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IS THE BIBLE TRUE?

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There are "**many infallible proofs**" that the Bible is true and that it is indeed the Word of God. Now, we know that men are not saved by proving the Bible, but nonetheless this sort of thing can be helpful to the person who is sincerely seeking the truth and also be an encouragement to God's people. Fulfilled prophecy is one of the strongest evidences that the Bible is true. There are literally hundreds (if not thousands) of fulfilled prophecies. Consider Sennacherib's invasion of Israel. "According to a cuneiform inscription he says, 'I laid waste the large district of Judah and made the overbearing and proud Hezekiah, bow in submission....I laid siege to 46 of his strong cities...and conquered them.'" (*TBC Today* 7/18/05). God had long predicted Assyria's invasion: Isaiah 7,8,10, etc.; II Kings 18; II Chron. 32; etc. A century ago, it was common for the liberals and scoffers to point out that King Sargon of Assyria, mentioned in Isaiah 20:1, could not be found in any records of the Assyrians therefore, he did not exist. Then, some archaeologists discovered clay tablets with his name on them. Of course, the unbelievers never apologized; they just went on looking for other evidences of errors in the Bible. Some amazing prophecies which cannot be denied are found in Daniel. In chapters 2 and 7 we have predicated four kingdoms that will rule the world in succession. They were named hundreds of years in advance: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. The fourth is unnamed (probably because it did not exist as a nation when Daniel prophesied), but it is clearly distinguished by the description given in Daniel 2 and other passages such as Revelation 17. History confirms Daniel's prophecies. I have a book on the prophets by a liberal seminary teacher (now deceased). In order to discredit these prophecies, he, and many others, claimed that Daniel did not write the Book of Daniel (about 600 BC) but some unknown author using Daniel's name wrote it about 150 AD. They simply cannot believe a man could know such things beforehand. But all the ancient Jewish scholars believed Daniel wrote the book. Furthermore, the book of Daniel was in the Septuagint (a Greek version of the Hebrew O.T.) which was done around 250 BC., about 100 years before the "scholars" false late date. We could go on and on but there is little need. People believe what they want to. You know, don't confuse me with the facts, my mind is made up.

The Bible says, "**For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: But holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**" II Peter 1:21. The word "prophecy" means declaration, or proclamation whether predictive or not. The writers of the Bible were "**moved**" (*carried along*) by the Holy Ghost so as to write down what God said. They were not given God's thoughts and left to choose their own words! That is sheer nonsense! The Bible is the Word of God or it is not. There is abundant proof in the Word itself to show that it could not be of man but must be supernatural - "**God breathed.**" The Gospel itself is unique and clearly not of any human mind, for no religion founded by a man ever taught that salvation was totally by grace without works, man's own efforts. "**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.**" Eph.2:8,9. When speaking of the miracles which Jesus did, the apostle John wrote: "**But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.**" John 20:31. Scripture says, "**Let God be true but every man a liar!**" Rom.3:4. Amen!

CORNERSTONE NEWS

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

Saturday, December 31

5:00 — 8:00 pm

A Great Family Night!

Invite a Friend!

5:00 — FILM: "John Wycliffe"

6:00 — Buffet Supper

7:00 — Testimonies

Prayer Time

Lord's Supper

*No better way to end the Old year
and start the New!*



WEEK OF PRAYER

January 2 — 5, 2006

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday — 7:00 pm

Wednesday — 7:30 pm

"In Everything By Prayer"

Bring the Family!



MODERN VERSIONS - NO BLOOD, COL. 1:14

KJV: "In whom we have redemption **through his blood**, even the forgiveness of sins."

NASV: "In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (**Note: No blood!**)

NIV: "In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (**No blood**)

NKJV: "In whom we have redemption through his blood." Footnote: **NU-Text and M-Text omit "through his blood."** (essentially **no blood**)

RSV: "In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (**No blood**)

If you should have an aversion to the blood of Christ, and many do, get yourself a modern version. But remember God says, "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission." Hebrews 9:22.

