

#### WHAT WILL GOD SAY?

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"Not everyone that sayeth unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven... Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? Then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity." ~Matthew 7:21-23

### **COUNTERFEIT OR GENUINE?**

There are many who call themselves Christian, but in reality, in Bible terms, they are not. Many claim to be a Christian because they have been baptized, others because they belong to a certain church, etc. I want to say it kindly though you may not understand; it is not what you say but what God says that counts. Some years ago I read of a man who claimed to be a doctor. He went to a certain medical school for two years. He then moved to a city where no one knew him, rented a nice house and put out a sign: "Dr. So-and-so." He actually practiced medicine for several years and had a number of patients. Then, it was discovered that in reality though he knew something about medicine, he was not a bona fide medical doctor. He was removed and after a trial was sent to prison. He said he was a doctor and many other people believed that he was a doctor. But it was all a sham, he was only a counterfeit. There are many sincere people who think that they are Christians, and others may think they are also, but they have never met the Bible conditions for being a Christian.

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I want to emphasize that word "MANY," in the Bible verses at the top of this paper. Jesus said that MANY will claim that they are Christians, but He will say that they are not. Why? Because, it is not what you have done that makes one a Christian, but what He has done. You can't pay for your sins, nor can anyone else in this world. That's the problem - you are a lost sinner! The Bible says, "Christ died for our sins." It also says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." You need to repent (change your mind) about what you think and accept what God says! Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of heaven." The most well known verse in the Bible tells you how to be "born again." "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life." ~John 3:16. If you have not done so before, won't you ask Jesus Christ to save you from your sins today? Some day you will stand before God; will He say that you are a true believer in Jesus Christ? Don't be one of the many who will be rejected when they stand before God. Trust Christ today and be received by Him.

## **CORNERSTONE NEWS**

**BIBLE SCHOOL SOCIAL.** This is always a great time of blessing and fellowship. It is a time when the whole family can enjoy a good time together. We hope that you will join us *FEBRUARY 2*, 2007 - 7:00 PM.

**REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST.** We have been encouraged by the response for Pastor Starr's booklet on the Book of Revelation. It will give you some keys to understanding it. Several Pastors have ordered copies for their people. Single copy is \$2.00; 10 to 19 - 25% off; 20 + is 33% off. 10 % postage - min. \$1.00.

**DO YOUR FRIENDS A FAVOR!** Give them a year's subscription to the *Cornerstone Challenge*. Your Christian friends will surely benefit from some of the news items, and the timely messages will be a blessing. Even your unsaved friends should receive it for they will get the Gospel. It is only \$3 per year.

## WE APPRECIATE YOUR LETTERS.

From Illinois: You've certainly told it straight down the line in regard to the "evangelicals." What a tragedy has happened in once Bible preaching and believing churches... Keep on the firing line. Today's headlines are trying to get Christians' attention to the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ is returning soon. (Edgar Bundy [Ministries])

From Indiana: Dear Bro. Starr: I had an old copy of your *Two Streams of Bibles* chart that I had gotten somewhere years ago. Some ink had been spilled on it and parts were impossible to read. I put your name into Google and got your website. It is a great blessing to get a new copy and also to see all the other articles that you have. I am a 51 year old Pastor of Bible Baptist Church in Highland, Indiana in Northwest Indiana. I have been pastoring the church here for 28 years. Your information and website are a great blessing! God bless you!

<u>From New Jersey:</u> We certainly felt the presence of the Lord Jesus in your Church. What a blessing the Cornerstone Challenge is to our family.

From Massachusetts: Thank you for writing the book "Is Your Bible Really The Word of God?" I just finished reading it. It has changed my life. I come from a background of reading nothing but the New Living Translation and the NIV.

**From Ohio:** Please continue our subscription to the Cornerstone Challenge. It is excellent.

 $\underline{\underline{From\ Oklahoma:}}$  Thanks for your faithfulness to His Word.

**From North Carolina:** I am enclosing two subscriptions for two preachers who believe the book as we do. God bless you. We pray for you on a regular basis and trust the Lord will give you many souls. Dr. Ben A. Byrd (Bread of Life Ministries).

