



A TRAVESTY OF THE GOSPEL.

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We have often catalogued the departure from the faith by the (New) Evangelicals. Their 60 plus years of compromise have led them far from the truth of God's Word. Again, as we have said many times, compromise is a downhill road which once entered, one can rarely be turned around. The Evangelical and Catholics Together agreement shows how far the Evangelicals have traveled on that road. Richard Bennett, a former Roman Catholic priest details some of this in his recent book: *"Catholicism: East of Eden."* This is one of the best books I have read on Roman Catholicism as well as the Evangelicals' association with them. I urge you to get a copy. We will send you a copy for \$15.00 plus \$2.00 postage (\$3.00 outside U.S., U.S. \$ only). The following is from that book:

"New Evangelicalism" which willingly compromises with and accommodates another Gospel, has gained ground everywhere... The Evangelical world has changed beyond recognition. The most drastic departure from true Evangelicalism, however, took place in 1994...At the end of March 1994 twenty leading Evangelicals and twenty leading Roman Catholics produced a document entitled: "Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission for the Third Millennium." (ECT). The main instigators of this ecumenical thrust were Charles Colon and Richard John Neuhaus, a Lutheran pastor turned Roman Catholic. Evangelical signatories included J.I. Packer (*a leading Evangelical theologian*), Bill Bright of Campus Crusade for Christ, and Pat Robertson. Catholic signers included well known figures such as Cardinal John O'Connor. The signers state..."We affirm together that we are justified by grace through faith because of Christ..." (*It is well known that in the Catholic Church that grace is ministered through the sacraments which the person must perform. They believe in salvation by works! The Council of Trent which has been reiterated at Vatican II, pronounces a curse on anyone who teaches that salvation is by faith ALONE.*). In 1997 a second document entitled, "The gift of Salvation" was published by Evangelicals and Roman Catholics Together. Roman Catholic signatories...state they are "Catholics who are conscientiously faithful to the teaching of the Catholic Church." This document states... "We agree that justification is conferred through the Father's sheer graciousness..." This is traditional Roman Catholic doctrine. To employ the Roman Catholic word "conferred" instead of the biblical word "imputed" is tantamount to putting aside the Scripture...For her (Rome) justification is not an immediate one-time act of God received by faith alone. She teaches in her catechism: "**Justification is conferred by baptism.**" ...She states (in the Catechism), "**Sacramental grace is the grace of the Holy Spirit,**" given by Christ and proper to each sacrament." The architects of ECT were well aware of the crucial distinctions with regards to the Gospel separating Catholics and Evangelicals, but they chose to by-pass them... (Evangelical) J.I. Packer...to rebuild a Christian consensus, proposes that "...**domestic differences about salvation** and the Church should not hinder us from joint action in seeking to re-Christianize the North America milieu..." Packer in a 1996 article asks, "Can conservative Protestants, Eastern Orthodox and mainstream Roman Catholics join together in baring witness to all I have spoken of? (Continued on page 3)

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YOUTH CORNER

WITH GOD, YOU MUST GO DOWN TO GO UP.

We are living in a day when self, ego, are promoted as never before. But if you want to know God and walk with God, you must be humble. God has nothing but judgment for the proud! Isaiah 57:15 says, **"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."** F.B. Meyer said: "I used to think that God's gifts were on shelves one above the other and the taller we grew in Christian character, the easier we should reach them. I find now that God's gifts are on shelves, one beneath the other; it's not a question of growing taller but of stooping lower." One of the signs of the last times is **"men shall be lovers of their own selves."** See II Timothy 3:1-5. That certainly describes the days in which we live. We even have many promoting the gospel of self esteem. Try to find that in the Bible! But to go up with God you must go down! Little people are always looking to do great things, but God is looking for people who are willing to do little things. **"Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time."** ~I Peter 5:6. John the Baptist said, **"He must increase but I must decrease."** We are reminded that Jesus stooped to wash the disciple's feet. Want to be a big shot? You'll never go anywhere with God! The big "I" is zero with God.

DON'T QUIT!

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you are trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must -- but don't you quit.

Success is failure turned inside out --
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt --
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar:
So, stick to the fight when you're hardest hit --
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

- Author Unknown

THINK ABOUT IT! *We must settle in our minds that the Word of God must certainly be true, absolutely infallible, and beyond all question.* - C.H.Spurgeon. See Psalm 119:128

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

(From page 1) I urge that we can... To be sure fundamentalists within our three traditions are unlikely to join us in this, for it is the way of fundamentalists to follow the path of contentious orthodoxy..." Ed. But what we contend for is orthodoxy, for we are explicitly told by God to **'earnestly contend for the faith.'** The apostle Paul and the other apostles earnestly contended for the faith. Just read their epistles. What about Jesus? Luther and the Reformers contended for the faith. Packer and the New Evangelicals have compromised and actually forsaken the faith for a mess of ecumenical pottage. In reality, ECT is a clever piece of hypocrisy, for Packer and other Evangelical signers of ECT know very well that Roman Catholicism preaches a gospel of salvation by works." That is not orthodox! Of course, Romanism is well-known for casuistry, i.e., the end justifies the means. Bennett in closing the chapter on ECT very aptly quotes Spurgeon: "Since he was cursed who rebuilt Jericho, much more the man who labors to restore Popery among us." I urge you to get this book as it sheds much light on the false and soul damning gospel of Roman Catholicism. (Ed. All italics mine).

