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FALSE SECURITY! Gospel tract by Pastor Starr

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ARE YOU SURE YOU ARE SAFE?

There are many times when people feel very safe and secure, when in reality, they are in great danger. I am reminded of the fate of the famed ship Titanic. It was to be the greatest cruise ship of her times, and it was reported to be the safest ship that ever sailed the seas. In fact, one of the outstanding things about her was the claim that she was unsinkable. Before she sailed on her maiden voyage from England to the States, the captain reportedly said, "Even God couldn't sink this ship." As you no doubt know, the great Titanic struck an iceberg in the Atlantic and went to the bottom in a very short time. Until the moment of impact, thousands on board were eating, drinking, dancing and making merry. It never entered their minds that such a great tragedy was just ahead. *They felt perfectly secure.* After all, they were on an *unsinkable* ship. But their feelings and reality were miles apart. The Captain felt more secure than anyone else. Even though they were sailing in a very dense fog (which made it impossible to see the icebergs) there was no cause for alarm. Several steamers which were traveling in the opposite direction, radioed the Titanic warning of the dangerous icebergs. Most of the warnings he ignored, and to the last one he sent back the terse message: "Shut up!" What a false security it was as 1500 people died in the icy waters.

ONLY ONE PLACE OF SAFETY.

My friend, if you are ever going to sail into that beautiful harbor called Heaven, you had better make sure you are on a ship that cannot sink. **THERE IS ONLY ONE!** In the days of the Flood, there was only one ship that was able to remain afloat – the ark. It wasn't very fancy, just a big box, but it carried the cargo of man and beast safely. That ark is a picture of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Because He is the perfect Son of God, and because He died on the cross to pay for our sins, we can be sure that we will make it. Whatever man does, is doomed to failure. **BUT JESUS CANNOT FAIL!** One thing I hear so often is, "I have my own religion." Your religion will never stand the test of God. We are not saved by religion or by doing good works. Jesus said, "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE; NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY ME." ~*John 14:6.* Others say, "Well, I feel like I am all right." You feel? Remember the Titanic!

ARE YOU IN THE RIGHT SHIP?

Do you want to be safe? Then, you must be sure you are in a truly unsinkable ship. A worse judgment than that of Noah's day is coming. "IT IS APPOINTED UNTO MAN ONCE TO DIE AND AFTER THIS THE JUDGMENT!" ~*Hebrews 9:27.* There is not a man-made vessel that can deliver you. I urge you to listen to this warning. Don't be like the Captain of the Titanic. He was so sure of himself. But he was wrong! He was lost! In England where most of the passengers were from, thousands of loved ones gathered at the steamship offices. There a large board was put out for all to see. On the one side the word LOST was placed and on the other it read SAVED! As news came in, names were placed under the appropriate column. Where will your name appear on God's list? You can be SAVED and SAFE through Christ. "BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED." ~*Acts 16:31.*

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 3 - 6, 2011

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

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

"IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER"

Bring the Family!

ENCOURAGING LETTER FROM HALIFAX, NS:

Once again I thank you so much for the set of CD messages. I thank God for your ministry to us here. Fundamental Christian messages are getting very scarce...Your preachings are challenging, very personal, and refreshing. They are needed and used here very much among us. I have many of your messages and use them to prepare short messages and also to lend them to friends and also making copies and lending them out. May the Lord richly bless you and provide for the needs of the ministry. Thank you also for the Cornerstone Challenge. The messages of warning and rebuke are slowly but surely disappearing from many fundamental ministries. They seem to be tired of sounding the warning messages and have settled to the comfort of preaching what is positive. -Yours truly in His service.

YOUTH CORNER

WHERE IS HAPPINESS? Happiness is not in---
UNBELIEF – Voltaire was an infidel with few his equal. He wrote: "I wish I had never been born."

PLEASURE – Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure, if anyone ever did. He wrote: "The worm, the canker, and the grief are mine alone."

MONEY – Jay Gould, an American millionaire many years ago, who when he was dying said, "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."

