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HE HEADED THE WARNING.

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In 1889 Cyrus Wessinger lived in Johnstown, a fairly large town in the mountains of western Pennsylvania, The town was in a valley. That was the year of the greatest flood disaster in American history. A giant dam above the city broke loosing 20,000,000 tons of water. The mountain of raging death struck Johnstown with such an impact that 1500 homes were almost instantly demolished and 2,500 people lost their lives in the torrent of water that came down the mountainside. The cost was estimated at \$17,000,000 (who knows what it would have been in today's dollars?). Seven hundred bodies which could not be identified were buried in a common grave. One year later, one thousand persons could not be accounted for. Shortly before that tragedy happened, a strange warning was impressed upon Cyrus Wessinger. Something seemed to impress upon him strongly: "Get out, flee for your life." Not knowing why this strange impulse should be impressed upon him, but feeling strongly that he should heed it, he made his way up the mountain side as quickly as he could. He headed for his mother's home which was a mile above the dam. When he arrived, he learned that his mother, having seen the dam break, had in desperation cried out to God for her son's safety. A short while later Isaiah and Lorenzo, her other sons who lived in Johnstown also arrived. They too had received the same strange warning that Cyrus had received. They too had received a strong conviction that they should get out of the city as soon as possible.

God's Word warns of a coming Judgment. The Bible says, "**Flee the wrath to come.**" When Jesus comes to take His true followers out of this world, there will be a time of wrath and judgment such as the world has never known, nor will know. "**For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not from the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.**" Matt. 24:21. If you would like a full account of what those days will be like read Revelation 6-19. If you have not received Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin, you will be here. That is unless you die first. In either case, unless you are saved by trusting Christ who died for your sins, you will go to the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev.20). God's Word says, "**And as it is appointed unto men once to die and after this the judgment:**" Hebrews 9:27. Yes, and after the Judgment, it is the Lake of Fire forever! You may say, as I have heard many say, I don't believe that. I don't believe God would judge anyone. Well, you may believe that if you want, many do and multitudes believe something else. But what is your authority for what you believe? The authority upon which I have instructed you is the Word of God. Someday, it may be sooner than you think, we are going to see who is right. Suppose the three young men mentioned above, took such an attitude. They surely would have perished in that flood. I urge you to seriously think about this and to look into it. Once the Jesus Christ comes it will be too late for you to trust Him as your Savior from sin! Do you have some sense or conviction that these things may be true? Do you have some fear of God (you ought to)? My Friend, if you think that there is nothing to fear, that there is no judgment for sin, you are deluded. But you don't have to meet God in Judgment. If you acknowledge your sin to God and receive Christ, you will know "**...the peace of God that passeth all understanding.**" Come to Christ NOW! "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**" Acts 16:31.

CORNERSTONE NEWS

FRIEND DAY!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11TH

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30

CHURCH SERVICE - 10:45

DINNER UNDER TENT

Free, those attending above.

SINGSPIRATION - 1:30

EVENING SERVICE - 6:00

Your Friends Need Christ - Invite Them!

GIFT FOR EACH VISITOR AT S.S. & CHURCH!

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MISSIONS CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 7 - 9, 2011



- *SEVERAL MISSIONARIES
- *FLAGS MANY NATIONS
- *COLOR SLIDES
- *SPECIAL MUSIC
- *NURSERY OPEN

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY...7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY...3:30- 4:30 (Buffet Supper) - 6:00

SUNDAY...9:30 - 10:45 - 5:30 - 6:30

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GOD & COUNTRY RALLY

OCTOBER 22RD - 2:00

**SEVERAL SPEAKERS * BRING THE FAMILY
SPECIAL MUSIC * NURSERY
FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENTS**

Let's raise a standard for Jesus Christ & His Word!

YOUTH CORNER

IMPORTANCE OF THE PRINTED PAGE. Why is it important to hand out Gospel Tracts and other literature? Here are just a few good reasons:

1. The person receiving it can read it in private.
2. It gets undivided attention when one is alone.
3. It goes beyond cultural or other barriers.
4. It has permanency! It remains with the person.
5. It goes where the preacher or other Christians can go.
6. It lives on after spoken words are forgotten.
7. It's an economical way of getting the Gospel out.

