more palatable for sinful man - not only the unconverted but for professing Christians also. It never has been popular to preach that all men are lost and there is only one way to be saved - by repentance and faith in Jesus Christ and His shed blood. And that truth is getting less popular with every passing day. But it is not our prerogative to "soften" the plain statements of God's Word. I for one think that it is a very dangerous policy. The Bible says, **"Thou hast magnified thy Word above all thy name."** ~Psalm 138:2. I say, God help the puny man (though he be a big-time preacher) that takes it upon himself to make God's Word more palatable to self-willed sinners and carnal saints. Anyone reading the Bible honestly can plainly see that the thrust of Scripture is that all men are lost in sin and will be punished for their sins unless they repent and believe the Gospel. If we call ourselves "Bible believers," let us just believe the Bible! A fundamental belief that we need to obey says, **"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel TO EVERY CREATURE."** The truth is most of God's people are not doing that with any consistency and they have blood on their hands!

## CORNERSTONE NEWS



### FAMILY BIBLE CONFERENCE!

**JULY 11-16, 2004**

**Sunday: 9:30, 10:45, 6:00**

**Monday — Friday: 10:00, 11:00, 7:00**

**Refreshments: (under the tent) 10:45**

**Several Speakers — Special Music**

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Monday — Friday, 10:00 — Noon**



**WHAT'S WRONG WITH MRS. CRAIG?** Some years ago a newspaper carried a story about an 80 year old woman who had not missed church for 20 years. The writer asked, "*What's wrong with Mrs. Craig?*"

1. Doesn't Mrs. Craig ever have company on Sunday?
2. Doesn't she ever go anywhere on Sat. night so that she gets up tired or late on Sunday morning?
3. Doesn't she ever have colds, headaches, nervous spells, visitors or family reunions on Sunday?
4. Doesn't she ever sleep in on Sunday morning?
5. Doesn't she have any friends who invite her to go away on weekends?
6. Doesn't it ever rain or snow, get too hot or too cold on Sundays where she lives?
7. Doesn't she ever get upset with the pastor, her Sunday School teacher or some other person?
8. Doesn't she ever get her feelings hurt by somebody?
9. Doesn't she have a radio or TV so she can just stay home and listen to a favorite preacher?

*WHAT'S WRONG WITH MRS. CRAIG? Nothing I can see! Seems she's just FAITHFUL to God and the Church. Wouldn't it be great if all professing Christians were?*

## YOUTH CORNER

**PULLING SOME WIRES.** Rejected by the college of his choice, the banker's son angrily complained to his father, "If you really cared for me, you would have pulled some wires." "I know," replied the father rather sadly: "The TV, the stereo, and the telephone would have been a good place to start."

### **THINGS I WISH I'D KNOWN BEFORE I WAS 21.**

That a person's habits are mighty hard to change after he is twenty-one.

That the harvest depends on the seed you have sown. Those things which are worthwhile require time, patience and hard work.

That you cannot get something for nothing. The value of absolute truthfulness.

The folly of not taking good people's advice. That what my mother tried to teach me was right.

That my dad was not an old fogey after all. More of the helpful and inspiring messages from the Word of God.

The greatness of the opportunity and joy of serving a fellowman.

That Jesus Christ wants not only to be my Savior but also my Friend. - Author Unknown

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.** Wanting to make something very clear one man said to another, "Why it is as plain as A B C!" A third party said, "Yes, but the man you are talking to is D E F." That seems to be the problem with many who've heard urgent pleas to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. They just don't want to hear it! They are D E F to the Word of God! If you fail to receive Christ as your Savior, you will be eternally lost and there will be none to blame but yourself. Unfortunately, this is also true of many professed Christians. God speaks to them about some sin, need or neglected duty, but they are not listening. If that is true of you, you had better listen to God before He takes some stronger measures. **"He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."** It is dangerous to fool around with God, because He is not fooling.

## **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

**Sunday:** Sunday School ~~~~~9:30  
Church ~~~~~10:45 & 6:00

**Wednesday:** Prayer / Bible Study ~~~7:30

*We not only preach from the KJV,  
But we believe it and seek to practice it!  
Moreover, we do not "correct" it!*

## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

**MORE MODERN BIBLE MADNESS!** There is a multitude of bibles (I always spell a modern version bible with a small "b") on the market, one for every type or category of individuals. Thomas Nelson has just put out a new magazine-style bible for teen boys. It is designed to look like a magazine for teenage boys (there already was one for teenage girls). This one is called *Refuel* and is based on the New Century Version. It includes relevant articles for teens like sex, drugs, self-image, and hazing. Dating hints and quizzes are given right alongside the "bible" text. A spokesperson for Thomas Nelson said the greatest complaint is that they are trivializing the bible. They certainly are! Of course, they always have their justification. She said, "Jesus was all about meeting people where they were and living with them in their culture." -*Religion Today* (4/15/04). It just shows what we have said for many years, these Bible changers, correctors and mutilators have no regard for the Word of God. Believe me, if there was no profit in all these perversions, they would soon stop. They are just giving the ungodly what they want; this is the basic trend in the evangelical world and I might add in the fundamental realm also. There is no regard for truth. God help them!

### **NO DOUBT WE'RE IN THE LAST DAYS!**

In Wilmington, NC, a family is upset over a book that was checked out of the school library. In the book, a prince and a princess live happily ever after. Michael and Tonya Hartsell read along with 7-year-old Olivia every weeknight before bed, but when they started to read her new book, "King & King" they were stunned at its content, especially on an elementary level. In the book, the queen tells her son he must get married and take over for the king, but the search for a spouse doesn't go as expected. He waves off all the eligible princesses, falling instead for another prince and they get married. The last page has them kissing. - *TBC* (3/19/04).

