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SATISFIED!

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Possibly one of the most devastating things that can happen to us as Christians is that we cease to expect anything to happen. I am not sure but that this is not one of our greatest troubles today. We come to our services and they are orderly, they are nice--we come, we go--and sometimes they are timed almost to the minute, and there it is. But that is not Christianity, my friend. Where is the Lord of glory? Where is the one sitting by the well? Are we expecting him? Do we anticipate this? Are we open to it? Are we aware that we are ever facing this glorious possibility of having the greatest surprise of our life? Or let me put it like this. You may feel and say--as many do--'I was converted and became a Christian. I've grown--yes, I've grown in knowledge, I've been reading books, I've been listening to sermons, but I've arrived now at a sort of peak and all I do is maintain that. For the rest of my life I will just go on like this.' Now, my friend, you must get rid of that attitude; you must get rid of it once and for ever. That is 'religion', it is not Christianity. This is Christianity: the Lord appears! Suddenly, in the midst of the drudgery and the routine and the sameness and the dullness and the drabness, unexpectedly, surprisingly, he meets with you and he says something to you that changes the whole of your life and your outlook and lifts you to a level that you had never conceived could be possible for you. Oh, if we get nothing else from this story, I hope we will get this. Do not let the devil persuade you that you have got all you are going to get, still less that you received all you were ever going to receive when you were converted. That has been a popular teaching, even among evangelicals. You get everything at your conversion, it is said, including baptism with the Spirit, and nothing further, ever. Oh, do not believe it; it is not true. It is not true to the teaching of the Scriptures; it is not true in the experience of the saints running down the centuries. There is always this glorious possibility of meeting with him in a new and a dynamic way. --Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Excerpted from *Living Water: Studies in John 4*. -From *TBC* (5/5/09)

This was written quite a few years ago. Things are much worse today! For the most part it is "business as usual" among Fundamentalists. We rarely see anything above what our own feeble flesh can produce (which is nothing before God). Sadly, we do not expect to see God do anything. We come to Church, sing, pray, give, hear a sermon, and go out exactly as we came in. And this happens week after week - year after year. We accumulate knowledge, but there is little spirituality and everlasting fruit. Yes, we need revival, but as I have said many, many times: who wants it? Who will pay the price? If we are ever going to get out of this rut, we had better wake up and get on our knees before God. We will have to confess our sin and let God have absolute control. **"...it is high time to awake out of sleep..The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light!"** ~*Romans 13:11,12*. Anybody listening???

CORNERSTONE NEWS

DON'T MISS IT!

FRIEND DAY!!!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13TH

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30

CHURCH SERVICE - 10:45

DINNER UNDER THE TENT
(Free)

GOSPEL SONG TIME - 1:30

EVENING SERVICE - 6:00



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

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FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE

(BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th)

SUNDAY: Sunday School - 9:30
Church Service - 10:45
Training Hour - 5:30
Evening Service - 6:30

WED: Prayer & Bible Study - 7:30

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REPRINT OF CHINIQUY'S TESTIMONY

Charles Chiniquy was a well-known Roman Catholic priest from Montreal who was converted and preached the Gospel for 40 some years during the middle and late 1800's. He was severely persecuted by the Roman Catholic Church. He printed the testimony of his conversion in a sermon entitled: "The Gift." We have reprinted this 16-page article which has a powerful message for Roman Catholics and Protestants as well. They are \$2.00 each plus \$1.00 postage or 3 for \$6.00 postpaid. U.S. currency.

For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; ~1 Thessalonians 1:9

YOUTH CORNER

GOD IS LOOKING FOR SUBMISSIVE SPIRITS.

