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**A SAD PREDICTION COME TRUE!**

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About 100 years ago William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army said, "The chief danger of the 20th century will be: RELIGION WITHOUT THE HOLY GHOST, FORGIVENESS WITHOUT REPENTANCE, SALVATION WITHOUT REGENERATION, AND HEAVEN WITHOUT HELL. Now, I am sure that Booth was no prophet, but his prediction has come to pass. RELIGION WITHOUT THE HOLY GHOST: Christianity without the Holy Ghost abounds everywhere! Many a professing Christian has nothing more than **"A form of godliness but denying the power thereof."** These days we mostly see what men can do - not what God can do. In many a Fundamental Baptist Church, things are going on that the Holy Ghost never initiated: contemporary music, sensual dress, sermons full of jokes and amusing stories. Dear Fundamental Baptist, we are laughing when we ought to be crying at the condition of God's people and the rate people are going to hell without a warning. Conviction of sin is not a commodity one will find in many places and yet, is that not one of the chief purposes for the Holy Spirit being here - **"To convict the world of sin and of righteousness and judgment."** FORGIVENESS WITHOUT REPENTANCE: We see few repentant sinners today and fewer repentant saints! Someone said the three hardest words to pronounce in the English language are, "I was wrong." Repentance is more than being sorry for your sins, but I would like to see some who were sorry. Jesus said, **"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."** SALVATION WITHOUT REGENERATION: We have professions of faith, but few changed lives. There are decisions, but it is hard to believe that many are genuine, for few evidence any real change (II Cor.5:17). HEAVEN WITHOUT HELL: Everybody believes in heaven...very few in hell. I had a man laugh right in my face for preaching such a thing on the streets of Boston. That is not new; we sort of expect that from the ungodly. But even in some fundamental circles today, belief in hell is professed but not preached. I recently read a good sermon entitled, *"Whatever Happened To Hell?"* We have no right to pick and choose what we will preach! God says: **"PREACH THE WORD...IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON."** He didn't say preach **"smooth things;"** we are to preach **"THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD."**

I have said it before; the main problem is with the preachers! They are afraid of offending anyone. How can you preach the true Word of God *faithfully* without offending anyone? It cannot be done! You have no doubt heard it said, "Like priest, like people." But that is not what the Bible says in Hosea 4:9. **"And it shall be like people, like priest."** One of the greatest problems today is the preachers are like the people and they give the people what they want. Instead of leading, as a shepherd is supposed to do, they are letting the sheep lead. We have no right to give in to the sheep. It can only end in disaster, for sheep left to themselves will always go astray. It is not right and God is not happy. It is not going to be pleasant at the Judgment Seat of Christ for unfaithful shepherds. Never forget it, preacher: **"Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much is required."**

## CORNERSTONE NEWS

### IT'S FRIEND DAY!

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

Bible School- - - 9:30

Church Service- 10:45

Dinner under Tent

(after morning service)

Singspiration - - 1:30

Evening Service- 6:30

Your friends need Christ!

Do your best to bring them.

We have a gift for each friend.



### MISSIONS CONFERENCE!

OCTOBER 6-10, 2004

- Several Missionaries
- Flags of many nations
- Color slides
- Special Music
- Nursery open



#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY

7:00 pm

SATURDAY

3:30, 4:30 (Buffet Supper), 6:00

SUNDAY

9:30, 10:45, 5:30, 6:30



### GOD & COUNTRY RALLY!

OCTOBER 23 – 2:00 PM

Several Speakers \* Bring the Family

Special Music \* Nursery

Fellowship & Refreshments

Let's raise a standard for truth and righteousness!

