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IT ALL BELONGS TO HIM!

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George Truett told of how he went every year to the annual camp meeting of the cattlemen of west Texas. He said, "The most interesting week I ever lived, in some respects, is that week; and it is spent among the most interesting men. One morning I preached to some twelve hundred cattlemen, hidden away in a cliff of the mountains, on the text: **'What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price... therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.'** ~I Corinthians 6:19,20. One of the fellows who listened that day had not been a Christian very long. When the service was over, he locked his arm in mine and said: 'Let's go for a walk. I have something serious to say to you.' We went up the canyon until we were about a mile and a quarter from the camp. He did not say a word for quite a while. His chest rose and fell as if there was some seething furnace beneath it. I waited for him to speak; I did not question him at all. When we arrived behind a large ledge of rock, he faced me and said: 'I want you to pray a dedicatory prayer for me.' 'What do you wish to dedicate?' I asked. Slowly he began to talk and the tears streamed down from his eyes as he said, 'I did not know until this morning that all these thousands of cattle that I have called mine are not mine at all, but every one of them belongs to Christ. I did not know until this morning that all these miles of lands over which my cattle have browsed are not mine at all, but that every acre belongs to Christ.'"

My Christian friend, do you know that you, and all that you call your own, really and truly belong to Christ? How often we spend our money, time and energy as if it belonged to us. Many of God's people, think that if they just go to church regularly and give a tithe that they can do as they please with the rest of it. And have you stopped to think of the price that was paid to redeem you from sin and the Lake of Fire? **"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ..."** ~I Peter 1:18,19. Many of the parables Jesus told had to do with stewardship. Now, a steward was a man who was left in charge of something; often a steward would be left in charge of a man's farm while the owner was away. That steward had a free hand to run that place. However, it was clearly understood that he was not to run it for his own benefit but completely for the benefit of the owner. Christian, if you are acting as though your life and all you have belongs to you and that as long as you give God a "reasonable" amount, He will be satisfied, you are mistaken. And you are headed for a time of difficulty with your Owner. I think most true Christians would like to be used of God. They would like to have the same kind of fruit that people like George Mueller, Hudson Taylor, David Livingstone, David Brainerd, etc. had. But they won't pay the price that those men and others like them paid! George Mueller said, *"There was a day when George Mueller died; Died to George Mueller, his opinions, preferences, tastes, and will; died to the world, its approval or censure, died to the approval or blame of my brethren and friends, and since then I have studied only to please God."* Want to be used of God? Try that!

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? **"Be ye thankful."** The truth is few Americans are grateful to God for all His blessings. How sad to see even Christians who think more of a ballgame than they do of God! Let us **"Give thanks unto the Lord for He is good."**

THURSDAY, NOV. 24TH - 8 P.M.

Gospel Song Service, a time for **Testimonies** and a **Special Message**. Having guests for dinner? Invite them to come along. **Let's put the Lord first!**



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2012 MONTHLY APPOINTMENT CALENDARS.

We have some beautiful Scripture Text monthly appointment calendars (9" x 12") in the Bookstore. They are only \$8 postpaid. They make excellent gifts when you just want someone to know you are thinking of them. We also have some beautiful all-purpose cards that are only \$8 postpaid.

THE DISTANCE IS WORTH THE DIFFERENCE.

Sometimes we have visitors who come to the Church but after a while they say it is too far to come there. Would it be too far to go to work (many commute 50 miles or more)? Would it be too far to go to some sporting event? Would it be too far for something you really wanted to do? The truth is people do what they want to do. If your heart is really in something, you will find a way to do it.

SOME CORNERSTONE DISTINCTIVES:

KJV ONLY: We do not correct it! We believe and preach all of it!

WE PREACH: The Book, The blood, and the Blessed Hope. We preach repent as well as believe!

OLD TIME GOSPEL MUSIC: We use "psalms and, hymns and spiritual songs..."

DRESS STANDARDS: That reflect Biblical, modest apparel for God's people..

YOUTH CORNER

LET'S GET SERIOUS! What if every Christian took soul winning seriously. Suppose each one of us determined to do his best to bring someone to Church each Sunday? There is no one we should pass by. Go to that mean man near you, that gifted woman, that poor child. Go after the backslider. There is no one we should neglect – did not Jesus die for them? There are needy souls all around you. When are we going to take God seriously? Jesus said, **"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."** Doesn't that mean the people around you or is that only for missionaries? What is more important than giving lost souls the only message that can save them? What about you? Will you obey the Lord?

