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WHAT THE OLD CLOCK NEEDED

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“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ~John 3:3.

A man owned an old grand fathers clock which he prized very highly. One day it stopped and he couldn't get it to go again. To get it to work, he tried everything he knew, but all to no avail. The old clock was dead! One day while working on it his young son who had seen all the effort put into repairing it said, “Daddy, I think what your clock needs a new inside.” My Friend, that is exactly what you need - what every human being needs. The Bible says that in ourselves, we are **“dead in trespasses and sins.”** ~Ephesians 2:1. Also, God declares: **“There is none righteous, no not one!”** ~Romans 3:10. What we need is a “new inside.” As I deal with individuals about their relationship to God, I find most people think they are good enough to be accepted by God and go to Heaven. Perhaps you are basically a good person in your own eyes. Possibly you are well thought of by others. You may also be religious and thus feel that you are perfectly safe. It sounds good to most everyone I speak with these days. But that is not what God says! And it is what God says that counts. God has warned us that **“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”** ~Proverbs 14:12. While you may be better than some others, as far as God is concerned, you are spiritually dead. You need a new inside; the Bible states that you need a new birth which only God can supply.

My Friend, I hope you will think seriously about this. Jesus also said, **“Ye MUST be born again!”** ~John 3:7. When the Lord says you MUST - YOU MUST! There are NO exceptions - **“EXCEPT a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”** To be born again means to have a new life which only God can give. The man Jesus spoke to in John 3 didn't understand, even though he was a religious leader. He said, **“How can a man be born when he is old?”** The answer is in John 3:16: **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life.”** Notice, **“WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM”** - that is how you are born again and have eternal life! There is no other way! Jesus said, **“I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the father but by me.”** ~John 14:6. The Bible says, **“Christ died for our sins.”** The only way to deal with your sins is to believe Christ died for them and rose again. If you do that, you will be born again and fit for Heaven. You cannot pay for your sins; the Scriptures state: **“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.”** ~Ephesians 2:8,9. God will give you eternal life if you will trust Christ as your Savior. **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”** ~Acts 16:31. Don't delay - trust Christ today! God says, **“...now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”** ~II Corinthians 6:2.

CORNERSTONE NEWS

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This is always one of the most inspiring services we have all year. *Join us and make it a real Thanksgiving to God.* After all, that's what it was in the beginning! Just how grateful are we to God for His salvation and multiplied blessings? The truth is few Americans are grateful to God for all His blessings. Let us **"Give thanks unto the Lord for He is good."**

THURSDAY, NOV. 26TH - 8 P.M.

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AMAZING GRACE! Fifty-nine years ago God saved this poor wretched, hell-bound sinner. Sometimes it is hard to see why? He then called him to preach the blessed Gospel of Christ. If He sees fit to let me live until Dec 19th, He will have allowed me to Pastor this Church for fifty years. Amazing! I thank Him for whatever has been accomplished for eternity. Truly unworthy, I have failed Him many times, but praise God, "Jesus Never Fails." My only desire is to please Him, win a few (many if possible) more souls and **"strengthen the things that remain."** **"Brethren pray for us!"**

YOUTH CORNER

QUESTION ABOUT EVOLUTION. "The Question is: Can you tell me anything you know about evolution, any one thing, any one thing that is true? I tried that question on the geology staff at the Field Museum of Natural History and the only answer I got was silence. I tried it on the members of the Evolutionary Morphology Seminar in the University of Chicago, a very prestigious body of evolutionists, and all I got there was silence for a long time and eventually one person said, 'I do know one thing - it ought not to be taught in high school.'" -- Dr. Colin Patterson (Senior Paleontologist, British Museum of Natural History, leading cladistic taxonomist), Keynote address at the American Museum of Natural History, New York City, November 5, 1981. - TBC (8/14/09). Young person (adult too), evolution is the best (and that's not very good) that man can do to explain the origin of things. But the truth is, he doesn't know anything - only God does and He has told us in His Word, the Bible. As we have said many times, for many years, for most scientists and so called intellectuals, it is nothing more than a way to do away with God (and judgment). God warns: **"It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment."** ~Hebrews 9:27.

THINGS FROM THE WORD TO THINK ABOUT

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Hebrews 2:3.

"God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9.

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3,5.

"Behold the lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:19.

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

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NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

LIBERALS HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT HATE-CRIMES BILL.

Some liberal groups are arriving late at the hate-crimes-party --- and a growing number of them don't like what they see. Since the Senate passed an expansion of the federal "hate-crimes" law, the ACLU (you can't get more liberal) released a statement criticizing the bill for its "chilling effect on constitutionally protected speech..." August 4 *Washington Post* (The Post is very liberal) columnist Richard Cohen wrote : "The real purpose of the hate-crimes law is to reassure politically significant groups - blacks, Hispanics, Jews, gays, etc. - that someone cares about them and takes their fears seriously. That's nice, but it does not change the fact that what's being punished is thought or speech. Slippery slopes are all around us I know, but this one is the real McCoy... When 'justice' operates under two sets of rules, with one group of valued victims deemed superior to another, the scales of justice will be thrown askew." -Family Research Council (via *Sword of the Lord*, Sept. 4, 2009). Ed. This is a very important matter, for if enacted it will surely stifle free speech and the preaching of the Word of God. If the liberals don't like it, it must be bad.

RICK WARREN SPEAKS (AGAIN) TO MUSLIMS.