YOUTH CORNER

MAKING THE WORST OF A GOOD SITUATION

You are probably familiar with Samson. He had the best possible opportunity to turn out right, but he blew it! His parents were believers and he was dedicated to God before he was born. Yes, he was apparently saved, for his name appears in the great "faith" Chapter, Heb.11. But he ended up like Lot. He messed up his life and the lives of many others. Samson's problem (and Lot's) was he was always thinking like worldly people. He lived for the flesh and not the Spirit. *He had to have his own way!* His parents tried to get him to do right, but he wouldn't listen. Are you following in Samson's footsteps? You are a professing Christian but you are worldly. You spend hours listening to rock music, watching TV and doing other things which a Christian ought not to do. You have worldly friends who are leading you away from the Lord. Your parents and others, maybe your Pastor, have tried to get you to repent, but you won't listen. If you are a carnal, worldly young person, you are courting disaster. **"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."** Get back to God and the Church today before it is too late!

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

If you are in tune with the world, you are not in harmony with Heaven.

People do not listen to reason once they have made up their minds to act unreasonably.

God expects you to be happy with your lot, even if you don't have a lot.

If God is your Friend, you will be bound to have some enemies.

Life with Christ is an endless hope; without Him it is a hopeless end.

You can't keep the devil from knocking on your door but you can keep him from coming in.

CAPTIVE TO THE WORD OF GOD!

Martin Luther protested the heresies of Roman Catholicism by posting his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg. That landed him at the Diet of Worms where his life was at stake. When commanded to recant his statement and position, he declared the following: "Unless I am convinced by Scripture and plain reason - I do not accept the authority of popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other - my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything...Here I stand. I cannot do any other!" Young person, to whom is your conscience captive?

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

RELATIVISM IS THE COMMON BELIEF.

There are not many people who believe in absolute truth any more. This has been obvious for some time. A recent Barna poll said only 35% believe in absolute standards of morality. It is little wonder the majority believe that all is relative, for three generations have been nurtured on the belief that there are no absolutes; all is relative. Actually, what you see today is that everyone is his own authority. The poll also said that only 5% of Americans hold a biblical worldview. That is, "they believe the Bible is the source of truth and that it is accurate in all the principles it teaches, salvation is by grace alone, Jesus lived a sinless life, Satan is real and not just a symbol of evil and that God is the all-knowing, all-powerful Maker of the universe..." While many claim to believe the Bible and multitudes say they are born again, it is obvious that few in the U. S. (and it is worse elsewhere) know anything about God and His Truth. According to a statement in *FBIS* (8:12/05), a quote from Rush Limbaugh's website says: "Nobody's against homosexuality. Well, I guess some people are against it...Most conservatives I know don't care about (homosexuality). What they do in private is not a concern. The thing about being morally opposed to homosexuality, I don't think that's the right standard to apply to anybody."

PORNO HANDOUTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL.

A pro-family group in Massachusetts is blowing the lid off an obscene homosexual conference put on by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). The conference featured distribution of pornographic materials encouraging homosexual acts... The event was mostly attended by children of middle-school age and up. Bill Camenket, head of Article 8 Alliance noted that among the handouts was a little black book. He said, "I never in my entire life have seen anything so vulgar, so gross, so disgusting, and just demeaning. It's almost animalistic..." -*Sword of the Lord* (7/15/2005). Ed. This wickedness just goes on as though it were a normal every day thing, while the Bible and anything truly Christian is prohibited from public life. Furthermore, there is a movement afoot to keep anyone from even speaking of this ungodliness in a negative or critical way. God's Word says, "**Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil...**" We wonder how much longer God is going to allow this almost unbridled wickedness to go on in this land before His hand of judgment falls.

SAGE ADVICE - UNHEEDED.

Fifty years ago J. Edgar Hoover (1895-1972), wrote these words: "The New Order, New Freedom, New Day, new outlook, new epoch, new economy, new deal, new religion, new liberalism, new war, new policy, and other new things of our nation, have been much overworked in trying to get us out of our misery. All new things are not good! The practical thing is, if we want to make our nation over, is to try out the world old for a while. Some old things made up this country. Some old things are slipping! If they slip too far, the light will go out in America. Old virtues, religious faith, whole truths, integrity, honor in public office, economy in government, individual liberty, willingness to sacrifice! We have cancerous growth of intellectual dishonesty in public office that is mostly behind law. Our great danger is suicide by complicity with evil." I am old enough to remember Hoover; things are infinitely worse today! If you're saved: "**Look up for you redemption draweth nigh.**" If you've never been born again, repent and trust Christ as your Savior while there is time. Christian, "**It is high time to wake out of sleep.**"

MORMON DECEPTION!

