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**MISSION OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD!**

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This much needed message was given about 100 years ago by the great Baptist preacher, I. M. Haldeman, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, New York City. Things are clearly much worse today. He said, "The general concept of the mission of the Church in the world is that it is here to make the world better, to lead it to a higher plane of life... The Church is to make the world a better place for the natural man to live in and to make the natural man a better man to live in the world. To this end, the Church and the Christian minister are to engage in all moral and reform movements and join hands with good men everywhere in an effort to purify and stabilize government. I reply that it is wholly unwarranted in the Word of God, and that the very constitution and outlook of the Church repudiates it. *The Church is not here to make the world better. On the contrary, it is here to testify the world cannot be made better.* The Church bears the same relation to the world that a lifeboat and its crew do to a ship pounding on the rocks. The people in the ship do not appear to be aware of their danger. There is laughter and song and dancing... The men in the lifeboat are putting out. They have but one aim; get the people out of the ship and into the lifeboat. *The Church is here to impress upon men two facts: the fact of the soul and the fact of eternity.* The Church is to cry in the ears of men, 'You have a soul. You are a soul! The real life, your soul is invisible and just as eternal as God.' The Church is here to so move men that each man shall ask himself the question, 'Where and how shall I spend eternity?' *Eternity! Eternity! Eternity!* Thy soul not the body, eternity, not time, arouse, awake, arouse O sons of men before it is too late. *The Church is here to warn men of hell that awaits every soul outside of Christ.* The word "hell" has fallen out of theology. It is banished. It is not heard in the pulpit... And yet the sweetest lipped Man whoever spoke, not only uttered it, but invented that ruthless and most jarring of places. And it is this Man that described that most harrowing scene ever presented to mortal gaze, the awakening of the rich man *in this place of torment.* Luke 16:19-31.

"The faithful minister must tell him that the only basis on which he can build his life for time and eternity is regeneration, the possession of new, the perfect and holy life which the risen Son of God alone can give. What right has any minister of Christ, to talk to the man about being sober, about overcoming the habit of drink in his own strength? What right has the ambassador of Christ to link himself to a movement which is a part of the self-gratulating civilization of the hour, a civilization which, at best, will be swept away? He cannot logically take part in sociological endeavor even though (but mistakenly) it calls itself Christian; for it is a very movement which denies the fundamentals of the Church, based on the idea that there are self-redemptive forces in human nature. The moment he lends himself to such a movement, he becomes a false witness. This is the admonition of the Apostle Paul: **'Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?'** The Church is here to warn men, to tell them that however long delayed, the end of 'man's day' is certain. Let the Church in the hour of her opportunity be faithful... not only to invite men to surrender to Him to be saved but to lift up her voice in warning a world that each day is rushing on to judgment." Ed. How pitiful this voice of warning is not sounded in many "Fundamental" pulpits today. As we said in an earlier message, there are three forbidden words in many a Fundamental Church today. They are SIN, HELL AND REPENTANCE! It will not go well at the Judgment Seat of Christ for those who ignore them! After all, it is God's message, not our own! If you are not saved, trust Christ today!

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**WHAT DOES THE CHURCH MEAN TO YOU?** I am not talking about a building, that is not the Church! I am speaking of the members of the local Church (there is no other kind). I want to tell you that it means a whole lot to the Lord Jesus Christ. In Ephesians 5:25 it says, **"...Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it."** I am afraid many Christians do not think much of Christ's Church. They regularly come late and if something else happens to present itself, they don't come at all. They do not pray for the Church and think nothing of criticizing it and God's appointed leadership. Sunday night and Wednesday night attendance is pitiful in the average Fundamental Baptist Church (if they have them). I think it was Vance Havner who said something like this: "Worship in the average fundamental Baptist Church is not awesome, it is just awful!" It seems clear to me that there is only one place to put Christ and His Church – that is First!