So, arm yourself with an assortment of Gospel Tracts and give them out wherever you go! -Adapted

WILLIAM TYNDALE'S TESTIMONY! William Tyndale, the great Bible translator, had many enemies and in fact was martyred. They persecuted him with cruel hatred, but he showed them a most tender love. One day he said to some of them, "Take away my goods! Take away my good name! Yet, so long as Christ dwelleth in my heart, as long shall I love you not a whit less." What he said expresses true loving. Christ, the loving One, must reign in our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit, before we can love as we should. Let Him have full possession of your life and being. We need a supply of Divine love to stand the stress and strains of these days and to keep on loving when we are not loved. Let us unceasingly look to God, and pray for such a fulness of His Holy Spirit that we may be kept sweet and calm inside, while the most terrible storms rage about us. **"Be ye filled with the Spirit."** ~Ephesians 5:18 -Copied.

ALWAYS RIGHT! I once read the story of a State Trooper, who while riding in the countryside, saw a number of bullseyes painted on trees, etc. He was amazed to see that each one had a bullet hole right in the center of it. He marveled, and so he began to look for the person who was such a good sharpshooter. Finally, he found a young lad with a rifle and asked him if he was the one who did it. The boy said, "Oh, it's easy. I just shoot first and draw the bullseye afterward." That reminds me of some Christians. They do their own thing and then find some verse of Scripture that they can twist to make what they did seem all right. Better be careful before you do this for God will not take lightly the misuse of His Holy Word to justify your sin. The Bible speaks about those who **"...wrest the Scriptures to their own destruction."**

CHALLENGE XTRA & TOPICS OF INTEREST

Articles on various topics of importance to Christians.

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

NAVY SANCTIONS GAY MARRIAGE ON BASES.

The Navy is the first military branch to authorize homosexual “marriage” and allow gay sailors to get married in Navy chapels. It is currently instructing Navy chaplains on its policy for performing the ceremonies. The directive came from an [April 13 memo](#) issued to all chaplains, in which the Chief of Navy Chaplains, Admiral Michael Tidd, said the Chaplain Corps was revising its Tier I training manuals to include “a chaplain may officiate a same-sex, civil marriage” and “the chaplain is, according to applicable state and local laws, otherwise fully certified to officiate that state’s [gay] marriage.” Rep. Todd Akin (R-MO), a member of the House Armed Services Committee, told CNSNews.com, in its haste to “hustle-in homosexuality,” the Navy may be violating federal law - the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). Under DOMA, the federal government defines marriage as a legal union between “one man and one woman.” “The administration and various states may be operating as if DOMA doesn’t exist, but the Navy and Marine Corps and all the Armed Services are sworn to obey the law, which this new instruction violates,” he added. -*AFA* (5/10/11). Ed. There is no end of efforts to make homosexuality legitimate in all circles. If the Lord doesn’t come soon, the next generation of believers will have very difficult times.

U.N. PASSES “HISTORIC” HOMOSEXUAL RIGHTS RESOLUTION

- At the instigation of Hillary Clinton and the U.S. State Department, the United Nations Human Rights Council passed a resolution supporting “equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation” (“U.N.,” CNN, June 17, 2011). Secretary of state Hillary Clinton “has made gay rights a key focus of the State Department’s human rights agenda, expressing her view that ‘gay rights are human rights and human rights are gay rights.’” She is therefore a fitting handmaiden to President Obama and his vision to acclaim and empower moral perversion. Suzanne Nossell, spokeswoman for the State Department, said that “this is really a critical beginning of a universal recognition of a new set of rights that forms part of the international system.” The United Nations is an antichrist institution that is at the forefront of building a one-world government and one-world religion, and it is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Jesus likened the end-times to the days of Sodom and Gomorrah (Luke 17:26-30). -*FBIS* (6/24/11). It seems every time one turns around, he finds more advances by the homosexual crowd and their friends in high places. It is really getting bad! **“Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”**

CHINA ORDAINS THIRD BISHOP WITHOUT POPE’S APPROVAL.