### **POLITICALLY CORRECT - MORALLY AWFUL.**

In the Republican Senate primary in Pennsylvania, the incumbent, Arlen Specter (liberal) was faced off against Pat Toomey (a strong conservative). In a letter, the chairman of the PA Federation of College Republicans wrote: "All the PA Federation officers are firmly backing Arlen Specter. Let me qualify that by saying that almost all of us are ideologically conservative and hold views more in line with Pat Toomey than Arlen Specter. But we've also been told by the Bush Campaign that they need Arlen Specter on the ballot to help win the 2004 election. And the President's re-election campaign must be our number one priority." -*The American* (4/2004)

### **WOE UNTO THEM THAT CALL EVIL GOOD!**

In 1949, George Orwell envisioned 1984's society and the use of *Newspeak*, a truth denying language used to control the people. Recent testimony in a federal court showed Orwell's observations contained much truth. In testimony, one abortionist objected to using such terms as "crushing the skull," or "sucking the brain out of the skull." "I don't think we should use those terms...I think we would probably use a term like 'decompression of the skull' or 'reducing the contents of the skull.'" One abortionist spoke of "separating the fetal calvarium from the fetal body" - in other words decapitating the baby after it has been delivered. The presiding judge asked if this would, "make it nice and palatable so that they wouldn't understand what it's all about?" "Yes," replied the doctor. - *TBC This Week* (5/7/04). This is known as an euphemism, a nice sounding word or phrase in place of a more offensive one. No matter what man calls it, it is murder and that of a most brutal kind! God says, "**Woe unto them that call evil good...**" Add to this the massive pornography business, the acceptance of homosexuality as simply an alternative lifestyle, homosexual marriage (In Mass. but I believe nationwide before too long), and the general idea that all kinds of illicit sex is the norm, one wonders when the judgment of God will fall. But people don't want to hear that, even God's people, and such talk is ignored as it was in Jeremiah's day. "**Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.**" ~*Proverbs 14:34*.

**ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN!** Pro-life activist Joe Starr says John Kerry has no intention of doing the right thing when it comes to protecting the unborn. Kerry professes to be a Roman Catholic (that Church condemns abortion), yet he is on record as a staunch supporter of abortion on demand. Kerry is quoted as saying he is "privately pro-life" but "publicly pro-choice." Starr said, "That statement is morally incoherent." -*Religion Today* (2/19/04). There is no such thing as public and private beliefs, it is just plain hypocrisy. You cannot honestly believe opposites! We have seen the likes of him before, and he may just get enough Americans to vote for him. God help America!

**GOOD NEWS FOR A CHANGE!** A Denver man was awarded over \$140,000 in a civil lawsuit against AT&T. He was fired for not signing off on portions of the company's diversity policy that dealt with homosexuality. The man said, being a Christian he could not sign anything indicating his agreement with homosexuality. A federal judge said that AT&T had discriminated against his religious beliefs. -*Religion Today* (5/11/04)

## THERE'S ONLY ONE WORD OF GOD!

When you speak about Bible Versions, you ruffle a few feathers. Well, we are sorry about that, but it is the truth that counts, not what people think. There appears to be more KJV preachers in recent years, at least it seems that way to me. So, what's my problem? Isn't that good? The problem is that many who say they stand on the KJV and that they only preach from it, also think nothing of correcting it. Then, there is the attitude that says: we *prefer* the KJV. Please hear me out. Common sense says that God only gave one Bible. It cannot be the KJV, NKJV, NIV, NASV, etc. Now, some of the modern bibles are right some of the time, *but they are not right all of the time*. We have shown all modern versions contain errors. An infallible, inerrant Bible cannot have any errors! There is only one Bible that is right ALL THE TIME! If you believe that, you will surely upset a few folks. You won't have too much trouble if you only prefer the KJV and allow them to *prefer* the NASV, etc. *The most important issue for Bible-believers is, where is the Word of God?* Many who sit in the pews of Fundamental Baptist churches, while the KJV is used, have little respect for it, because they are always hearing such things as "*a better rendering is,*" or "*the most ancient manuscripts say,*" etc. If a man really believes the manuscripts used by Westcott and Hort are the best, he should just be honest and preach from one of the bibles which come from that polluted source. Our calling is not to be liked by everyone, but to "**preach the Word.**" There is only One!

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## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Chuck Baldwin in *Food for Thought* (4/6/04) said: "Recently...Jay Leno quipped, 'They are talking about drafting a Constitution for Iraq. Why don't we give them ours? It was written by a lot of really smart guys, it's worked for over 200 years, and...we're not using it anymore.' That a stand-up comic would interject the subject of a country actually using our U. S. Constitution to a national audience is quite remarkable considering the fact that both major parties routinely ignore or blatantly disobey the Constitution." The plain truth is, there is little or no regard for that document which is the basis for rule in this Republic. Bill Clinton practically ran the country by Executive Order; one example: allowing homosexuals in the military. While Bush has by-passed Congress with a number of Executive Orders, he did not use it to eliminate that one and some other bad ones that Clinton instituted. Baldwin quoted Daniel Webster: "Hold on, my friends, to the Constitution and to the republic for which it stands. What has happened once in 6000 years may not happen again. Hold on to the Constitution, for if the American Constitution should fail, there will be anarchy throughout the world. The hand that destroys the Constitution rends the Union asunder forever." Interestingly, Daniel Webster, 150 years ago, believed if America went down, the world would go with it. When one considers the moral degradation of this land, it seems the end must be near! "**The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God.**" ~*Psalm 9:17.*