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A BAPTIST - A FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST!

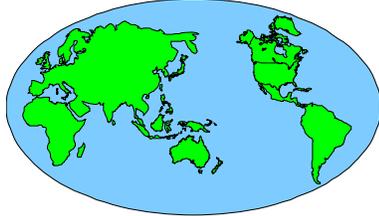
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I printed an article some years ago on "Why I Am A Baptist." One reason is Baptists are the only ones who can legitimately trace their history back to the disciples and Jesus. The following is from *The Baptist Vision*: Sir Isaac Newton said, "The Baptists are the only body of known Christians that have never symbolized with Rome." Alexander Campbell, founder of the Campbellites wrote, "The sentiments of the Baptists and their practice of baptism from the apostolic age to the present have a continued chain of advocates, and public monuments of their existence in every century..." Robert Barclay, Quaker historian said, "We shall...show that the rise of the Anabaptists took place prior to the Reformation in England and there are reasons for believing that on the continent of Europe...It seems probable that these churches have a lineage or succession more ancient than the Roman Church." Methodist historian J. C. Ridpath: "I should not readily admit that there was a Baptist Church as far back as 100 A.D...as all Christians were then Baptists." Mosheim, an outstanding Lutheran historian said, "Before the rise of Luther and Calvin there lay secreted in almost all the countries of Europe, persons who adhered tenaciously to the principles of the modern Dutch Baptists...the first century was a history of Baptists." Zwingli, said, "The institution of the Anabaptists is no novelty, but for 1300 years has caused great trouble in the Church." Catholic Cardinal Hosius, President of the Council of Trent said, "Were it not for the fact that the Baptists have been grievously tormented and cut off with the knife during the past 1200 years, they would swarm greater than the Reformers...there have been none for the past 1200 years that have been more generally punished or...have offered themselves to the most cruel punishment than these people." Anabaptists means rebaptize, for in the years between 300 AD. and 1500 (the Reformation), just about everyone was baptized into the Roman Catholic Church or the Orthodox church as an infant. In fact, all of the Reformation churches continued to *baptize* (sprinkle) infants. Anabaptists were also persecuted by Luther and other Reformers.

Today, there is a great clamor for unity, bringing all churches together in one great church. God's Word reveals there will yet be a one-world church, but it will not be God's Church but the devil's. When the Lord called for his people to be one, He was not calling for all who call themselves Christian to join together. He could not do that with all the exhortations in Scripture for His people to be separate from the religious but unregenerate. *II Corinthians 6:14-17; I John 4:1; Acts 20:29-31, etc.* It is in the individual, local assembly, of which the Bible speaks. *Ephesians 4:1-6; I Corinthians 12:1-28, etc.* What is the Church? It is a body of baptized persons who believe in Christ's death and resurrection for salvation and who adhere to the Word of God, to the doctrines of Jesus Christ. Those who have been sprinkled, in reality, have not been baptized. Yes, I am a Fundamental Baptist by conviction and happy to be one in this day when many *Baptists* are taking that word out of their Church names. Maybe you think it's not important. Well, I do. I am not a bigot; I just believe Jesus Christ and the Bible! I would rather agree with God than with the worldly church crowd! If you're not a true Baptist, you should change your name.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE!

October
4 - 8,
2006



*SEVERAL MISSIONARIES

*FLAGS OF MANY NATIONS

*DISPLAYS / *SPECIAL MUSIC

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Wednesday - Friday...7:00pm

Saturday...3:30 - 4:30 (Buffet Supper) - 6:00

Sunday...9:30 - 10:45 - 5:30 - 6:30

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GOD & COUNTRY RALLY!

Saturday
October 28
2:00 pm



GREAT PREACHING
PRAYER: CHURCH & NATION
FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENTS

A COMMENT WORTH NOTING! *What the Church needs today is not more and better machinery, not new organizations and more novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use -- men of prayer, mighty men of prayer.* - E. M. Bounds.

But where are we going to get them. I personally believe there is nothing more important in the Lord's service than earnest, believing prayer. It seems the vast majority of God's people have time for everything but serious prayer. Real prayer takes time. It truly is work; spiritual work. God promises, "**The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.**" *James 5:16.* What about you? Are you a person of prayer? Jesus said, "**Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.**" *Luke 18:1.* All our efforts to serve God will amount to nothing without serious prayer!

WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT ALCOHOL.

Gladstone: Strong drink is more destructive than war, pestilence and famine.