FAME – Lord Beaconsfield enjoyed more than his share. He wrote: Youth is a mistake, manhood is a struggle, and old age a regret."

POWER & GLORY – Alexander conquered the known world when about thirty years of age. He was found weeping in his tent because, he said, "There are no more worlds to conquer."

WHERE IS HAPPINESS? In knowing God and His Word!
"Blessed (Happy) is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and in His law doth he meditate day and night." ~Psalm 1:1,2.

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

A little thing is a little thing, but faithfulness in little things is a very great thing.

A true friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you.

The longer I live, the more convincing proofs of this truth I see – God governs in the affairs of men. -Ben Franklin

We can give without loving, but we cannot love without giving.

Honesty is not only the best policy, it is the only policy God recognizes.

Some people have all the answers, but they do not understand the questions.

WHAT DO YOU SEE? Two men stood on the shore watching the sun come up. One was a London merchant, the other, the poet William Blake. As the bright yellow sun rose into view gilding the water and painting the sky with a thousand colors, the poet turned to the merchant and said, "What do you see?" "Ah, I see gold. The sun looks like a great gold piece. What do you see?" Blake answered, I see the glory of God and I hear a multitude of heavenly hosts crying, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty! The whole earth is full of His glory"

New addition to our web site

AUDIO SERMONS in mp3 format

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

GOV'T CONTROL OF COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES

Should the nation's colleges and universities be subjugated by federal and state government? That's what is going to happen if the U.S. Department of Education goes ahead with its proposal to turn both private and public schools into "authorized" institutions. The plan, scheduled to go into effect in November, entails a heavy cost in time and money. But what is more ominous is the whole idea of political supervision of higher education. As a practical matter, the department's power grab carries with it an implicit invitation for various pressure groups to seek legal mandates requiring colleges and universities to implement their pet theories about curriculum, degree requirements, faculty qualifications, teaching methods, textbooks, evolution, phonics, ROTC, climate change, family policy, abortion, race, sexual orientation, economic theory, etc. If adopted, regional accreditation will be denied to any institution that has not first been given "substantive" state "authorization." – *OneNewsNow*. (9/29/10). Ed. We are continually seeing more and more government control. Think of the implications this has for Christian institutions. Will they have to teach evolution? Approve of abortion? Allow that all religions are equally valid? Of course, these are the last days and we know that total government control under a satanic ruler is coming. While God's people may suffer in the days ahead, thank God we will not be here for the Great Tribulation!

"IN GOD WE TRUST" LICENSE PLATE DENIED A Kentucky group plans to challenge the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in court after the cabinet denied a specialty license plate request reading, "In God We Trust." Reclaim Our Culture Kentuckiana (ROCK) applied for the plate in 2007, saying the proceeds would go towards education regarding the "dangers of pornography" and to provide help for "women and children victimized by pornography and the sex industry." The request, however, was denied after the cabinet said the plate would promote Christianity. "They stated that our primary purpose was the advancement of a particular religion because there is one bible verse that appears on the ROCK website," MaryAnn Gramig, director of policy and operations for ROCK, told *FoxNews*. Kentucky specialty plates may not be created by a group that "has as its primary purpose the promotion of any specific faith, religion or antireligion." Ed. We not only have to cater to Islam, but even the atheists must not be offended

MORE THAN 400 MAJOR INTERNATIONAL BANKS CALL FOR ONE-WORLD CURRENCY. The following

is excerpted from *WorldNetDaily*, Oct. 10, 2010: "The Institute of International Finance, a group that represents 420 of the world's largest banks and finance houses, has issued yet another call for a one-world global currency, Jerome Corsi's Red Alert reports. 'A core group of the world's leading economies need to come together and hammer out an understanding,' Charles Dallara, the Institute of International Finance's managing director, told the Financial Times. ... Likewise, a July United Nations report called for the replacement of the dollar as the standard for holding foreign-exchange reserves in international trade with a new one-world currency issued by the International Monetary Fund. The 176-page report, titled 'United Nations World Economic and Social Survey 2010,' was issued at a high-level meeting of the U.N. Economic and Social Council and published in its entirety on the U.N. website." –*FBIS* (10/15/19). Ed. The push for one-world government (and one-world church) continues. Of course, we know that there is going to be one world under the devil's control. Note that the currency recommended is to be issued by the United Nations.

