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**DEFENDING THE FAITH!**

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In a day when the Word of God was being compromised by professed believers in inspiration, C. H. Spurgeon wrote: "We must defend the faith. What would have become of us if our fathers had not maintained it? If Confessors, Reformers, Martyrs and Covenanters had been recant to the faith and name of Jesus, where would have been the churches of today. Must we not play the man... It is very pretty, is it not, to read of Luther and his brave deeds? Everybody admires Luther. Yes, yes, but you do not want anyone else to do the same today. When you go to the Zoological Gardens you all admire the bear, but you do not want a bear at home or wandering the streets. You tell me that would be unbearable... So, we admire a man who is firm in the faith, say 400 years ago: the past ages are sort of a bear-pit or iron cage for him: but such a man today is a nuisance and must be put down. Call him a narrow-minded bigot, or give him a worse name if you can think of one. Yet imagine in those ages past, Luther, Zwingli, Calvin and their compeers had said, 'The world is out of order, but if we try to set it right, we shall only make a great row and get ourselves into disgrace. Let us go to our chambers, put on our nightcaps, and sleep over these bad times, and perhaps when we wake up things would have grown better.' Such conduct on their part would have entailed upon us a heritage of error. Age after age would have gone down into the infernal deeps, and the pestiferous bogs of error would have swallowed all. These men loved the faith and the name of Jesus too well to see them trampled on. Note what we owe them and pay to our sons the debt we owe to our fathers. It is today as it was in the Reformers day. Decision is needed."

We need to preach the Gospel but we must also **"earnestly contend for the faith!"** One of the reasons for the compromise, mixture, declension and confusion among Fundamental Baptists is the failure of many preachers (who are perhaps sound in doctrine) to point out error and compromise among the people of God. We have too many Fundamental Baptists who apparently don't think anything is worth fighting for. I was told by a man who was present at a Fundamental Baptist preachers' meeting, that more than one speaker said there were four things not worth fighting for. They are the following: dress, music, who one associates with, and Bible versions. If those things are not worth fighting over, what is? Sensual dress may not be as important as Bible versions but it surely is wrong, and I believe it says a lot about the level of spirituality. Who one associates with is not important? That means you may have a popular New Evangelical (or even a liberal) in your pulpit. Whatever happened to **"Come out from among them and be ye separate."**? Then, it is amazing that so-called Bible believers are not concerned about whether they are using God's true Word or not! If that is not worth fighting over, one wonders what we are doing! All modern versions deviate seriously from God's Word, from the King James Bible and they teach error. They eliminate hundreds of verses and destroy many others with marginal notes. Imagine - *Fundamental* Bible believers with a phony bible! We are admonished, we are commanded (this is not just good advice) to **"earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."** You can't do that with a modern version!!! May we, like the apostle Paul, be able to say, **"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."** ~II Timothy 4:7. Not some of **"the faith"** - all of it! Cafeteria Christianity (pick and choose) is popular but not with God.

## CORNERSTONE NEWS

**BIBLE SCHOOL SOCIAL.** This is always a great time of blessing and fellowship. It is a time when the whole family can enjoy a good time together. We hope that you will join us ***FEBRUARY 5, 2010 - 7:00 PM.***

**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY** - Now is the time to plan a week of your vacation for our **FAMILY BIBLE CONFERENCE.** The dates: **JULY 11 - 16, 2010.** We had a great time of blessing last year and we are looking forward to even greater things this year. ***MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO BE HERE!***

### **BOOKS AND BOOKLETS:**

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**GOSPEL TRACTS:** We have 39 different Gospel Tracts; most of them deal with salvation. Write or call for a sample packet and Order Form.

**50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.** Sunday evening, Dec. 27th, 2009, the Cornerstone Baptist Church had a special time to recognize my 50 years as its Pastor. It was truly one of the highlights of my ministry. In addition to our Church folks, my son Chuck and his family were present as well as Pastors, Bryan Speroni and family and Rick Mosher and his wife. I had the privilege of teaching these men and thank God for their ministries. The Church gave me an offering and a large, beautiful plaque which commemorates the 50 years and also has the copy of a page from the 1620 edition of the KJV. There were other personal gifts. A video was put together of some of the events and ministries God has allowed us to have here. Several members present have been with the Church for 40 or more years; one for more than 50 years. How good God has been to this poor sinner. We'd appreciate your prayers for the future.