After one of Duke Wellington's battles with France, the French officers were brought into the Duke's tent. With the usual French excess, they declared that they were not ashamed to be beaten by the best general in Europe. Wellington listened to them for a while and then said calmly and a little coolly, "Gentlemen, your swords." Instantly, the Frenchmen yielded their swords as a token of complete surrender. This is what God wants from us, instant and total surrender. Someone has said, "Jesus is much complimented these days but He is not submitted to as Lord." The Bible says, "Jesus Christ is Lord..." Lord is Master! Is He your Master? Many want to be saved and go to Heaven but they do not want God to run their lives - completely. **"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."** ~Romans 12:1. What about you? Will you do it? It is only reasonable; after all, He bought you with His own precious blood. See. I Corinthians 6:19,20.

CALL GOD FIRST (NOT LAST)! Years ago in one of the cotton factories down South there was a card on the wall of the workroom which read: "If your threads get tangled, call for the foreman." One day a new worker got her skein in a snarl. Bravely she tried to rectify the matter, but only succeeded in making it worse. Finally, she sent for the foreman. When he saw it, he said, "You have been trying to unravel this yourself, haven't you." "Yes." "But why didn't you send for me according to the instructions on the wall?" She replied, "I didn't want to bother you. I did the best I could." "No you didn't," replied the foreman. "Remember that doing your best is sending for me!" How often we try to straighten out tangled circumstance in our own feeble power. Then, if we still have any sense about us, we call upon the Lord. We need to learn to call upon Him first - not last! **"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."** ~Proverbs 3:5,6.

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NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

MORE EVIDENCE OF MORAL DECLINE.

NewsWithViews.com. (5/24/09) dispatched a reporter to cover a Centers for Disease Control press teleconference regarding a disturbing trend within the U.S. and Western Civilization in general. The proportion of births to unmarried mothers in the United States has risen steeply over the past few decades, consistent with patterns in other countries, a report from CDC's. In March, CDC reported that about 4 in 10 births in the United States in 2007 were to unmarried mothers. While a great deal of focus has been placed on births to unmarried teens, 6 out of 10 births to women between the ages of 20 and 24 were among unmarried women in 2007. The trend in unmarried childbearing... has shown a steep increase between 2002 and 2007, from 18 percent to 40 percent. "We are witnessing a trend that not only impacts upon the US and Western society, but also decreases the chances for numerous women to lead productive lives. My fear is that the abortionists will point to these data to support their position," said political strategist Mike Baker. "While my reading of the CDC report reveals the US is still behind countries such as Britain and France as far as unwed mothers, it won't be long before we are at a par or even exceed these socialist-leaning nations."

OBAMA GOAL: ALL AMERICANS ACCEPT HOMOSEXUALITY!

President Barack Obama says that while he is dedicated to expanding homosexual rights, many Americans still cling to what he calls, "worn arguments and old attitudes." At a White House celebration of Gay Pride Month, Obama said he hopes to persuade all Americans to accept homosexuality. "There are good and decent people in this country who don't yet fully embrace their gay brothers and sisters -- not yet said the president. "That's why I've spoken about these issues -- not just in front of you -- but in front of unlikely audiences, in front of African American church members... There are still fellow citizens, perhaps neighbors, or even family members and loved ones, who still hold fast to worn arguments and old attitudes, he stated. He added that Congress should repeal what Obama referred to as "the so-call Defense of Marriage Act" -- and that his administration is working to pass a hate crimes bill and to repeal the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy on homosexuals in the military. According to Cliff Kincaid, Obama said to the homosexual crowd: "I suspect that by the time this administration is over, I think you guys will have pretty

good feelings about the Obama administration." The audience at the White House ceremony included Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson and other homosexual clergy. Obama introduced Robinson as a "special friend." -AP (6/30/09). Via *OneNewsNow*. Ed. Yes, this is a part of the "change" we were promised! And it is not very good. I don't know about you but I don't yet see anything I like. With Obama and his supporters, God is out and the devil is in!