## YOUTH CORNER

**MORE ALARMING STATISTICS!** Moral degeneracy in America continues at an alarming rate. These figures are from *Legal Alert*, July 2004:

- ❖ Only 16% of Christian high school seniors attend Christian or Bible colleges after high school. Of those that attend secular institutions, 52% will drop out of Church all together.
- ❖ When discussing ethics, 73% of college professors teach that concepts of right and wrong are based on "individual values and cultural diversity," not on an unchanging Creator.
- ❖ The U.S. birth rate among teens is higher compared to France, Canada, Japan and Great Britain.
- ❖ Half of all American youth will have contracted a sexually transmitted disease by age 25.
- ❖ Every day 8,000 teenagers become infected by a STD.
- ❖ The average American adolescent will view nearly 14,000 sexual references per year in the popular media.
- ❖ 88% of American teens say it would be easier to postpone sexual activity if able to have more open, honest conversations with their parents.

**THANK GOD FOR AN "M."** "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh...are called." I Cor.1:26. The Bible says, "Not MANY wise..." But thank God it does not say, "Not ANY wise..." Daniel Webster certainly was a wise man and a man of position. He was also a strong Bible believer. He said, "I believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God. The miracles which He wrought establish in my mind His personal authority and render it proper for me to believe whatever He asserts. I believe therefore, all His declarations, as well as when He declares any other proposition. And I believe there is no other way of salvation than through the merits of His atonement. I believe that all things past, present and to come are all equally present in the mind of Deity; that with Him there is no succession of time nor of ideas...I believe in the doctrines of foreknowledge and predestination as thus expanded..."

### PIONEER CLUB

1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> Saturdays ~ 10 – Noon  
Grades 1 – 7

## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

### **HOMOSEXUALS INCREASING PRESENCE!**

Next year's Tournament of Roses parade has an appealing-sounding-theme - but families may want to rethink any plans they have to watch the extravaganza in person or on television. According to the Associated Press, the annual pageant on New Year's Day 2005 will carry the theme "Celebrate Family." According to David M. Davis, president of the Tournament of Roses Association, the theme is meant to celebrate all kinds of families - including homosexual couples with children. Davis told the press, "I'm not going to judge anybody's lifestyle. We don't have any prejudice or bias." Susan Russell, assistant rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in San Pedro, told (Agape Press) that inclusiveness is welcome because it is "an opportunity to tell the good news about how many varieties and different kinds of families we celebrate." ~*AFA Journal*. What wickedness! The *lady* preacher was no doubt using a play on words when she spoke of the "good news." She has no clue of God's Good News concerning His Son. They have no prejudice? Just try to get a Bible message into that display of the flesh.

### **DUTCH EUTHANIZE 1,000 EVERY YEAR.**

Professor, Henk Jochemsen, director of Dutch Institutes for Ethics in medicine reported that doctors in the Netherlands euthanize approximately 1,000 patients each year *without prior consent*. While euthanasia is legal there, the patients must be terminally ill and give prior consent... Just four years ago the European Council had rejected the acceptance of death on demand. Today the European Council is asking, "Why not?" ~*Assist News Service*. It was common knowledge that this sort of thing was going on in the Netherlands clandestinely some years before euthanasia became legal. I cannot prove it but, I have seen things which lead me to believe that here, in certain cases, terminally-ill patients have been helped end their lives.

**HATE CRIMES BILL.** A dangerous "hate crime" amendment which was inserted as an amendment to the Department of Defense Appropriations Act 2004 (S.1382) has passed the Senate. This bill will censor any discussion or debate about same-sex marriage or special rights...and would even designate comments supporting traditional values, and even parts of the Bible, as "hate speech" - a crime punishable by fines and even jail! Canada and Sweden already have such hate laws. A Swedish pastor was arrested in his Church because he read Bible verses that refer to homosexuality. ~*From Sword of the Lord and Calvary Contender*  
~July 2004

### **SEX ABUSE PREVALENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

According to a recent report submitted to Congress, more than 4.5 million students endure sexual misconduct by employees at their schools, from inappropriate jokes all the way to forced sex. The best estimate available shows that one in 10 kids faces misbehavior ranging from unprofessional to criminal, sometime between kindergarten and 12th grade, says the report by Carol Shakeshift, a Hofstra professor. "Most people just don't think this can happen," said Shakeshift, hired by the Education Department, to study the subject. Robert Shoop, a Kansas State University professor of education law, and an expert on sex exploitation in schools, said that one in ten children endures abuse is not high. He said, the actual number may be higher because of underreporting of the problem. The report found the most common offenders are teachers, followed by coaches, substitute teachers, bus drivers and teacher aides. ~*Yahoo News* (6/30/04). This is appalling but not surprising; the moral degeneracy in this land is staggering. Recently, in one report I saw, a so called Christian leader urged Christians not to abandon the public schools. I ask, why not?