## YOUTH CORNER

**THE ATTRIBUTE OF OBEDIENCE.** If there is one thing a Christian ought to be it is obedient to God and His Word. It will save you a lot of grief and may save your life. I read the story of a little girl sitting in a field in front of her house. The father was preparing to go hunting, when he looked at his daughter and saw a poisonous snake coiled and ready to strike. If his daughter moved the snake would surely attack. He said, "Mary, don't move!" At the same time, he leveled his gun, took careful aim and cut it down before it could do its deadly damage. The child was spared because she gave strict obedience to her father. That is what we are supposed to do - give strict obedience to our Heavenly Father by simply obeying His Word! After all, He alone knows what is best. The hymn writer put it this way: "*Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*"

### **CHRISTIAN: IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK!**

If you have a work to do --- Do it NOW!  
If you have a witness to give -- Do it NOW!  
If you have a soul to win -- Win him NOW!  
If you have an obligation to discharge -- Do it NOW!  
If you have a debt to pay -- Pay it NOW!  
If you have a wrong to right -- Right it NOW!  
If you have a confession to make -- Make it NOW!  
If you have a preparation to make -- Make it NOW!  
If you have children to train -- Train them NOW!  
**"The night cometh when no man can work." - Anon.**

**WILL IT BE "I WON'T OR I WILL?"** Quite a few years ago now, the warden in Sing Sing Prison in New York said that it made him tremble when he heard a boy say, "I won't," to his parents. He said it seemed to him that boy had already started down the road to the penitentiary. The spirit of rebellion was beginning to be the master of that boy's mind and heart. It is very serious for one to speak to his parents like this. Then, think how dreadful it must be to say "I won't" to Almighty God. Yet, this is what everyone is saying who refuses to repent and trust Jesus Christ as his Savior. If you are not saved, bow your head now and say, "Yes," to God. Trust Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin!

### **DO YOUR FRIENDS A FAVOR!**

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## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

### **PARLIMENT OF WORLD RELIGIONS MEET.**

More than 6,000 attended the fifth Parliament of World's Religions in Melbourne, Australia, December 3-9, to proclaim interfaith unity, world peace, and the sacredness and fragility of the earth. More than 220 "faith traditions" were present to celebrate the theme of "Making a World of Difference: Hearing Each Other, Healing Each Other." There were Hindus, Buddhists, Shintos, Muslims, Zoroastrians, Wiccans, Scientologists, Sikhs, Australian Aborigines, North American nature worshippers, Jains, Atheists, Bahai's, Roman Catholics, Protestants, Evangelicals, even a Baptist named Jimmy Carter. The keynote address was delivered by Hindu "holy man" Ravi Shankar, who said that God "is in the heart of each and every one of us" and that the interfaith movement is "a necessity for the very survival of our planet." A British child rights activist called for a ban on child spanking, claiming that it infringes children's rights and dignity. A former British high court judge explained to the Parliament how to read the Bible in a way that justifies homo-sexuality. The first Parliament of World Religions in 1893 in Chicago was the first formal gathering of Christianity and Eastern religions. Hindu swami Vivekananda was given a three-minute standing ovation when he got up to speak and addressed his audience as "brothers and sisters." He said that "the different paths which men take ... crooked or straight, all lead" to God. On the other hand, Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). -*FBIS* (12/18/09). God has also said, "**There is ONE MEDIATOR between God and men; the man Christ Jesus.**" ~*I Timothy 2:5.*

### **IN COMA 23 YEARS, HE KNEW EVERYTHING!**

Ron Houben was severely injured in a car wreck in 1986. For 23 years, he remained in a coma, and it was assumed that he was in a totally vegetative state. Not so! Despite the coma, he knew everything that was going on around him. Now he communicates with his doctor and his family by using an electronic keyboard. Here is another case that prompts us to wave the flag of warning amidst the plug-pulling hysteria that is so prominent today. When your loved ones are critical or comatose, we urge that you not be quick to agree to their "elimination." Ed. It is a dangerous issue before God, to take someone's life. Of course, abortion opened up the doors to all of this sort of thing, but woe be unto those who take another's life in their own hands. The Bible says, God has the keys to life and death!