## **YOUTH CORNER**

WHAT IS BIBLE FAITH? In reality, there are many kinds of faith but only one that will save your soul. In Heb.11:1, it says: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen." What does that mean? It means that faith gives substance, or reality, to what you cannot see or understand. Does that mean you can believe anything you want to believe and be saved? No! Bible faith, faith that God speaks of only comes from one place: "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." ~Romans 10:17. The simplest definition of faith that I know is, faith (Bible faith) is taking God at His Word!

God says that you are a sinner. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Rom.3:23. He also says your sin must be judged. ~Hebrews 9:27.

## God says that "Christ died for our sins."

~I Corinthians 15:3,4. Christ's death and resurrection was to pay for your sins. If you do not believe that you will have to pay for your sins in a place called hell. God says if you believe His Word about this, you will be saved. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." ~Romans 10:9,10.

If you trust Christ as your Savior from a sincere heart, you will be saved. That is Bible Faith - not just believing anything. Suppose you trust Christ, but *you don't feel saved?* Feeling has nothing to do with it. Faith, believing God's Word has everything to do with it! In one of his conflicts with the devil, Satan asked Martin Luther if he felt his sins were forgiven. "No," said Luther, "I don't feel like they are forgiven, but I know they are, because God says so in His Word." He simply took God at His Word! "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved!" ~Acts 16:31. There's nothing about feeling there! Don't delay, ask Christ to save you NOW!

#### SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

Difficulties don't make the man –
they only show what he is made of!
Backsliders forsake the things of Christ;
faithful disciples forsake the things of the world.
One fool can ask more questions than ten wise men can answer. -MRD

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## **NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT**

ARE WE CRAZY? The following are the actual voting records of Arab and Islamic States as recorded in the U.S. State Dep't and at the United Nations: Kuwait votes against the U.S. 67% of the time. Qatar votes against the U.S. 67% of the time. Morocco votes against the U.S. 70% of the time. United Arab Emirates votes against the U.S. 71%. Jordan votes *against* the U.S. 73% of the time. Saudi Arabia votes against the U.S. 74 % of the time. Yemen votes against the U.S. 74 % of the time. Algeria votes *against* the U.S. 74 % of the time. Oman votes *against* the U.S. 74 % of the time. Sudan votes *against* the U.S. 75% of the time. Pakistan votes against the U.S. 75% of the time. Libya votes against the U. S. 76% of the time. Egypt votes *against* the U. S. 79% of the time. Lebanon votes *against* the U. S. 80% of the time. India votes *against* the U. S. 81% of the time. Syria votes against the U. S. 84% of the time. Mauritania votes *against* the U. S. 87% of the time.

Examples of U.S. Foreign Aid to those who hate us:

Egypt receives \$2,000,000,000 (\$2 Billion per yr.) Jordan receives \$192,814,000 annually. Pakistan receives \$6,721,000. India votes against us 81% - receives \$143,699,000.

-From sfh@sssnet.com

Did you ever hear of another country that treats its enemies so well? God said to Jehoshaphat: "Shouldest thou help the ungodly..?"

#### OK TO TEACH ISLAM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

A while back ("New You Should Know About" August 2006. www.cornerstonebaptistmetroboston.org) we reported on a California school district where 7th graders were subjected to three weeks of Islamic indoctrination. They were forced to take Muslim names, dress like Muslims and learn Islamic prayers. Some of the parents (none were not notified beforehand) took the school district to court. The original trial court, and then the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, upheld the indoctrination as constitutional. That decision was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court which refused to hear the case. That means the lower court ruling stands and it is constitutional to teach the religion of Islam in public schools. Sad to say, this is not only incredible - it is insane! There is not the slightest chance that you could teach Christianity in a public school today. America is self-destructing from within!

# SO MUCH FOR GLOBAL WARMING MYTH!

20,000 scientists, of whom about 2,700 of them are physicists, geophysicists, climatologists, meteorologists, oceanographers or environmental scientists, who are in a position to understand the global warming issues, have signed the following statement: "There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gasses is causing or will cause, catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and the disruption of the Earth's climate. Moreover, there is substantial scientific evidence that the increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth." (An Evangelical Response to Global Warming).