### **PORTLAND ARCHDIOCESE FILING CHAP. 11.**

The Portland (Ore.) Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church said it will file for bankruptcy because of sexual abuse cases. Two claimants are asking \$160 million and the Diocese has already paid out \$53 million to settle other cases. Other Dioceses have considered bankruptcy including Tuscon, Arizona, Santa Fe, N.M. and Boston. ~*Yahoo! News*. (6/6/04). Ed.- The whole world knows about the magnitude of the Boston scandal, including the extensive cover-up. What amazes me is that in speaking with many Catholics while going door-to-door and otherwise, few Catholics seem to be bothered very much by it. I have met only one man who was really upset by it. He said right now he was not going to Church though he was still a Roman Catholic. It saddens me to think how many Fundamental Baptists will leave their church over the slightest thing.

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT!** The following was in *TBC* (7/15/04): An experiment at the All-India Institute of Mental Health in Bangalore found that Western-trained psychiatrists and native healers had a comparable recovery rate. The most notable difference was that the so-called witch doctors, released their patients sooner. Ed. My somewhat extensive experience with people visiting psychiatrists is that very few patients ever get away from the psychiatrist and his pills.

## WHO COMES FIRST?

George Mueller writes in his autobiography: "**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**" *The great business which the disciple of Jesus Christ has to be concerned about is, to seek the kingdom of God, i.e., to seek, as I view it, after the external and internal prosperity of the Church of God... I now ask you my dear reader, a few questions, all in love, because I do seek your welfare... Do you make it your primary business, your first great concern to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness? Are the things of God, the honor of His name, the welfare of His Church, the conversion of sinners, the profit of your own soul, your chief aim? Or, does your business, or your family, or your own temporal concerns, in some shape or other primarily occupy your attention? I never knew a child of God who acted according to the above passage, in whose experience the Lord did not fulfill His word of promise, 'And all these things shall be added unto you.'" I've said for years that God must come first! He won't take second. I have known many Christians who put family, business, etc. before the Church of God. I do not see how you can put God first and His Church, the Lord's body, second or third. I ask you what I have asked myself and the Church: "Which is more important or necessary in this world; you and your family or the Church of God?" You may be busy in church work but do you, "**Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness**"?*

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## ROME'S IDEA OF SALVATION

These days one often hears Roman Catholic leaders speaking of salvation by faith and by grace. But they do not mean what the Bible teaches - that salvation is by faith and grace (a gift) *alone*. In *Salvifici Doloris*, no. 19 Pope John Paul II said, "*Every man has his own share in Redemption... In bringing about the Redemption through suffering, Christ has also raised human suffering to the level of Redemption. Thus each man, in his suffering, can also become a sharer in the redemptive suffering of Christ.*" -TBC 5/2004. Another Paul, through the Holy Spirit, penned these words of Holy Scripture: "**But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.**" Gal.1:8. The Bible is very clear, man can do nothing to save himself but believe the Gospel; that Christ died for His sins and rose again the third day. Look at Eph.2:8,9: "**For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God: Not of works lest any man should boast.**" *It is by grace - through faith - it is the gift of God - not of works!* When Jesus cried on the cross, "**It is finished,**" it was finished! If you add anything to that, you have destroyed the Gospel and bring upon yourself the curse of Gal.1:8,9. When the Roman Church speaks of salvation by grace, they are speaking about grace that is received through the sacraments - one's own effort. The Council of Trent and many other Catholic pronouncements make their position clear: man cannot be saved by faith alone. That Council pronounces a curse on anyone who preaches a gospel of salvation by faith *alone*.