WHY MANY CHRISTIANS DO NOT GROW. –A.W. Tozer said, "The reason why many are still troubled, still seeking, still making little forward progress is because they haven't yet come to the end of themselves. We're still trying to give orders, and interfering with God's work within us." It is one thing to mentally agree with the Scripture that says, **"For I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing..."** and still live to please the flesh or, in other words, do your own thing. Many Christians are trying to serve God according to their own strength and their own plans. What we need to apply to our lives is Proverbs 3:5,6: **"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path."** Please note that little word ALL – "with ALL thine heart" and "in ALL thy ways." As we have often said, 80% or 90% obedience is not obedience!

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

God put the Church in the world, but the devil is ever trying to put the world in the Church.

If you are in the place where the Lord put you, why do you want to be someplace else?

One may walk over the highest mountain – one step at a time. –John Wanamaker

Remember this: God's Word is the last word on any subject.

There are many things we can do after we pray, but there is nothing we can do before we pray.

TRUTH ABOUT BIBLE VERSIONS

All bibles are not the inspired Word of God! Pastor Starr's book: "Is Your Bible Really The Word Of God?" will help you understand the truth. \$3.00 each plus 1.50 postage. Three for \$9.00 pp. (U.S. \$)

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

ANOTHER NEW BIBLE! The New Common Bible Translation is in its third printing after less than one month. The new translation is known for “being built on common ground.”... (It) now totals 500,000 copies in print. “When we say “built on common ground,” we mean that the Common English Bible is the result of collaboration between opposites: scholars working with average readers; conservatives working with liberals; teens working with retirees; men working with women; many denominations and many ethnicities coming together around a common goal of creating a vibrant and clear translation for twenty-first-century readers, with the ultimate objective of mutually accomplishing God’s overall work in the world,” says Paul Franklyn (associate publisher)... (The Common English Bible is the work of 120 biblical scholars from 24 denominations... –*Sword of the Lord* (9/2/11).

Ed. How could the product of such a mixture be the Word of God? Twenty-four denominations? It must be a polyglot (a mixture of confusion) of theological hash. The product of liberals and conservatives? I know where they get the liberals, but where do they find any number of true biblical scholars who are fundamental? It is nothing but confusion and spiritual anarchy! God help these Bible correctors and corrupters. I am reminded of the man who said, “I never eat hash. I don’t eat it because I don’t know what’s in it and I don’t eat it because I do know what’s in it.”

MULTICULTURALISM HAS FAILED! Praying in the streets of Paris is now against the law, after Interior Minister Claude Guéant warned that police would use force if Muslims, and those of any other religion, disobeyed the new rule to keep Paris’ public spaces secular, the Religion News Service reports. After a controversy arose in December when a French politician brought to national attention “more than a thousand” Muslims blocking streets every Friday to pray, and likened them to a “Nazi occupation,” President Nicolas Sarkozy called for a debate on Islam and secularism and went on to say that multiculturalism had failed in France. –*Religion Today* (9/19/11). Ed. My interest in this article is that “multiculturalism has failed in France.” While many in this country think it is a wonderful thing, it is doomed to failure wherever it is practiced. It cannot succeed because it is basically divisive and will sooner or later end in anarchy. Then, there will either be the rule of a powerful despot or a military government. Catering to every religious or ethnic group can only bring disaster. Wake up America! Or, is it too late?

PAT ROBERTSON: ALZHEIMER’S JUSTIFIES DIVORCE. Christian broadcaster Pat Robertson said this week on his TV show, the 700 Club, that a man would be morally justified to divorce his wife with Alzheimer’s disease in order to marry another woman, according to Russell Moore’s [blog](#) on Crosswalk.com. Although Christian marriage vows are binding to the death, Robertson said: “Alzheimers is a kind of a death. ... I know it sounds cruel, but if he’s going to do something, he should divorce her and start all over again, but make sure she has custodial care and somebody looking after her.” Robertson said Wednesday that he had no further statement. – *Religion Today* 9/16/11. Ed. Unbelievable! Of course, that’s Pat Robertson – Unbelievable!