Having lived and preached in the home and heartland of (New) Evangelicalism for 47 years, we've seen the tragic results of such wicked (yes, it is wicked) compromise. In order to warn Christians of this awful error, we have also written upon the subject many times. We've had many articles in the CORNERSTONE CHALLENGE and have written two books, which I will list below. One of the great problems of our day is many Fundamentalists are falling into the New Evangelical pattern. They have not yet gone as far as the Evangelicals, but they are on the same road and it is a slippery slope. Worldliness abounds in many Fundamental churches as seen in the use of contemporary music, worldly (sensual) dress, etc. One alarming trend is Fundamentalists who speak for New Evangelicals or have them in their churches. At the initial meeting of the International Baptist Network (IBN), the preachers were told of four things that do not matter: music, dress, bible versions and associations. But they matter very much - read the Word! This organization consists of three groups: Baptist Bible Fellowship, The Southwide Baptist Fellowship and The World Baptist Fellowship.

Our books on New Evangelicalism:

New Evangelicalism: The Deadliest Ism of All... \$1.50

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAN TEACH WHAT THEY WANT! Last year two families of public school children here in Massachusetts filed a lawsuit to have their children not subjected to diversity (pro-homosexual) teachings. U.S. Federal Judge Mark Wolf has thrown out the lawsuit saying that public schools "In essence under the Constitution may teach anything that is reasonably related to the goals of preparing students to become engaged and productive citizens...Diversity is a hallmark of our nation." One of the cases involved a second grade teacher who read to the class the book "King and King" which describes two princes falling in love. Wolf said that parents have a fundamental right to raise their children; they can send them to a private school or engage in home-schooling.-AP (2/24/07)

HILLARY'S PRO-GAY SPEECH. Addressing the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the nation's most powerful and well-funded homosexual group, Hillary Clinton restated her support for the homosexual agenda, according to Peter LaBarbera of Americans for Truth. She said she intends to make sure "nothing stands in the way of loving couples, gay or straight, who want to adopt children." She reaffirmed her support for homosexual civil unions by announcing her co-sponsorship of the Democratic Partnership and Obligations Act, which would grant the same benefits to homosexual partners of federal workers as those given to legal spouses. She also called for a "hate crimes" bill and removal of the military's "Don't ask, don't tell" policy. -OneNewsNow Ed. It is interesting to note that the address was closed to the media. Most politicians play both (or all sides), but some are better at it than others!

MORE PROMOTION OF ISLAM. More than two million Canadians tuned in for the first episode of Little Mosque on the Prairie. The new CBC television comedy about a Muslim community in a rural town has been the subject of worldwide attention. The figure - 2.1 million - is a huge one for a Canadian television show. CTV's big sitcom hit, pulls in about 1.5 million viewers a week. The CBC says Little Mosque was its highest-rated debut of a series ever...The network says it is receiving considerable interest from U.S. broadcasters. -TBC Today (1/19/07). Ed. From this and many other pro-Islamic fascinations, one might think there is nothing better than being a Muslim. The media seems to love anything that is anti-American. I don't see any of them moving to a Muslim country. (Wouldn't it be kind of nice if they did?).

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

One of the great puzzles and enigmas to unbelieving scientists is Francis Bacon, who was one of the greatest scientists, and a true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. In his essays on Different Characters of the Christian he wrote: "A Christian is one that believes things his reason cannot comprehend, and hopes for things which neither he nor any other man ever saw. He believes Three to be One and One to be Three; a Father not to be older than His Son, and the Son to be equal to the Father. He believes himself to be precious in God's sight and yet loathes himself in his own (sight). He dares not to justify himself even in those things wherein he can find no fault with himself, and yet believes that God accepts him in those services wherein he is able to find many faults. He feels so ashamed that he dares not open his mouth before the Lord, yet with boldness comes to God, and asks Him for anything he needs. He hath within him both flesh and spirit, and yet he is not a double minded man; he is often led captive by the law of sin, yet it never gets dominion over him. He cannot sin, yet he can do nothing without sin. He is so humble as to acknowledge himself to deserve nothing but evil, and yet he believes that God means him all good." Where can you find all of this but in the Bible, the Word of God? To the unbeliever, this is but a jumble of words and illogical thoughts. But, we are reminded: **"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them for they are spiritually discerned."** ~I Corinthians 2:14.

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CHRISTIANS TOO BUSY?

I Kings 20:40 says: **"As thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone."** Vance Havner quoted it and said, *"The man in the story received a charge to keep, but he was unfaithful, not because he was lazy or asleep, but because he was too busy. Parents are too busy and children get away, Christians are too busy even with good things, and the best thing - to know God - gets away...While we are puttering around life gets away. The day of grace...passes away unredeemed because we are too busy with here and there and forget the eternal. If you're too busy for the things of God, you are too busy. You have received a charge to keep, and if your busyness keeps you from being about your Father's business, you are a poor business man."* We sometimes hear it said that Christians can be too busy in the Lord's work. I won't say that's not possible, but I don't know of any such person. Many Christians are quite busy, but it's not the Lord's work that wears them out, it's the *"here and there."* A few are really busy for the Lord, but I doubt that they are too busy! Some are too busy outside the Church and that is their problem, but they usually want to give up some of the Lord's work rather than that which is to no profit. *We are supposed to be busy for God!* Jesus said, **"WORK for the night cometh when no man can WORK."** **"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth LABORERS..."** God says, **"Be ye stedfast, unmoveable ALWAYS ABOUNDING in the WORK of the Lord..."** ~I Corinthians 15:58