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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT FOR THE NEW YEAR.

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One of the very real problems of our day is many professions of faith in Christ are not genuine. I am not saying these people are insincere, but the plain truth is quite obvious; many who claim to be saved show no interest in the things of God and one looks in vain for any evidence of a changed life. Dear Reader, I urge you to **“Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith,”** as God admonishes you. You may have made a “decision” but are you truly saved? Do you have a serious interest in the things of God? Are you a new creature in Christ Jesus or have you just signed on the dotted line, so to speak, so that you won’t wind up in hell? Another problem is many who are *“average Christians;”* they are saved but have only a casual interest in Bible reading, prayer and soul winning, the Church, etc. It is a sick Christian who can receive the grace of God and live for this present evil world. The world is going to hell at a rapid rate and you are asleep. God warns you that He **“chastens every son whom he receiveth.”**

Spiritual growth and fruit bearing are no accident. They do not automatically follow just because one has received the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. Here are a few basics and they should be engaged in just as soon as one is saved. If you have been saved for sometime but are floundering in your Christian experience, then go back and begin again. We see these things on the very day the Church was founded: **“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”** ~Acts 2:41,42. Those who received the Word were saved. The first thing they did was to be **BAPTIZED!** They were immersed; a statement that they believed in the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Baptism is important; it is the first step of obedience. Then, they **JOINED THE CHURCH.** They were *added* unto the people of God. They **CONTINUED** in the fellowship of believers. They didn’t quit and run to a church across town the first time they heard something they didn’t agree with. They did not **“forsake the assembling of themselves together”** with God’s people! Then, they continued stedfastly in the **APOSTLES DOCTRINE.** They studied the Bible! You need to study it and you need to memorize it! They continued in **FELLOWSHIP** with God’s people. They continued in **BREAKING OF BREAD** - they remembered Christ at the Lord’s table. They also **PRAYED;** they continued in *prayers!* Prayer is probably the most neglected Christian privilege and duty. You cannot be used of God without frequent and earnest prayer. It is God’s appointed way of accomplishing His work. Also, these new converts **WITNESSED.** **“They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they (all) spake the word of God with boldness.”** If you are saved, how can you keep the “Good News” from needy, hell-bound souls? I find it hard to believe that one can be saved and not care that his loved ones, friends, everyone he meets is lost in sin and headed for hell. I’d say they were not serious Christians! There is one more thing - those early Christians **GAVE** of their substance. They gave out of their poverty and gave liberally, II Corinthians 8:1-5. Regardless of what you may say, God expects at least a tithe. You’ll never go anywhere with God until you learn to give. Want God to use you? Get right with God today; obey His Word! How does your Christian experience line up with these early Christians?

CORNERSTONE NEWS

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

Thursday, Dec. 31 — 5:00 — 8:00

*A Great Family Night!
Invite a Friend!*

5:00 - GOSPEL FILM

6:00 - BUFFET SUPPER

7:00 – TESTIMONIES
PRAYERTIME
LORD'S SUPPER



*No better way to end the Old
year and start the New!*

WEEK OF PRAYER

JANUARY 4 - 7, 2010

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

“IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER”

Bring the Family!

TIMELY ARTICLE ON FT. HOOD MURDERS.

We had hoped to put this in the December *Challenge*, but we simply did not have space. I urge you to look up www.cornerstonebaptistmetrobooston.org - *News You Should Know About*, December 2009 for an article on the incident. I believe it reveals the utter disregard for truth and even the safety of American citizens. These days, political correctness is the name of the game, even though it is to our detriment. In light of all the obvious signs in this and other incidents directed at the United States, how can our leadership ignore and downplay what is happening. Any number of our founding fathers said that if America is destroyed, it will be from within.

YOUTH CORNER

ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN? If you are a born again child of God, it is His will for you...

1. To be baptized (immersed). “He commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.” Acts 10:48
2. To join a fundamental Baptist Church. “Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together.” Heb. 10:25
3. To read your Bible and pray everyday. “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word.” I Pet. 2:2. “In everything by prayer...” Phil. 4:6.
4. To tell others about Christ. “Ye shall be witnesses unto me...” Acts 1:8.