PRO-GAY CURRICULUM COMING SOON TO L.A.

The Los Angeles Board of Education is preparing to implement more positive teachings on the contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) figures in the nation’s second-largest school district, [OneNewsNow.com](#) reports. Steve Zimmer, the initiative’s author, said the curriculum was needed to ensure that homosexual students would be respected and not bullied. The resolution will include “age-appropriate curriculum” for all students and will require teachers to undergo sensitivity training. Brandon Blanchard of the Chino Valley Unified School District, who spoke out against the curriculum, said, “We do have to teach tolerance, but I don’t think that we have to teach certain lifestyles.” The decision follows a law signed by Governor Jerry Brown that requires California schools to positively teach about the contributions of LGBT people to children of all ages. Ed. Seems we are close to Sodom, if not there!

MILITARY CHAPLAINS CAN CONDUCT SAME-SEX MARRIAGES.

Military chaplains have been given the go-ahead to perform same-sex “marriage” ceremonies as long as they are in line with state and local laws, the Christian Post [reports](#). A military memo on Friday said chaplains “may participate in or officiate any private ceremony” but noted that chaplains’ beliefs may determine whether they participated. The conservative Family Research Council lamented the memo as evidence that the Sept. 20 repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” would send the country down a “slippery slope toward other anti-family policies that would undermine national security.” The FRC said: “The federal Defense of Marriage Act is very clear that the federal government defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman. How is the Department of Defense skirting the law?” Ed. The Armed Forces are allowed to break the Law of the Land? –*Religion Today* (10/4/11)

HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR TIME?

Dr. M. R. DeHaan wrote: “How do you spend your time? Time is something that is not repeated – when it is gone, it is gone.... How do you use your leisure and spare time? Do you spend it in pleasure, or fun, or do you seek for opportunities to improve your spiritual condition, to help others, in the study of the Word or in serving the Lord through the Church? Would you rather go out with friends instead of going to Prayer Meeting? Do you find more pleasure in watching TV than going to Church? If the answer to these things is Yes, you are a sick Christian – if not dead? On several occasions a number of years ago I visited a lumber camp way up in the sticks. We would contact the “jacks” only after work. After supper, some of the men gathered wood, others washed their clothes, some spent the evening reading the funnies, others in playing cards. But one man attracted our attention. Every time we visited the camp, he was sitting on the same block of wood, a bunch of sticks by his side, just whittling, whittling with his jackknife till he had a veritable wall of chips around him. Always busy doing nothing. I asked the boss, ‘What is that man doing?’ ‘He is just dawdling,’ was the reply. I thought, how true of many Christians: always dawdling – never accomplishing anything.” - God has said that we are to be **‘Redeeming the time for the days are evil.’** ~*Ephesians 5:16*. It is a sin to be wasting time when there is so much that needs to be done in the Lord’s work! Christian, wasting time and laziness is sin and you are going to have to give an account for it! How sad that the world is going to hell at great pace and many of God’s children are just killing time. Can God be happy with this?

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THE WRONG DOOR

Many will never see God in Heaven because they are trying to get in at the wrong door. Some are very sincere and think the door to Heaven is Church membership, or good works, or sincerity, or doing the best you can. But none of these and similar doors will get you in. I once read of a young man who sought salvation and often went to hear a well-known Gospel preacher. Though he was sincere, he could not find peace. One night the preacher spoke on the words of Christ: **“I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.”** He showed from Scripture there is only One Door and all one has to do is come as a sinner and enter in. **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”** At the close of the meeting the young man came forward, the burden obviously lifted. He said, “I got in tonight.” The preacher said, “But why did you not get in before?” He replied, “All this time I have been at the wrong door. I have been knocking at the door of good works. And I always found it locked against me. I thought I had to be good enough to get into Heaven. But tonight, I saw myself as a poor sinner and Jesus Christ as my Savior and so I came in at the sinner’s door. I came in by the One Door God has provided to be saved, and get into Heaven.” Friend, if you’re not saved but want to go to Heaven, it’s not by good works; no one is good enough. Listen to God’s Word: **“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*. When I ask people what is their hope of Heaven, the answer I get most often is, “I’m a good person.” Friend, that’s the wrong door! Come as a sinner to God through Christ today!