AMAZING DISCOVERY! U.S. researchers have a message for liberal voters: Blame your genes. According to researchers at the University of California and Harvard one of the brain's neuro-transmitters – called DRD4 – could be stimulated by the novelty value of left-of-center opinions, according to a new article in *The Journal of Politics*. This biological trait leads those possessing it to seek out unconventional companions – and therefore in later life, to hold more unconventional political beliefs... The findings undermine beliefs that allege social factors play a large role in political beliefs. It is the crucial interaction of two factors – the genetic disposition and the environmental condition of having many friends in adolescence... But having the gene isn't enough, as the study says they also need to be "embedded in a social context that provides them with multiple points of view." –*www.metro.us* Ed. So, it wasn't the "devil made me do it" or anyone else – it was all in my genes. Believe this if you want to, but I think it is a joke! Couldn't they find a better way to waste money?

HOW TO KEEP FROM WORRY! I am no longer anxious about anything, as I realize the Lord is able to carry out His will, and His will is mine. It makes no matter where He places me, or how. That is rather for Him to consider than for me; for in the easiest positions He must give me His grace, and in the most difficult, His grace is sufficient. –Hudson Taylor (See Phil. 4:6,7)

JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!

Both the Old and New Testaments are filled with promises of the second coming of Christ. There are 1845 references to it in the Old Testament, and a total of seventeen Old Testament Books give it prominence. Of the 260 chapters in the New Testament, there are 318 references to the Second Coming, or one out of every thirty verses. Twenty-three out of the twenty-seven New Testament Books refer to this great event. The four missing Books include three which are single-chapter letters written to individual persons on a particular subject and the fourth is Galatians which does imply that Christ is coming again. For every prophecy on the first coming of Christ, there are eight on Christ's Second Coming. – Copied.

Of course, Jesus said many times Himself that He would come back again. He said, **“In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also.”** ~*John 14:2,3*. The question is will you be ready? Christian, will you be ready? Yes, you are ready to go to Heaven through faith in Christ, but are you living for Him? Or, are you a carnal, worldly Christian who'll be ashamed at His coming? My unsaved, Friend, you are not ready! Jesus also said, **“...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”** ~*John 3:3*. You can be ready by receiving Him as your Savior. Don't wait until it is too late!

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WHAT KIND OF CHURCH...?

A preacher was in the midst of a revival meeting in a Church. Following one service a young man and his wife invited him to come home with them for fellowship and refreshments. They passed a large, impressive Church. The preacher said, “Maybe it is none of my business, but why do you pass this Church which is within blocks of your home and travel many miles to the one you attend?” The young man answered, “I live all week long amid the hard things of life, where men are cruel to each other, where might and wrong are forever on the throne and truth is on the scaffold. I need my spiritual batteries restored. I need to meet God face to face. In the Church across the street, the music is jazzed, the atmosphere is one of fun and laughter, the sermons are full of jokes, there is no reverence. I am hungry for something I can't find over there.” Vance Havner said, “Today much of the professing Church has gone in for theatrics, running a showboat instead of a lifeboat, staging a performance...a form of godliness without the power thereof.” What kind of a Church do you want. God's Church is not about entertaining the unsaved or carnal believers. The first Church would be a good one to pattern after. **“They that gladly received the word were baptized...And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine, and fellowship and breaking of bread, and in prayers.”** ~*Acts 2:41,42*. In many a Fundamental Baptist church, you would never know that the purpose of going to Church is to study the Word of God, find out how to be holy, seek God's face in prayer, have true Christian fellowship – to say nothing about fellowship with God. We've come to the days of the “itching ears” Christians and there are plenty of ear ticklers.