SOME THINGS TO MIND.

1. Mind your tongue! Don't let it speak hasty, cruel, unkind or wicked words.
2. Mind your eyes! Do not permit them to look on wicked TV, books, pictures or objects.
3. Mind your ears! Do not suffer them to listen to ungodly speeches, songs, or words.
4. Mind your lips! Do not let strong drink pass them.
5. Mind your hands! Do not let them steal, fight, or write any evil words.
6. Mind your heart! Don't let the love of sin dwell in it. Do not give it to Satan, but ask Jesus Christ to make it His throne. -From Scrapbook

GOD WANTS WORSHIPPERS! Yes, God wants workers but He first of all wants worshippers. “**The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship him.**” ~John 4:23. Dr. A. B. Simpson told of a Christian lady who was very active in Christian work. However, she became greatly concerned about not being useful enough. After hours of agonizing prayer she told the Lord she would try to better and determined to take on additional Christian service, working in a mission school. But this did not seem to rest her troubled heart, and it seemed the Lord was grieved with her. Waiting before Him, seeking to understand His will, it seemed the Lord said to her, “My child, I did not want you to work more for Me, but to love Me more.”

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NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

LATEST ON ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT. Will the upcoming Copenhagen climate talks usher in a one-world government? Lord Christopher Monckton, the former advisor for science policy to Lady Margaret Thatcher, believes if the U.S. signs any climate treaty coming out of the Copenhagen climate change conference in December, it could subject the United States to a global dictatorship. Monckton explains his concerns. “[T]his treaty of Copenhagen, which is going to be negotiated by the states’ parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in December, is going to...establish for the first time in human history a global government,” he warns. Monckton contends that the word “government” appears twice in paragraph 38 of the draft, and that paragraphs 36 through 38 explain that the purpose of the treaty is to establish a world government. “Whose job,” he explains, “will be to transfer wealth from the wealthy countries, such as the United States most of all, to Third World countries -- and the excuse for this transfer of wealth is so-called ‘reparation.’” “Reparation for so-called ‘climate debt,’” he adds. Monckton notes that the U.N. believes the U.S. owes the world this debt because of its use of fossil fuels...

“It must be passed by a two-thirds majority in the Senate, which is 67 out of your 100 senators,” says Monckton. “Now I don’t think that Obama will find it at all easy to get a two-thirds majority...but during his election campaign one of his advisors said that he [Obama] regarded the U.S. Constitution as merely a piece of paper...and he saw it as a barrier to the things that the Left around the world want to do -- and they were going to find ways of circumventing it.” One way of doing that, says Monckton, is to amend the Copenhagen Treaty to the current cap-and-trade bill in the U.S. House and Senate and get it passed by a simple majority. Monckton notes that if Obama takes this route, then the treaty merely becomes domestic law and can be overturned later on. “We sleep-walked into a dictatorship in Europe,” he laments. “Alright, it appears to be a benevolent dictatorship for now, though it’s a very expensive one -- but you still don’t want [America] to go there. Democracy is valuable. “In this country [the U.S.], which is the cradle of freedom, I hope you will cling to your democracy, [that] you will all fight this sinister treaty, you will say no to it very, very firmly -- and [that] you will remain the beacon of freedom for the world.” - *OneNewsNow* (10/23/09). Ed. Just because One-

Worldism is not always in the news, do not think that it is a dead issue!

SOROS: CHINA TO LEAD NEW WORLD ORDER.

