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WORLDLINESS IN THE CHURCH! (Challenge Reprint)

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Many would agree that we are in the Laodicean stage of the Church, Rev. 3:14-20. I contend that most Fundamental Baptist (it's hard to find other Fundamental ones) churches are Laodicean. Few want to believe that; but I believe they are deceived. We always tend to think we are better than we are. I hope you will look at the following quotes of Fundamentalists who ministered 50 to 100 years ago. They indicated that the compromise and worldliness in the Bible believing churches of their day was Laodicean. Is not worldliness a sign that God's people are "lukewarm"? What about the other indications: "...rich, increased with goods and have need of nothing..." But what did God say? "...and knowest not that thou art wretched, and, miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:" Here's what these men of God wrote; **Dr. Ironside (1910):** "It is of grave importance that we bear this principle in mind in these Laodicean times. We live in days when truth for which myriads of martyrs shed their blood is considered hardly worthy of being contended for - days when the claims of God as set forth in His faithful Word are openly set aside by those who 'call themselves by the name of the Lord...' Latitudinarianism is the prevailing order and few ask, 'What saith Scripture?'" **Dr. A. C. Gaebelein (about 1920):** "Look about and see the thousands and thousands of God's people who instead of being transformed are conformed to this world. They have fallen in with the present evil age, and instead of being separated, they walk in its ways and hence they are barren in spiritual things...Let us not think so much of the pleasures of this world, the attractive things for the senses...the possession and enjoyment of earthly things." **Dr. Clarence Larkin (late 1920's):** As Christians, we find ourselves captives in the Babylonian life of worldliness and pleasure that surrounds us, and instead of being transformed are conformed to this world. We have fallen in with the spirit of this 'Present evil age' and are living a life of compromise the outcome of which is a life of powerlessness and spiritual barrenness...Let us dare to be a Daniel." **Dr. M. R. DeHaan (about 1947):** "Without fear of successful contradiction, we dare to say that the greatest need of the Church today is a company of separated saints of God who will refuse steadfastly to be swayed by the world's program... No greater blight has ever beset the Church of Jesus Christ than the blight of compromise and conformity to the world and its program. We are a redeemed people and a peculiar people and a holy nation... The line of difference and demarcation between the Church and the world has almost been wiped out, and those few followers of Christ who dare to be different and refuse to go along are so small in number that they are looked upon as odd and peculiar and even fanatical and narrow-minded. The scandalous and positively immoral innovations of dress and attire (*this was 60 years ago*), which I am sure are the prime causes of immorality and divorce and juvenile delinquency, are meekly accepted, and worse than that, are copied by the folks who profess to be Christian, with hardly a protest from those who are spiritual leaders...The reason Christians are not taken more seriously by the world, and why our testimony falls on deaf ears most of the time, is because the world cannot see any difference between themselves and us. They see Christians frequenting the same places of worldly amusement...using the same language, dressing in the same shameful way... The only difference is that we have our names on church rolls and go to church." (page 3)

CORNERSTONE NEWS

FRIEND DAY!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7TH

BIBLE SCHOOL - 9:30

CHURCH SERVICE - 10:45

DINNER UNDER THE TENT
Free! Those attending above

SINGSPIRATION - 1:30

EVENING SERVICE - 6:00



Your friends need Christ – Invite them!

Gift for each Visitor at S.S. & Church!

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MISSIONS CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 8 – 12, 2008



- *SEVERAL MISSIONARIES
- *FLAGS MANY NATIONS
- *COLOR SLIDES
- *SPECIAL MUSIC
- *NURSERY OPEN

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY...7:00 p.m.

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

OCTOBER 25TH – 2:00

SEVERAL SPEAKERS * BRING THE FAMILY

SPECIAL MUSIC * NURSERY

FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENTS

Let's raise a standard for truth and righteousness!