### **PLANNED PARENTHOOD LEADER HAS CHANGE OF HEART.**

Abby Johnson stepped down as the director of the Planned Parenthood office in Bryan, Texas, because of a change of heart after watching an ultrasound of an abortion. She said, "I just thought I can't do this any more, and it was just like a flash that hit me and I thought that's it" ("Planned Parenthood Leader Resigns," KBTX News 3, Nov. 2, 2009). Johnson, who worked for Planned Parenthood for eight years, says, "I feel so pure in heart. I don't have this guilt. I don't have this burden on me anymore. And that's how I know that this conversion was a spiritual conversion." Johnson says that Planned Parenthood has focused on "getting more abortions in the door." She now supports the Coalition for Life and prays for volunteers outside the Planned Parenthood facility. The organization has sued Johnson and Coalition for Life, claiming that they "would be irreparably harmed by the disclosure of certain information." The truth hurts! -*FBIS* (11/13/09)

### **MOST AMERICANS MISTRUST NEWS MEDIA**

Most voters trust themselves more than Congress or President Obama when it comes to the economy, but they have way more confidence in themselves when it comes to the news media. A new Rasmussen Reports national television survey shows that 85% of U.S. voters trust their own judgment more than the average reporter when it comes to important issues facing the nation... 90% of voters, or more, agree 40% to 64% trust themselves more than the average reporter... Fifty three percent think that the average reporter is more liberal than they are... Two out of three voters (67%) say most reporters covering a political campaign try to help the candidate they want to win. -*LifeNews.com*

### **CAMPING AGAIN PREDICTS SECOND COMING**

The very confused Harold Camping, head of Family Radio Network, is claiming that Christ will return on May 21, 2011. This is the second time that Camping has made a nutty prediction. In the last decade he predicted that Christ would return on September 6, 1994... You would think that this world-class blunder would have ended his prophesying and Bible teaching career, but in these days of apostasy there are enough gullible, biblically-ignorant people out there to keep such heretics afloat. Camping's heresies are heard on 55 radio stations in America and via shortwave overseas... Camping believes the church age ended in 1988, and that God has turned from churches to Family Radio as His means of preaching the gospel. -*FBIS* (1/8/10)

## IMPORTANT BIBLE QUESTIONS

The Bible has some questions that are of importance to all. Here are three of them: **Question #1** - “**What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?**” ~*Mark 8: 36,37*. One of these days you will leave this world and all you have accumulated; where will your soul go? **Question #2** - “**What must I do to be saved?**” ~*Acts 16:30*. The answer is given in the next verse: “**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved!**” Scripture makes it clear that believing in Christ is to believe that He died on the cross for your sins and rose again. 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*. It is common today to believe that there are many ways to get to Heaven, but those who believe that are deceived. The Bible says, “**There is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death.**” It is not what man thinks but what God says that counts. **Question #3** - “**How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?**” ~*Hebrews 2:3*. You do not have to reject Christ to be lost! The truth is, you are already lost! You need to be saved if you are going to get to Heaven. Salvation is a gift - Ephesians 2:8,9. If someone offers you a gift and you neglect to take it, whose fault is the loss? The ultimate question is, “Are you saved?” We urge you to settle life’s most important question now, by receiving Christ as your Savior. “**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**” ~*Acts 16:31*.

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## THE COST OF NEGLECT

“**Neglect not the gift that is in thee.**” ~*I Timothy 4:14*. The dictionary says that “neglect” means “carelessness.” The word used in the Bible means “disinterested.” Neglect is a most common destroyer in every area of life. Last year, I did not sow or cultivate my garden - but what a tremendous crop resulted --- of weeds. All it took to grow them was neglect. I stopped last fall to poke around an old abandoned house; a favorite hobby. It was falling to pieces: windows broken, roof leaking, floors sagging, doors loosened from their hinges. There was a day someone built and cared for that house, but now one word told the story - neglect. For some reason the owner lost interest and neglected it. Neglect was written all over the place. This sort of thing is true of all of life. We have talents, opportunities, and gifts which must be constantly cultivated and used or they will be lost by neglect. Put your arm in a sling and do not use it for a number of months and see what happens. It will atrophy and become useless unless taken out and vigorously exercised. The Christian who does not use his God-given faculties and gifts, will lose them through neglect. You need to keep your spiritual house in order by not neglecting these gifts. How many once vibrant Christians we have seen lose their spirituality and usefulness by neglecting God’s means of bearing fruit. You need to read your Bible and pray seriously every day. How many no longer witness for Christ. “**Neglect not the gift that is in thee.**” If your spiritual life is in disrepair through neglect, what you need is revival. “**Repent and do first works!**” -Adapted