COUNTRY MUSIC THEOLOGY. We have warned many times about the moral danger of country music, and the reason is that so many of God's people even in strong Bible-believing churches listen to this trash. A popular song that hit the charts this year is "People Are Crazy" sung by Billy Currington. The lyrics describe a conversation between an old man and a younger one in a bar. The old man had lived an unrighteous life, drinking, smoking, divorcing, womanizing, but he and his philosophy of life are applauded in the song. It is repeated in the chorus as follows: "God is great, beer is good, and people are crazy." The song ends with the younger man putting those words on the old man's tombstone. Beware of country music. It is of the world, the flesh, and the devil, but its thin veneer of "God and country" makes it palatable to some backslidden Christians. "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11). -FBIS (6/26/09)

RICK WARREN CALLS FOR CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM PARTNERSHIP.

Defying some of his fellow conservative Christian critics one of the most prominent religious leaders told several thousand American Muslims (at a Muslim conference which regularly draws over 30,000 Muslims) that "the two largest faiths on the planet" must work together to combat stereotypes and solve global problems. "Some problems are so big, you have to team tackle them, said Warren. He said that Muslims and Christians should be partners in working to end what he calls "the five global giants of war, poverty, corruption, disease and illiteracy." It was said that Warren's willingness to show support for U.S. Muslims was a huge gain for that community. -*OneNewsNow* (7/6/09). Warren's position on this issue and many others shows no real understanding of the Word of God. Apparently the following Scriptures are not in his bible: **II Corinthians 6:14-17; Ephesians 5:11; Titus 3:10;** etc. If they are, he doesn't take them seriously.

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. ~I Thessalonians 5:21-22

A DULL SERMON

“The dullest sermon I ever listened to!” exclaimed Sam, as he came home from church Sunday noon. “Yes,” replied Grandfather, a twinkle in his eye, “I thought so.” “Did you Grandfather?” asked Sam, glad to have someone agree with him. “I meant to say that I thought you thought so,” said Grandfather. “I enjoyed it because my appetite was whetted for it before I went to church. While the minister was preaching, I noticed it was just the other way with you.” “How come?” asked Sam. “Why, before you went,” answered Grandfather, “instead of sharpening your appetite for the sermon, you dulled it by reading the trashy newspaper. Then, instead of sitting straight up and looking at the preacher while he preached, as though you wanted to catch every word he said, you lounged down in your seat and turned halfway around. Besides, you let your eyes rove around the church and out the window. You dulled your ears by listening to a dog barking, and cars running by and other things. You dulled your mind and your poor soul by thinking of what you might be doing at home or what you might do afterwards, instead of spending the morning listening to a sermon. You made yourself a dull listener. And I never knew it to fail that a dull listener will make a dull sermon.” -Copied. **“Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.”** ~1 Timothy 4:13. We need to ask ourselves, “Do I go to church in the Spirit or in the flesh?” Sound Bible sermons make dull stuff for carnal minds!

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SINCERE BUT SERIOUS RESULTS

Sometime ago I read of a case where people were sincere but the result was tragic. A mix-up in a Nursing Home oxygen system resulted in two deaths and eight others being hospitalized. It seems an oxygen system for needy patients was accidentally connected to a tank which contained nitrogen. The two tanks looked very much alike, a fire official said. The person who hooked up the tank was no doubt sincere. It was a sincere mistake - but a deadly one! Multitudes (maybe you are one) are making a deadly mistake concerning their eternal destiny. Many are following a religion system that sounds good to them but it is not right according to God. They are sincere - but wrong! The Bible says, **“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death.”** ~Proverbs 14:12. I meet people all the time who say that as long as you are sincere, you may believe whatever you want and you will be saved and go to heaven. Sounds good to multitudes - but they are wrong. The Bible says, **“Jesus (said), ‘I am the way, the truth and the life; no many cometh unto the Father but by me.’”** ~John 14:6. Do not be deceived, either by yourself or someone else; the only true authority on how to have eternal life is God. God’s Word says, **“...Christ died for our sins...”** You are a sinner; **“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”** ~Romans 3:23. Your sins must be dealt with. There is one way: **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”** ~Acts 16:31. Don’t wait until it’s too late! God says, **“Now is the day of salvation...”**