Billionaire globalist George Soros told the *Financial Times* during an interview that China will supplant the United States as the leader of the new world order and that America should not resist the country’s decline as the dollar weakens, living standards drop, and a new global currency is introduced. Asked what Obama should discuss when he visits China next month, Soros stated, “This would be the time because I think you really need to bring China into the creation of a new world order, financial world order... I think you need a new world order that China has to be part of the process of creating it and they have to buy in, they have to own it in the same way as the United States owns...the current order,” said Soros. He also stated that an orderly decline of the dollar was “desirable” and that the entire system needed to be reconstituted towards a global currency. Soros said the world would have to go through a “painful adjustment” following the decline of the dollar and the introduction of a global currency...he essentially threatened to kill the dollar completely if the United States did not get on board with the global currency... Soros predicted that China would become the new engine of the global economy, replacing the U.S., and that this would slow economic growth and reduce living standards. Soros characterized the United States as a drag on the global economy because of the declining dollar. <http://www.infowars.com> - (10/28/09). Ed. This is no joke - Soros is a multi-billionaire, one of the financial powers in the world. We have said for years, China is the nation to watch. Christian, do not fear - Jesus is coming! I believe soon!

HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE DEFEATED IN MAINE.

Maine voters have rejected an effort by lawmakers to impose homosexual marriage in that state. Gay marriage has lost in every state - 31 in all - in which it has been put to a popular vote. With 87 precincts reporting, proponents of traditional marriage had 53% of the voters. At issue was a law passed by the Maine Legislature last spring that would have legalized gay marriage. -*AP* (11/3/09). Ed. It is nice to have some good news for a change! (Five states have gay marriage - 4 of them in New England).

And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Romans 1:28

THE INVISIBLE CHURCH

One of the most popular churches (even among some so called fundamentalists) is the *Invisible Church*. Sorry, but I can't give you the address; it doesn't have one! I have known many who say they are born again Christians, but they will not join any Church, but they rather smugly tell you that they belong to the *Invisible Church*. I've met quite a few who have belonged to more than one **Local Church**, but because of some bad experiences, they refuse to join another (they never had bad experiences at work). These people say quite self satisfied, "Anyway, I'm a member of the *Invisible Church*." One fellow said to a Pastor where he had been attending (these folks want the blessings of a **Local Church** without the responsibility), "I'd like to sing in your choir." The preacher said, "But you don't belong here. Where do you have your membership?" He replied, "Oh, I don't belong to any **Local Church**; I belong to the *Invisible Church*." The Pastor said, "Then I suggest that you join the *Invisible Choir*." (Yes, and you can have an invisible Pastor visit you when you're sick, invisible baptism, invisible Lord's Table, invisible offering plate - they love that part). One thing I am sure of, Jesus never started the *Invisible Church*! **The One He began was very visible and His Church still is!** Something else about *Invisible Church* members: I have seen many of them create havoc and dissension in the Lord's visible, **Local Church**. Frankly, we don't want them around! If you don't believe in the **Local Church**, you don't believe the Lord and His Word! (From 1995 *Challenge*)

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IT ALL BELONGS TO GOD

M. R. DeHaan told of a couple of stockbuyers who, upon seeing a fine milk cow grazing beside a colored man's cabin, stopped and asked Uncle Joe, "Uncle Joe, is this your cow?" The old Christian replied, "No, Sah, Boss, dat ain't my cow. It's the Lawd's cow. I'm just keepin' it for Him and He just lets me have the milk." That poor old man knew a whole lot more about Christian stewardship than many Christians do today. He understood that whatever we have is only "loaned" to us by the Lord to invest for Him. Many of God's people have "fat wallets and lean souls" because they treat it as their own and think they are doing God a favor if they give a tithe, or even less. Remember, someday you are going to have to give an account of what has passed through your hands. Like the man in the Word, God will say to you: "**Give an account of thy stewardship!**" George Mueller understood it. He said, "I have for fifty years, by God's grace acted on the principle of Christian giving... Seeking to give as God has prospered me. I began when I had comparatively little, very little to spare; but as I gave, God increased my ability to give more and more: until at last God has been pleased, in the riches of His grace, to condescend to use a poor worthless worm like me, and has entrusted me year by year with very large sums to expend. Many beloved saints are depriving themselves of wondrous spiritual blessings by not giving as stewards what is entrusted to them. They act as if it were all their own; forgetting they have nothing whatever of their own...That they are bought by the precious blood of Christ and all they possess belongs to the Lord."