## YOUTH CORNER

**HOW TO GET NEAR TO GOD!** Now, if you want to get near to God, just obey Him; that is the quickest way to get near Him. He takes those in nearest communion with Himself who obey Him. Once while Jesus talked to the people, His mother and brethren stood without, desiring to speak with Him... He answered, "Who is my mother and who are my brethren?" Then, He stretched out His hands toward the disciples and said, "Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister and my mother." The truest sign that we love God is that we obey Him. –D.L. Moody. Jesus said, **"If ye love me, keep My commandments."** ~John 14:15. There are some Christians who walk in disobedience and try to make up for it by giving something extra, or by some other deed. But that will not work! **"To obey is better than sacrifice."** **What made Moses great?** It was said of Moses over fifty times, **"He did as the Lord commanded Him."**

**IT WAS HIS WHOLE LIFE!** Quite a few years ago now, I filed a newspaper clipping that was most pathetic. I am afraid the essence of it is oft repeated these days. A young man who had been killed in a motorcycle accident was buried and the Harley-Davidson bike he was riding was buried with him. When asked about it, his sobbing mother explained: "It was his whole life." How tragic; for that young man, life was a motorcycle. I think of the words of the apostle Paul, **"To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."** ~Philippians 1:21. It seems quite obvious, for that young man, death was not gain, but loss – eternally lost! What about you (whatever your age), What is life to you? A house? A fancy car? Pleasure? Whatever it is, someday it will be gone and you also. Where will you go? There are only two places – Heaven and Hell! If you want to live a life that is worthwhile and go to that wonderful place called Heaven, you must repent of your sins and receive Jesus Christ as your Savior. Do it NOW! **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."** ~Acts 16:31.

**BETTER THINK ABOUT THIS:** James 4:14 says: **"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."** The Bible also says, **"Prepare to meet thy God."** Whatever it is that keeps you from God and salvation in Christ, it is not worth it! Trust Him NOW!

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## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

**BELIEVE THIS IF YOU CAN!** (“Feds funding Ground Zero Imam’s Mideast trip.” N.Y. Post, 8/10/10.) The imam behind a plan to build a mosque near Ground Zero is set to depart on a multi-country jaunt to the Middle East funded by the State Department – raising concerns that taxpayers may be helping him. Feisal Abdul Rauf is taking the publicly funded trip to foster “greater understanding” about Islam... “He is a distinguished Muslim cleric,” said State Dep’t spokesman P.J. Crowley... Crowley said, no fund raising for the mosque and cultural center during the trip would be permitted...But a London-based Arabic language newspaper that interviewed Rauf reported that he says he will also collect money from Muslim and Arab countries around the world.

Ed. Can you believe that taxpayers are supporting this insult to our country and those who died on 9/11? Then, can you believe he will not raise money from the Islamic nations he will be visiting? Why else is he visiting them? He already has their support.

### **NEA CELEBRATES “DRAG QUEEN” TEACHERS**

The National Education Association, the largest professional organization and labor union in the U.S., at this year’s meeting recognized a new caucus: the NEA Drag Queen Caucus. “They have already had the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Caucus and felt the drag queens needed their own caucus,” said Finn Laursen, executive director of Christian Educators International. “America, I think, needs to respond and to realize what the NEA stands for; they are not hiding it. It is appalling to many of our conservative Christian educators who, in their own lives, could not support this kind of thing but find their dues are being used to support just those kind of things.” -*OneNewsNow*. I have read that 75% of public school teachers belong to this radically oriented organization. They indeed have powerful influence educationally, politically, etc. These people are daily affecting the minds of children and young people.

**GEORGIA VOTERS SAY YES TO PERSONHOOD AMENDMENT.** Throughout the state voters supported an amendment to the State Constitution that said, “right to life is invested in each human being from their earliest biological beginning until natural death” and that right should be protected by law. In all 46 counties, it passed overwhelmingly, by an amazing 75%. Dan Becker, president of Georgia Right to Life said, “The ball is now in the legislature’s hands to allow the people a voice on this most pressing human rights issue...” -*Christian Newswire*. Ed. The catch – will the politicians honor the people’s clear choice?

**BENNY’S HINN’S INSIGHTS.** [TBC (8/12/10): Benny Hinn’s “insights” have often been given without biblical support. Consequently, his revelations regarding angels and the eternal state of man continue this pattern. The following excerpt of an interview of Hinn by Paul Crouch Sr. and Jr. is a word for word transcript of the May 3, 2010 TBN (<http://tinyurl.com/34wzkg7> ). Thanks to Christian Research service for the transcript.]

Benny Hinn: And angels to this day can decide to rebel against God.

Paul Crouch, Jr.: Even now.

Benny Hinn: Even now!

Paul Crouch, Jr.: That was one of the questions, “Do angels have free will?”

