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**THE KING IS THE SAVIOR!**

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**“Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest I am a king. To this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice.” ~John 18:37**

Of course, these are the words of Jesus Christ when tried by Pilate. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came into this world a King! The wise men who came from the East sometime after his birth came to Herod and asked: **“Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him.”** ~Matthew 2:1. Many Scriptures teach Jesus Christ was born to be King of the Jews - and yes, that He will actually be King of the entire world. Obviously, this has not happened yet. Jesus did not rule one day while He was on the earth. But the Bible also predicts that Jesus Christ will come again. He Himself said, **“If I go away, I will come again...”** At that coming, God’s Word declares: **“And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORD’S”** ~Revelation 19:16.

But the Bible also states that this King, Jesus Christ the Son of God, is also the world’s Savior. At His birth, in Luke 2:10,11 it says, **“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”** So, the King, God’s Son, is also the Savior! Please note that it says, **“to all people.”** The Scriptures declare: **“All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”** ~Isaiah 53:6. When the King was rejected and crucified at Calvary, it was that He might pay for the sins of all who have ever lived or will live on this earth. Yes, in fact, he died and paid for your sins 2000 years ago.

While most don’t want to hear about it, the truth is, we are all sinners: **“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”** ~Romans 3:23. You may feel that you are not too bad and that God will accept you just as you are; many feel that way. That is the most common philosophy I run into. But you are wrong! God warns you: **“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death.”** ~Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25. That’s why we need a Savior. Because God is holy, sin must be dealt with. You can’t pay for your sins - no one can but God! Jesus is God and that’s what He came to do; pay for your sins - be your Savior. Contrary to popular belief, there is only One Savior - God! Jesus Christ is God. In the opening verse above Jesus said he came to bear witness to the truth. He also said, **“I am the way the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me.”** ~John 14:6. There is only one thing you need to do - No, there are two things. First, you must acknowledge your sin to God. Then, the Bible says that salvation, forgiveness of sins is a gift. What do you do to get a gift? Just receive it! If you will believe that Christ died for your sins and rose again, God will forgive you - save you! To believe in Christ as your Savior, is to receive the gift! **“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”** ~John 1:12. It is so simple: **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”** ~Acts 16:31. If you will do that, not only will you be saved from the judgment, but you will also enjoy His kingdom forever! Why not do it NOW! There will never be a better time! Beware delay, you may wait until it is too late!

## CORNERSTONE NEWS

### NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

WED., DEC. 31 - 5:00 - 8:00

*A Great Family Night!  
Invite a Friend!*

5:00 - GOSPEL FILM

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 5 - 8, 2009

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

*"IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER"*

**Bring the Family!**

**FORTY-NINE GOING ON FIFTY!** It is hard to believe that on the 19th of this month, Lord willing, I will have completed 49 years as Pastor of Cornerstone Baptist, and will begin my 50th. Truly, it is all because of God's marvelous grace! God has been so good to this poor sinner. While we have not accomplished anything near what we had hoped, we do thank Him for the souls that have been saved and for the ministry which has been established. I praise the Lord for excellent health - totally undeserved! I believe that I feel as good as I did when I was 45 or 50, though I have just passed my 83rd birthday. My prayer is that I might serve the Lord Jesus Christ faithfully until He calls me or until He comes. I am looking up, laboring on, and listening for the shout! Praise the Lord!

### GET THIS BOOK ON BIBLE VERSIONS

*Is Your Bible Really The Word of God?*

\$3 plus \$1.50 post. 3 for \$9 pp. (U.S. \$)