Abraham Lincoln: A cancer in the human society, eating out its vitals and threatening destruction. The most blighting curse on our modern society.

General Pershing: Drunkenness has killed more men than all of history's wars.

Robert E. Lee: My experience through life has convinced me that abstinence from spiritous liquor is the best safeguard in health and morals.

President Taft: He who drinks is deliberately disqualifying himself for administration.

Lord Chesterfield: An artist in human slaughter.

Robert Hall: Distilled damnation. - Copied

God says: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; whoever is deceived thereby is not wise." *Prov. 20:1*

Anything that so alters a person's mind and behavior is certainly not of God and is not good. The world of psychology and psychiatry has removed the stigma of drunkenness by calling it a disease. That doesn't change the fact that God calls it a sin! God warns such wicked people - "**Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil.**" It has been well said, if drunkenness is a disease, it is the only one that comes in a bottle and one which men spend good money to obtain. You don't have to be "dead" drunk to have your faculties impaired by alcohol. Having had some personal knowledge of booze and its affects in my unconverted days, I believe that many a deadly car crash or other "accident" involved a drinking person who could walk a straight line. Young person (those of all ages), stay away from booze altogether. There is no other safe way! God says, "**Be not deceived...**" The most dangerous drug in all the world is licensed to be sold - alcoholic beverages. It causes more grief than all other drugs put together.

NOT HOW CLOSE BUT HOW FAR! A rich man was interviewing men to be his chauffer. He asked each one how close he could come to the edge of a cliff. The first man confidently said he could come within a foot of it. Another man said that he could easily come within a yard of the precipice. The next candidate said that he did not take chances and would stay as far away as possible from the edge of the cliff. He was awarded the job. It is the same way with sin! Do not see how close you can come to danger, but determine that you are going to stay as far away from it as possible. "**I will put no wicked thing before my eyes.**" *Psalms 101:3.*

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

AMERICA VS EUROPE. *World* (5/13/06) reported an interesting study on the quality of life. A 2004 Swedish study shows that the U.S. outruns its Western European counterparts so much that it almost laps them. "If the Western European countries became a U.S. state, they would rank 46th in per capital GDP... This means that living standards are much higher in the U.S., with poor Americans doing better materially than average Europeans... Most Americans have a living standard which the majority of Europeans will never come near." Ed. I have been to six different European countries and have said many times they cannot compare to this land. I have also said the poor here have it better than the average person in Europe, including England, France and Germany. Frankly, I believe the reason most of them hate us is we are so far ahead of them in every way that they are jealous. America has many bad things, but it is still the best place on this planet to live! That's one reason, no doubt the main reason, we have so many illegal aliens.

ADDICTION IN THE CHURCH! *The Christian Post* reports there are more than 50 million addicts in the United States under five areas: sex, alcoholism, illicit drug use, gambling and (over) eating... Mike Richards, director of Recovery Ministries said sexual addiction is the greatest one among them. Recent reports suggest that 50% of men in the pews and the pulpit said they viewed pornography within the past year, while an estimated 8-10% of the U.S. population are sex addicts. *Religion Today* (5/30/06). Ed. The truth is all of the above "addictions" (diseases according to the medical profession) are just plain old SIN! That is what the Bible calls them, and man is not going to get victory over them until he labels them properly - sins. Then, he must repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no other true deliverance. When it comes to these things, *addiction or disease* is just an euphemism: the substitution of an inoffensive term for an offensive one. You may fool yourself, you may fool others; but you can't fool God! "Thou God seest me!"

SIGMUND FREUD'S HOME. The following is from *Psychoheresy Awareness Letter* (July-August 2006). "There in his study, along with his desk, chair, books, and famous rug-covered couch are some 2,000 amulets, statuettes, seated Buddhas, headless torsos, jade ornaments, clay pots, and wooden mummy masks... covering every available wall, table and shelf. [There are] hundreds of amulets, many of them phallic objects from Egypt, Rome, and Japan which reflect

Freud's interest in magic and religion. He considered religion a 'universal obsessional ritual...' His interest in Eros figures - he possessed several including a 2200 year old 15 inch tall winged statuette from Myrina, Greece which underscores his fascination with the libido, the sexual driving force of animal life." Ed. For 100 years the world of mental health has been dominated by the philosophies of Sigmund Freud. Any honest evaluation of the man and his teachings will reveal that he was a very "sick," and perverted individual; a man whose thoughts were saturated with sex. The tragic thing is that many who claim to be Bible believers endeavor to wed his teachings with the Word of God in what is falsely called *Christian psychology!*