Benny Hinn: Yes, they have free will. That’s why a third of them chose to not serve God.... And may I add, this is, uh, this is something that is gonna cause a lot of questions: Why is Jesus gonna pray for you forever? If you’re in heaven why does He need to pray for you?

Paul Crouch, Sr.: He maketh intercession for the saints?

Benny Hinn: Forever!

Paul Crouch, Sr.: According to the will of God.

Benny Hinn: But forever. Why forever?

Paul Crouch, Sr.: Why?

Benny Hinn: To keep us obedient.

Paul Crouch, Sr.: Cause?

Benny Hinn: We will have a free will in glory.

Paul Crouch, Sr.: Whoa!

Paul Crouch, Jr.: And could change our mind.

Benny Hinn: Exactly.

Paul Crouch, Sr.: Oh! Benny!

Paul Crouch, Jr.: Wow. Now that’s heavy.

Paul Crouch, Sr.: I mean, I’m underwater right now.

Paul Crouch, Jr.: That’s deep!

Benny Hinn: That is heavy! When you get to heaven, when you get to heaven, only His prayer will keep you there.

Ed. Heavy? Heavy heresy! Hinn has made more prophecies that have not come true. Some years ago he predicted that religious TV programs like that of Paul Crouch would be so blessed of God that if people had loved ones who died, all they had to do was touch the TV with the dead person’s hand during the program and that person would come back to life. He said it would be within a year’s time and involve thousands (maybe millions). Anybody heard of anything like that? Heresy gets a large following while the truth largely goes unheeded. See Jeremiah 5:30,31.

## IN THE MINORITY

We live in an age of big things. If it isn't big it doesn't receive any attention; people aren't interested. It can't be worth much. It is a time of big business, big government, big programs and even big churches. Of course, the ultimate bigness for churches lies in the ecumenical church – all of them together. God, however, is still with the little fellow! When the books are finally opened, we shall find that many big names are missing, while many others whose names are not written in “Who's Who, will shine as the stars. Don't be afraid to be in the minority – you may be pushed around outside the camp, but you will be in good company. When Noah built the ark, he was in the minority – and you know what happened to the majority! When Joseph was sold, he was in the minority, but wait and see what happens when the final word is written. Gideon and his 300 were a minority. Elijah, when he met the hundreds of Baal's priests was in the minority. When David went to meet Goliath, the odds were against him. Martin Luther was in the minority when he nailed his “95 theses” to the church door. Yes, even Jesus was crucified by the majority, but He won! To be a born again Christian is to be with the minority – God's minority. I don't know about you, but I would rather be in God's minority than the world's majority! After all, as someone has said, One with God is a majority. The hymnwriter (P.P. Bliss) put it: “*Dare to be a Daniel, dare to stand alone! Dare to have a purpose firm! Dare to make it known!*” **“If God be for us, who can be against us?”** –M. R. DeHaan, Adapted

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## WHO WILL GO?

After years of service in South Africa, Robert Moffat, the famous missionary, returned to Scotland to recruit others. When he arrived at the Church on a cold winter night, he was surprised that so few had come out. What bothered him more, there were only ladies who came out – no men. His topic was, “Unto you, O men I call,” ~*Proverbs 8:4*. There was one small boy, pumping the organ bellows. Moffat felt frustrated, for he was calling men to a very difficult task. Unknown to Moffat, the young fellow was deeply moved by the message. He promised God that he would follow in the steps of this pioneer missionary. He remained true to his commitment, for when he grew up, he went to the unreached tribes in Africa. His name was David Livingstone. Moffat never ceased to be amazed that his appeal, for young men, had stirred a young boy who, eventually became a mighty power for God. After many years of arduous, faithful service in the heart of Africa, Livingstone had not been heard from for some time. In 1871, the newspaper man, M.H. Stanley took a group of men to find him. At length, Livingstone was found in the heart of Africa, now an old man. Stanley urged him to go back with him, but Livingstone refused saying that his work for the Lord was not yet finished, Stanley spent several months in Africa with him. He was amazed at the man's love for these poor backward and degraded people. Livingstone literally spent himself to reach these people for Christ. Stanley wrote in his journal: “When I saw that unwearied patience, that unflagging zeal, and those enlightened sons of Africa, I became a Christian at his side, though he never spoke a word to me.” Are there any men like this today? What about you?