YOUTH CORNER

DOES THIS APPLY TO YOU? Over fifty years ago, A. W. Tozer wrote: "We have these conditions in the churches today. I am talking to some of you right now who have been reared in Christian homes. You have been brought up in S.S. Still, to this day, you are not right with God. Some of you have made a kind of halfway profession but you have never been able to delight yourself in the Lord... I caution you that there are many people among us who are not ever going to get right with God, and the reason is that *they will not humble themselves.*" I wonder if that does not apply to some reading these lines. Maybe YOU? You know the Gospel and maybe a fair amount of Scripture, but you are not saved. Perhaps you've made a profession of faith, but you have not truly humbled yourself before God, acknowledged your sin and worthlessness to Him and received Jesus Christ as your Savior. Oh, yes, in a matter of fact way, you acknowledge that you are a sinner - nobody's perfect. But you have not, deep down in your soul, come to grips with how bad you really are and living for Jesus is but a mechanical thing, if at all. God says to you: "**Repent and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out...**" Beware lest you wait until it is too late! "**Behold NOW is the accepted time; behold NOW is the day of salvation.**" Procrastination is a deadly sin that many commit. I have seen many put off receiving Christ, believing they would do it later. I cannot remember one such person who ever came to Christ. However, I can remember a number of individuals who put God off and died in their sins.

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

Some have great plans for doing everything, but in the end they have really done nothing.

The person who is in tune with this world, must be out of harmony with Heaven.

Those who want to give you a piece of their mind are usually the ones who can least afford it.

If you are going to do business with God, you will have to sever relations with the devil and his crowd. There are some people who "think big" until it comes time to give.

God is looking for great men who are small enough to allow Him to use them.

BOOK OF REVELATION

Pastor Starr' book on Revelation will help you understand this great prophecy. Get some for your friends. \$2 plus \$1 post. 5 for \$9 pp.

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

WORLDLINESS IN THE CHURCH. (From p.1)

Please listen to me my Christian friend. These were not crackpots or fanatics. They were outstanding, dedicated Fundamentalists! Now, I happened to be saved in 1950 and I can tell you as bad as it was then, the majority of Christians would not think of doing what many professed believers do today! I hope you will hear me out - perhaps some of the foregoing applies to you! You don't want to admit it, but it's true! The great majority of professing Christians are worldly and they cater to their own sinful flesh. Oh, yes, you have found some way to justify it, but you are caught up in worldly, and quite possibly, sensual dress. You attend the theater, or even worse, you bring the filth of Hollywood into your home on TV and the Internet. Some are all wrapped up in sports (there's a sacred cow of many Fundamentalists). What does God think of "Christians" who think more of a ball game than they do of Christ and His Church? **Fifty years ago, Tozer said**, "Of Bible Christians it may truthfully said, that we 'sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.'" Over indulgence is as common among Christians as among the unsaved. You cannot be a worldly Christian and have spiritual power. You are in the flesh or Spirit! Do you love Christ? What is your prayer life like? Do you care for lost souls? Do you go soul winning? The world is going to hell while most Christians are enjoying themselves, playing church and living worldly lives. As Dr. Ironside said, this is one reason the unsaved pay so little attention to us and our message. It is time to repent! It is time to confess our sin of worldliness and indifference and get back to basics: serious Bible study, prayer, soul winning, sacrificial giving, faithfulness to ALL the services of the Church, etc. **"It is high time to wake out of sleep!"** Dear Christian, do you ever stop to consider what God thinks about our selfishness and catering to the flesh while the Church languishes and the world around us goes to hell? Yes, it is time to repent! It is time for revival! Will you heed God's call?

*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
1 John 2:15*

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SUICIDE DRUGS FROM MEXICO. Euthanasia advocates worldwide are promoting Mexico as a destination to obtain drugs that elderly people or terminally ill patients can use to kill themselves. A Mexico newspaper said at least 200 people from English speaking countries have traveled there to end their lives since 2001. Exit International, an euthanasia group from Australia, is behind the effort to promote the use of animal euthanasia drugs in Mexico to kill people...The euthanasia group is promoting the use of (name of drug withheld) saying it is widely, cheaply and legally viable, not only in Mexico but in many South American countries...Exit says, "One only needs to know the location of a veterinary supplier and the labeling in use at that location." -*LifeNews.com*. Ed. Doctor assisted euthanasia is available in Oregon. Those poor souls who thus commit suicide think that this will end their suffering, but they are in for a rude awakening.