HOW AMERICANS SEE THEMSELVES. An analysis of how Americans perceive themselves in relation to 33 different descriptions studied in research conducted by *The Barna Group* reveals that adults generally see themselves as good people, spiritually stable and living a good and honorable life. Yet despite the spiritual focus people claim, the study found that people's lifestyles, attitudes and perceptions are more likely to be affected by their life-stage and ethnic culture than by their faith commitments. Most adults said they are good citizens (97%), friendly (94%), and generous (90%). At least eight out of ten "claimed to be at peace" (83%), to be "clear about the meaning and purpose of your life" (81%), and to be "making a positive difference in the world" (80%). - *Religion Today* (8/15/06).

Ed. It sounds to me as though we can slow down, if not shut down, the "self-esteem" gospel. We've already got more than enough.

GRAHAM REPEATS ONE MAY BE SAVED APART FROM CHRIST. In an interview published in *Newsweek* magazine, August 14, Billy Graham confirmed his misguided opinion that men might be saved without faith in Jesus Christ. When asked whether he believes heaven will be "closed to Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus or secular people," Graham replied: "Those are decisions only the Lord will make. It would be foolish for me to speculate on who will be there and who won't ... I don't want to speculate about all that. I believe the love of God is absolute. He said he gave his Son for the whole world, and I think he loves everybody regardless of what label they have" -via *FBIS*. Ed. This needs no refutation to anyone who knows anything about the New Testament. Graham is supposed to be a *Christian* evangelist! For starters see John 14:6, Acts 4:12, I Timothy 2:4-6, John 17:3. There is One God and only one way!

WHAT ARE YOU MADE OF?

Take a piece of wax, a piece of meat, some sand, some clay, some wood shavings and place them over a fire separately, and see how they react. Each one of them is being acted upon by the same agent, and yet the results are all different. The heat melts the wax, the meat fries, the sand dries up, the clay hardens and the wood shavings burst into flames. So, it is in the affairs of life. Under the identical influence of circumstances and environment one person is made better and stronger, while another becomes weaker, and still another just withers away. Under identical circumstances people will react differently. What is the reason for this? Why it is simple, it all depends upon what you are made of. One thinks of the Apostle Paul and all the severe trials that he endured. In spite of life threatening experiences, he could say, **“We faint not,”** and, **“None of these things move me.”** And yet under the same set of conditions, Demas quit and went back to the world (where things would perhaps be easier - at least for a time). Paul was made of the right stuff. One thinks of all the trials which came upon Joseph, even when he was just a teenager. He too was made of the right stuff. A lesser man would have caved in. In order to come out right in the Christian life, one must truly believe God and say, **“I can do all things through Christ which strenghteneth me.”** The Spirit filled believer can declare, **“I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.”** His outlook is according to Philippians 3:14: **“I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”** What are you made of?

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POWER IN THE PRINTED PAGE

Mark J. Goodger made it a weekly habit to pass out Gospel tracts from door to door. One day he stopped at a house and rang the bell. Because he heard sounds inside, he knew someone was home so he kept on ringing. Finally, a man appeared, took the tract, and rudely slammed the door in his face. A week later Goodger returned to the same house. This time the man answered almost immediately. Inviting him in, he asked him to come to the attic. There he saw a sturdy rope dangling from the rafters with a box below it. The man said, “Friend, when you rang my bell last week, my head was in that noose. I was ready to jump! But you were so persistent that I decided to go down and see who it was. After receiving your tract, I read it because its title interested me. Instead of jumping off that box, I knelt beside it and gave my heart to the Lord.” You had better believe that Mr. Goodger was thrilled to know God used him to bring that poor soul to Jesus Christ. Dear Christian, what are doing to win souls to Jesus Christ? Did not Jesus say to each believer, **“Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.”** Very few go knocking on doors these days to give the Gospel to poor, hell-bound sinners. Surely, every true child of God can pass out Gospel tracts. You may not see such a dramatic conversion as that above, but that is not the point. What matters is obedience to God! He does the saving. Without a doubt, many believers have the blood of the unsaved on their hands. The plain truth is, by-and-large, we do what we want to do! I believe the problem is we simply do not have compassion for the lost souls all around us. Maybe the problem is we are ashamed of Christ! God forbid!