## YOUTH CORNER

**WHAT IS IT YOU WANT OUT OF LIFE?** Three great men all died the same day, all wealthy and powerful. But when death came to call, they all had to go. One was the king of Spain; another was Hannibal Hamlin; the other William K. Vanderbilt, the great railroad magnate. In front of Vanderbilt's brownstone mansion on Fifth Avenue, New York City there assembled about 5,000 people on the day of his funeral. A reporter for the *New York Sun* stood near a group of working men. One fellow was heard to make the remark: "Well, well, so that's Vanderbilt in that coffin they are carrying down the steps, is it?" "Yes." "Well," he said, "Boys, I've stood just about here many a time and have watched Vanderbilt walk down those steps with his bodyguard, enter his carriage and drive away to Wall Street. The man is worth hundreds of millions; I didn't have a cent in my pocket. Today it's changed. He is coming down those stairs without a cent in his pocket and I've got two dollars." How many would like to have the millions Mr. Vanderbilt owned. But death is a great leveler. What is it you want in life? The Bible says, "**For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?**" ~*Mark 8:36*. Better think about it! Better go after God than gold! God's word says, "**Seek ye the Lord while he may be found!**" If you have not done so, trust Christ today and know the joy and peace of sins forgiven - of an eternal home in Heaven.? "**Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**" ~*Acts 16:31*.

### **CHRISTIAN: IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK!**

If you have a work to do --- Do it NOW!

If you have a witness to give -- Do it NOW!

If you have a soul to win -- Win him NOW!

If you have an obligation to discharge -- Do it NOW!

If you have a debt to pay -- Pay it NOW!

If you have a wrong to right -- Right it NOW!

If you have a confession to make -- Make it NOW!

If you have a preparation to make -- Make it NOW!

If you have children to train -- Train them NOW!

"The night cometh when no man can work." -Anon.

**And that, knowing the time, that  
now it is high time to awake out  
of sleep: for now is our salvation  
nearer than when we believed.**

**Romans 13:11**

## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

**SHOCKING DISTORTIONS IN TEXTBOOKS.** ‘It is shocking to find the kind of misinformation we discovered in American textbooks and supplemental materials being used by schools in every state in the country,’ said Dr. Gary Tobin, president of the Institute for Jewish & Community Research and a co-author of the study. “Elected officials at every level should investigate how these offensive passages are creeping into our textbooks. Presenting false information in the classroom undermines the very foundation of the American educational system,” he said. Tobin teamed with institute research associate Dennis Ybarra for the study, titled, “The Trouble with Textbooks: Distorting History and Religion.” The five-year effort, which looked at 28 prominent history, geography and social studies textbooks, reveals American public school students are being loaded with indoctrination about Christianity, Judaism, Islam and the Middle East, to the cost of Christianity and Judaism and the benefit of Islam.

-WorldNetDaily (10/3/08)

Some misinformation found in these textbooks:

- Jesus was a “Palestinian,” not a Jew.
- Arab nations never attacked Israel.
- Arab nations want peace, but Israel does not.
- Israel expelled all Palestinian refugees.
- Palestinian terrorism is nonexistent or minimal.
- Israel is not a victim of terrorism.
- U.S. support of Israel causes terrorism, including 9/11

**OBAMA EXPANDS HOMOSEXUAL POLICY.** A conservative activist is expressing alarm over president-elect Barack Obama’s plans to expand a Clinton-era executive order that provides special protections for federal employees based on their sexual behavior. The Obama-Biden transition team has included both “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” in its non-discrimination policy for applicants for employment in the incoming Obama administration. President Bush, much to the chagrin of many social conservatives, did not overturn Bill Clinton’s executive order prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. However, the Clinton order does not address so-called gender identity. -*OneNewsNow*. (11/11/08). Ed. Of course, this is exactly what we would expect, given his past actions and statements.

**A NEW GLOBAL FINANCIAL ORDER.** At a meeting with President Bush at a Camp David retreat European Union Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said, “We need a new global financial order” (“Bush Will Host World Leaders,” AP, Oct. 18, 2008). After meeting with Barroso and French President Nicolas Sarkozy, Bush announced that he will host an international summit to seek ways to fix the world financial system. Some want to explore the possibility of creating a world currency. Since October 9, the stock market has lost more than \$8 trillion, and one worlders see this as an opportunity to push the nations toward further globalism. The devil is working to place his man on the world’s throne, but the Lord is restraining that program until He has finished creating the bride of Christ. “For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming” (2 Thessalonians 2:7-8). -*FBIS* (10/24/08)