AMERICAN MADE TERRORISTS! The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom had released a report regarding information in textbooks found in the Islamic Saudi Academy (ISA), located in Fairfax County, VA. The Commission announced its report: Saudi Arabia: USCIRF Confirms Material Inciting Violence, Intolerance Remains in Textbooks Used at Saudi Government's Islamic Saudi Academy. **This school's 1999 class valedictorian, Ahmed Omar Abu Ali, won the school's award "Most Likely to Be a Martyr," and who was later convicted on charges of terrorism and attempting to assassinate President Bush.** This should not surprise us. 1,400 years of Islamic history and 270 million non-Muslims dead should be ample evidence the political ideology of jihad, proclaimed throughout the holy books of Islam, is typically followed by the act of jihad. How many other students of ISA, past and present, are now terrorist threats to non-Muslims here in America? Who knows? - ACT (6/18/08)

PBS DOCUMENTARY: BIBLE NOT TRUE! The *Orlando Sentinel* reports that a new PBS documentary, titled "The Bible's Buried Secrets," will upset anyone who claims a literal and inerrant interpretation of Scripture. "It challenges the Bible's stories if you want to read them literally, and that will disturb many people," says archaeologist William Dever, who specializes in Israel's history. The program goes on to discuss how the Bible was written by hundreds of authors in sixth century BC, at least five books of it during the Babylonian exile. The program also challenges Abraham, Sarah and their offspring as actual historical figures. Duke University religion professor Carol Meyers: "It doesn't mean that there's no kernel of truth to it." -*OneNewsNow*.7/24/08

IS THERE MORE THAN ONE WAY?

Most people think there are many ways to Heaven. A preacher was speaking on John 14:6: **“Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.”** He made it plain, there is but one way to Heaven - Jesus Christ. A woman came to him and said she disagreed with him. “I don’t believe that there is only one way to Heaven. If we were going to Chicago, we could all go different ways. You could go by train, I could fly, another drive, etc. We’d all get to Chicago. The Preacher’s answer: “There is one thing wrong with your analogy.” “What’s that?” “We’re not going to Chicago; we’re going to Heaven or Hell. There are many ways to Chicago, but God *says there’s only one way to get to Heaven.*” It’s not a matter of what you think, what I think. Many believe what they want to believe - they are their own authority. But does that make them right? Who is right? Whatever you believe you have to have some authority for it! There is only One who really knows, and that is God! He’s given us the answer in His Word, the Bible; the only real authority. It says, **“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the ends thereof are the ways of death.”** ~*Proverbs 14:25*. Man’s problem is that he is a sinner. **“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”** ~*Romans 3:23*. No matter how good you may be or think you are, you are not good enough. The Bible says, **“Christ died for our sins.”** ~*I Corinthians 15:3*. The Scriptures state: **“Who can forgive sins but God only?”** Christ came to pay for your sins. God accepts no other payment. He says, **“Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is NONE OTHER NAME under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.”** ~*Acts 4:12*, **“For there is ONE MEDIATOR between God and man; the Man Christ Jesus.”** ~*II Timothy 2:5*. **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”**

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DON'T GIVE UP!

At sometime or other, I am sure we have all given up on someone. I remember reading of a man who visited an unsaved person 59 times, and still the unbeliever did not come to Christ. The Christian said to himself, “I will go one more time.” On that occasion, the man trusted Christ as his Savior. I remember personally visiting and alcoholic many times, probably 25 or 30 times. One day he showed up in Church for the first time and got saved. I can’t say I’ve always been that persevering. You never know what God might do with the worst sinner or the most unlikely candidate for salvation. The same is true of the backslidden Christian. We ought not be so quick to write them off. God can still retrieve them and use them for His glory. I have read that Thomas Edison was sent home from school one day. There was a note pinned to his back. It said, “Keep this boy at home for he is too dumb to learn anything.” Well, we all know that that teacher was dead wrong. Thomas Edison certainly had some kind of a mind for he authored over 1,100 inventions. The light bulb alone was an amazing feat, the fruit of which we all enjoy. We may judge someone totally gone but the Bible says, **“God is able to make him stand.”** We may not be able to make him useful for God but the **“Lord’s hand is not shortened...”** Like Peter, we have all failed at some place, but thank God the Lord did not give up on us. Let’s ask Jesus for His compassion! Keep on praying for the lost; the backslidden. Keep on visiting. Keep on trying. Keep on believing.