Christians especially need to be cautious when it comes to the issue of global warming and other environmental issues. One of the reasons is that these issues have been hijacked by individuals who desire to change our way of life, and in particular, the Christian worldview that has guided the Western Hemisphere. [Columnist Veith noted in an article]. "A big part of the problem is that the current environmental movement has been hijacked by the far left." -Veith, G.E. 2006, *World* 21(20):30. -Via *TBC Today* (10/18/06).

### **CONGRESS CAN ACT QUICKLY IF IT WANTS TO!**

Pro-lifers in Congress are shaking their heads over the contrast in how lawmakers act over pets as opposed to how they act regarding the unborn. It took the Senate only a few minutes to pass what is called the "Pet Protection Act" that mandates rescuers to save pets along with people in a catastrophic situation. However, special protection for the unborn has been languishing for decades in Congress. - *Agape Press* (10/13/06). Ed. Fire fighters, etc., must risk their lives to save an animal while Planned Parenthood, et al, murder millions of unborn human beings. (They are not fetuses!)

MORE ON NORTH AMERICAN UNION. Last month we had an extended article on this subject. Now, Dr. Jerome Corsi of the Minuteman Project says they have obtained documents showing U.S. bureaucrats are engaged in secret relations with Mexico and Canada. He says,"U.S. laws are being rewritten to fit into a North American structure similar to that of the European Union. He names four congressmen who have introduced a resolution to derail the project. They are Goode (VA), Tancredo (CO), Paul (TX) and Jones (NC). They are pushing to have the House vote not to fund NAFTA superhighways. -Agape Press (10/25/06)

# TAKING THE FIRST STEP!

A Pastor was speaking with a religious man after a Gospel service. The man said, "I do not see any necessity for the blood of Christ in my salvation. I believe I can be saved without all that talk about the blood." The preacher said, "Very well. How then, do you intend to be saved?" The man said, "Why, simply by following Jesus' example. That is all anyone must do." The Pastor replied, "Then, you propose to follow the example of Christ, and that will lead you to Heaven. In other words, you are just going to follow in the steps of Jesus." The man answered, "That is what I intend to do." "Well," said the preacher, "Can you take the first step?" "What is that?" The man of God said, "The Bible tells us the following concerning the Lord Jesus Christ: 'Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.' I suppose that you can say the same about yourself, you have done no sin." The man replied, "Well, I cannot say that. I have sinned sometimes." The Pastor responded, "In that case, you need a Savior, not an example." Yes, Everyone needs a Savior! "There is none righteous, no not one!" Maybe you are considered a 'good person' but the fact remains, you are a sinner. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." No one is good enough! You need a Savior. You need Someone to pay for your sins. That is what Christ did 2,000 years ago. God says, "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission." The Bible says, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." God has made it very simple - "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

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### **PURIFYING THE SILVER**

A few ladies met to read some Scripture and make them the subject of conversation. Reading the third chapter of Malachi, they came upon these interesting words: "And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver. "(3:3). One lady's view was that it referred to Christ and the sanctifying influence of His grace. She suggested that she might visit a silversmith and report what he said about the purification process at the next meeting. Upon finding a silversmith, she asked him to relate the process of refining silver. She asked, "Do you sit while the process of refining is going on." "Oh, Yes. I must sit with my eye steadily fixed on the furnace, for if the time for the refining is exceeded to the slightest degree, the silver will be injured." She immediately saw the beauty and comfort of the expression, "He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." Christ sees that it is needful to put His children in the furnace of affliction. But His eye is steadily intent on the work of purifying, and His wisdom and love are both engaged in the best manner for them. Their trials do not come at random; "The very hairs of your head are all numbered." ~Matthew10:30. As the lady was leaving the shop, the silversmith called for her to come back and said that he had forgotten to mention something important. He said, "I only know the process of purifying is complete when I can see my own image in the silver. "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his son..." ~Romans 8:29. -Copied