**MORE WICKED “BIBLES.”** The AP reports newest editions of the Bible are no longer new translations, but new forms. One Bible has taken the high-gloss magazine look and features pictures of figures like Angelina Jolie. “In general, Bible publishers have always been creative, but now they are scrambling to meet a culture where people are moving away from print reading,” said Paul Gutjahr, an associate professor of English and religious studies at Indiana University. The AP says, Bible sales can be expected to grow during economic crises, an expectation that has prompted secular as well as traditional Bible publishers to vamp up their efforts for a generation that is abandoning print media. Besides electronic Bibles, keep an eye out for graphic novel and comic book renderings, as well as a chronological version due out this fall. -*Religion Today* (10/9/08). Ed: It is wicked to distort God’s Holy Word. I don’t know much about Angelina Jolie, but I know she is a typical Hollywood type. Enough said! God help these Bible perverters when they meet God! Many “Fundamentalists” use or promote some modern versions. God says, “...**If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this Book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life...**” ~*Revelation 22:18-19*.

## THEN AND NOW: WHAT A DIFFERENCE!

This is taken from Wm. Johnson's *George Washington, The Christian*, 1919. Copied from *FBIS* 4/11/08. "O eternal and everlasting God, I presume to present myself this morning before thy Divine majesty, beseeching thee to accept my humble and hearty thanks, that it hath pleased thy great goodness to keep and preserve me the night past from all the dangers poor mortals are subject to, and hast given me sweet and pleasant sleep, whereby I find my body refreshed and comforted for performing the duties of this day, in which I beseech thee to defend me from all perils of body and soul. Direct my words, thoughts and work, wash away my sins in the immaculate blood of the Lamb, and purge my heart by the Holy Spirit, from the dross of my natural corruption, that I may with more freedom of mind and liberty of will serve thee, the everlasting God, in righteousness and holiness this day, and all the days of my life. Increase my faith in the sweet promises of the Gospel; give me repentance from dead works, pardon my wanderings, and direct my thoughts unto thyself, the God of my salvation; teach me now to live in thy fear, labor in thy service and ever to run in the ways of thy commandments; make me always watchful over my own heart, that neither terrors of conscience, the loathing of holy duties, the love of sin, nor the unwillingness to depart this life, may cast me into a spiritual slumber, but daily form me more and more in the likeness of thy son Jesus Christ, that living in thy fear, and dying in thy favor, I may in the appointed time attain the resurrection of the just unto eternal life. Bless my family, friends and kindred; unite us all in praising and glorifying thee in all our works begun, continued, and ended, when we shall come to make our last account before thee, blessed Saviour..."

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## WHAT GOOD HAS ATHEISM DONE?

Quite a few years ago now, Charles Bradlaugh was the outstanding atheist in England. He was ever challenging the validity of the claims of Christianity. Hugh Price Hughes was a rather well known preacher in the slums of London, and many knew of the miracles of grace at his mission. Bradlaugh challenged the preacher to debate the claims of Christianity. Many wondered what Hughes would do. He immediately accepted the challenge and in doing so added a challenge of his own. Hughes said, since the debate would probably not change anyone's minds he said, "I propose that we each bring some concrete evidences of the validity of our beliefs in the form of men who have been redeemed from lives of sin and shame by the influence of our teaching. I will bring 100 and I challenge you to do the same. If you cannot bring 100, I will be satisfied if you will bring 50 whose lives have been reclaimed by your teaching. If you cannot bring 50, bring 20 who will say they have great joy in a life of self-respect as a result of your teachings. If you cannot get 20 I will accept 10. Nay, Mr. Bradlaugh, I challenge you to bring one, just one man or woman who will make such a testimony relative to the uplifting power of your atheistic teachings. My men and women will bring unanswerable proof to the saving power of Jesus Christ in the lives of those who have been redeemed from the slaveries of sin and shame. Perhaps, Mr. Bradlaugh, this will be the real demonstration of the validity of the claims of Christianity." All London was stirred. What would Mr. Bradlaugh do in response to this challenge? Mr. Bradlaugh's answer; with great discomfiture and chagrin, he withdrew his challenge for the debate.