This is excerpted from a Baptist Press article: Rick Warren, Saddleback Church (which is Southern Baptist Convention) spoke to about 8,000 Muslims in Washington D.C., at an Islamic Society meeting saying, "I come to you today with a spirit of love and a spirit of friendship and a spirit of deep respect. I love my dear, dear Muslim friends..." He stated: "As the two largest faiths on this planet - Muslims and Christians - we must lead in this....together as half the world we have to do something about modeling what it means to be at peace and live in harmony." Warren went on to say that Christians and Muslims must work together for peace and freedom of speech. Ed. There is not one Muslim country in the world (I believe there are 44 Muslim nations) that has anything like the freedom of speech we enjoy! One hears or reads almost every day of atrocities against committed against "Christians" and others. Then, it is well established in the Koran as well as by many Islamic leaders, that peace for them ultimately means conversion or submission to Islam. The Koran says that they are not to make peace with Christians or Jews! (See Oct. 2009 *Challenge*) Warren, and multitudes like him in this land, are deceived.

PRO-EUTHANASIA GROUP AND HEALTH CARE

Tony Perkins, the head of the Family Research Council, said: "A group called Compassion and Choices has publicly admitted to writing the controversial portions of the legislation that deals with rationing. Their website says, 'Compassion and Choices has worked tirelessly with supportive members of Congress to include in proposed reform legislation a provision requiring Medicare to cover patient consultation with their doctors about end-of-life choice (section 1233 of House Bill #3200).' Compassion and Choices is an offshoot of a 1980's organization called the Hemlock Society, America's leading advocate for assisted suicide." -Excerpted from *LifeNews.com*. Ed. We, along with some others, said back in 1973 when abortion became legal that it was only a matter of time until euthanasia would be legal also. Here you have it promoted by the Federal government. I believe the only thing keeping the Obama Health Plan from being enacted is the uproar over this and some other basic provisions of the bill. I have read almost 60% of the people are against it.

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST ECUMENISM!

Fundamental Baptist Charles Keen has written a book entitled "Thinking Outside the Box." He says, "We need to develop some 'ecumenicalism within the parameters of fundamentalism.'" He says we need to decide what is important and what is not. A suggested reading section is absolutely unbelievable to Fundamental Baptists. It includes a biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (complete liberal), three books by Jim Cymbala (charismatic-ecumenist), eight by John Piper (hyper-Calvinist), two by World Vision (very New Evangelical), others by Operation Mobilization and Intervarsity Press.-(from *FBIS* -10/2/09). Ed. This from a Fundamentalist? The problem is the parameters (boundaries) of Fundamentalism are already too broad, what with modern versions, almost total lack of separation, no dress standards, contemporary music, etc. We hardly have a missionary here who does not lament the sad condition of Fundamental Baptist churches. The truth is, true Fundamentalism is shrinking every day. Are we not told to "earnestly contend for the faith"? Not some of it - "THE faith" - all of it! This is just more Fundamental compromise; get along with everybody!

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, ~II Corinthians 6:17

THREE AGED MEN

They are all dead but not forgotten. I met all three - *Clarence Darrow*, *Gipsy Smith* and *J.C. Penney*. Each was successful in his own field. *Clarence Darrow*, lawyer, lecturer, author spoke to a large crowd. We were shocked when he said, "If I were a young man in my twenties and knew what I know now, I would commit suicide." World renowned, yet life was meaningless. *Gipsy Smith* was eighty-one years old and singing beautifully and preaching effectively in Portland, OR. I was alone with him for one hour. He told how D. L. Moody's associate, Ira Sankey, encouraged him to become a Christian. When I asked him what he would do if he were a young man and had his life to live over again, his quick reply was, "I would do exactly as I have done - accept the call to the Christian ministry." Then, he paused, and tears came down his face as he said, "But I would try to be a better soul winner." A better soul winner! "But Mr. Smith, you have won a half million souls to Christ." He said, "Yes, but it should have been a million." *J.C. Penny* was ninety-three when I met him. He told how the bankers "wiped me out" losing \$47 million. He was in a sanitarium expecting to die in hopeless despair. After writing a farewell note to his wife...he was tottering down the hall when he heard several nurses singing, "*God Will Take Care of You*." He remembered what his mother had told him, "Jimmy, when everything goes wrong, don't forget, God will take care of you." His face beamed as he said, "Then and there, I was born again." Just before he died he wrote me: "My eyesight is greatly impaired but my vision is greater than ever." -Copied

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CUT IT DOWN AND FORGET IT

A story is told of the days following the Civil War that well illustrates forgiveness. The Civil War left a tragic aftermath of bitterness, hatred and resentment throughout the land. The wounds inflicted by war were deep and painful. Though the guns fell silent, the anger and recriminations went on. Many could not forgive and forget. One man who refused to participate in or condone this terrible harvest of bitterness was General Robert E. Lee. In word and in deed, Lee urged reconciliation between North and South. He knew the war was over and that the future of the nation demanded a new spirit and a new attitude. To the day of his death, General Lee was never heard to speak an unkind word about those who had formerly been his enemies. One day a lady in Lexington, Virginia, showed him the scarred remains of what had once been a large beautiful tree in her yard. All the limbs had been shot off by Federal artillery in a battle. She thought the General would share her sense of anger and outrage, and waited for his reply. Finally Lee spoke: "*Cut it down my dear madam, and forget it.*" That is good advice for all of us. That is especially important for those who are the blood bought children of God. **"Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."** ~*Ephesians 4:32*. There's no room in the child of God for unforgiveness and grudges. You'll only harm yourself and the cause of Christ! Got a grudge? Have you been slighted? Unappreciated? "*Cut it down and forget it!*"