TBC (9/30/05) says, "Mormon radio and TV reaches 2.3 million people per day. It is growing at the rate of 880 members per day; 321,385 per year. The new 'Bible' commercial has generated more than twice the response of all their other TV spots. After advertising has paved the way, missionaries are sent out. Performing as instructed, *they talk about God only in orthodox Christian terms and conceal all unbiblical beliefs.* Mormon leaders F. Burton Howard and F. Enzo Busche...said: 'We have an obligation to conceal our doctrines (because) we are trying to be a mainstream Christian church.' Many converts...said they believed they were just joining another Christian church." Ed. I have dealt with many of those 20 year old *elders*. Apart from their indoctrination, they know nothing. I've not met one who did not try to convince me that he believed and went by the King James Bible, that they believe salvation is by faith alone, etc. But they are professional liars. Like all other religions, Mormonism is a work for your salvation program, which has no regard for truth. They practice what has been called Jesuit casuistry - the end justifies the means. The Mormon workers, like the Jesuits, are taught that whatever will benefit the church, deceit, lying, etc. is all right.

PUTTING GOD TO THE TEST

Pastor John Fletcher went into his pulpit one Sunday evening and as he was about to preach, everything he had prepared left his mind. He tried but could not recall anything he had prepared. He had the people sing some additional songs, had several prayers, all to no avail. Suddenly, he was impressed to open his Bible to Daniel 3 and preach on the three men in the fiery furnace. It was said that seldom had he delivered a sermon with such power and spiritual unction. Unbeknown to him, there was a little old woman in the service who had taken her life into her own hands to go to Church. Her husband hated Pastor Fletcher, and being a baker he had sworn that if she went to church again, he would bake her in his bread oven. She had braved his anger to worship the Lord. With the message of the “burning fiery furnace” in her mind, she headed home. As she approached the door, she could see the oven was heated red hot. Her husband was standing in the doorway brandishing his large bread knife. With a prayer on her lips, she walked bravely into the house believing that God would somehow take care of her. Suddenly, her husband began to shake, and then under deep conviction he fell to his knees crying, “Oh, wife, pray for me. I am a wicked man.” Her faithfulness to God and His Word that night resulted in the sound conversion of her husband. While some might consider her foolhardy, I believe she acted in faith and obviously God honored her for it. **“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”** Prov.3:5,6.

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BE YE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

God’s command to His people is: **“...be ye filled with the Spirit.”** Eph.5:18. Let me give you three very important things about that verse. First, it is an imperative - a command! We are commanded to be filled with the Holy Spirit! It is not just a good idea. Three-quarters filled is not filled. To do so, we must truly be **“Crucified with Christ.”** Secondly, it is present tense. We are to be filled now and continue to be filled. Finally, it is passive; that means it is a work of the Spirit Himself - we cannot do it. We must be emptied of self, then yield to Him completely. Now, this is not my idea nor is it just a good idea. It is the command of God! I think it is quite evident that Spirit filled Christians are in short supply. Among the true saints of God there are a number of what we might call *good, average Christians*, but you could not say they are filled with the Spirit. I think it was Tozer who said if the Holy Spirit were secretly withdrawn from most of our fundamental churches, no one would know the difference. Beloved, no matter how talented, how Scripture educated, how sincere we are, we can’t do the work of God. The Bible says, **“Power belongeth unto God.”** Jesus said, **“All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth...”** Acts 1:8 says, **“Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.”** A Spirit filled Church will be entirely different from what you see in most Fundamental Baptist Churches today! The question is, will we pay the price in order to be used of God in this present evil world? Many want to see the power of God, but unfortunately the power of the flesh largely prevails. May God help us to obey His command, that we may be effective in His work!