China's state-sanctioned Catholic church pushed forward Thursday with the ordination of a bishop without the Vatican's approval. [Reuters](#) reports the move is likely to further strain tense relations between the Chinese government and the Vatican. Joseph Huang Bingzhang was ordained as bishop in Shantou city in southern Guangdong province. About 1,000 people attended the public ceremony, but at least eight bishops loyal to the Holy See were coerced into participating. “All 8 bishops were requested by civil authorities to go and ordain the new illicit bishop,” said several sources, all of whom refused to be named because of the matter’s sensitivity. “All of them were accompanied by the police to the place of the event. The majority of the bishops refused and resisted to go.” The ordination is the latest in a long-running dispute between the Vatican and Beijing over the status of China’s state-backed Church, which has disregarded injunctions not to name bishops without papal authorization. *Religion Today* (7/18/11). Ed. Two things occur to me. How ludicrous it is for atheists, communists to ordain leaders in a “Christian” church (The Roman Catholic is not a Bible believing church). Then, in this and in other dealings, China doesn’t care what the world thinks of its actions. Why are we so bent on pleasing the Islamists (who won’t be pleased till they destroy us).

EVANGELICALS AND CATHOLICS TOGETHER FOR CHRISTIAN ROCK.

The 13th annual Lifest Christian rock festival in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, featured five days of rock & roll, complete with a Catholic mass and a message by well-known evangelical speaker Greg Laurie. Some 20,000 people gathered July 6-10 to hear Christian rock groups such as Hawk Nelson, Skillet, TobyMac, Lincoln Brewster, MercyMe, Superchick, Newsboys, and Kutless. Greg Laurie of International Harvest Crusades, spoke on the last day of the event, preceded by a Catholic mass led by bishop David Ricken of the Diocese of Green Bay. Lifest founder Bob Lenz said, “We want to get all the flavors of the church” (“Green Bay Bishop David Ricken Leads Mass,” Green Bay Press Gazette, July 10, 2011). -*FBIS* (7/22/11). Ed. As we have illustrated many times before this shows the apostasy of the Evangelical movement. When you read some of their writings, you get the impression that they are winning the world. The truth is, they have been won by the world and its false gospel of ecumenism. They keep getting more and more like the Catholic Church with their contemplative prayer, etc. Of course, you can get a lot of people together for a rock concert, and even a Catholic mass.

IS ENOUGH BEING DONE?

This true story happened many years ago in London where several men were digging a deep ditch for a needed drain in the neighborhood of Victoria Park. All of a sudden some shoring gave way and tons of earth fell down on several men who were doing the work. Of course, other men immediately began to work to free them. There was a great deal of excitement and a large crowd gathered within a few minutes. A young man came up through the crowd and looked with great earnestness on those who were attempting to dig out the unfortunate victims. After a few moments, he began to walk away, saying, "I guess all is being done that can be done." Just then a woman came up to him, and putting her hand upon his shoulder said, "Bill, do you know that your brother is down there?" You can believe that he no longer thought that all was being done that could be done. Off went his coat, he grabbed a shovel, jumped down into the ditch and did the work of ten men. Christian, souls are lost and need to be saved! We have been given the responsibility of rescuing men and women, boys and girls. Do you pass out Gospel tracts frequently? Do you seek to witness to others regularly? Do you go out faithfully with the soul-winning group in your church (if it has one)? Do you give faithfully to Missions? Do you pray specifically for individuals to be saved? If there is one thing the Christian should do, it is put his whole heart and soul into soul-winning. Jesus gave us the Great Commission – He expects us to obey it! **"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."** ~Mark 16:15. We shouldn't have to be begged to do it. **"Go YE..."**

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DO NOT PLAY WITH POISON

Spurgeon said, "I am sometimes asked to read an heretical book. Well, if I believed my reading it would help its refutation and might be an assistance to others in keeping them from error, I might do it as a hard matter of duty; but I shall not do it unless I see some good shall come of it. I am not going to drag my spirit through a ditch for the sake of having it washed afterwards, for it is not my own. It may be that good medicine would restore me if I poisoned myself with putrid meat, but I am not going to try it. I dare not experiment on a mind which no longer belongs to me. So, with my mind, intellect and spirit. If it belonged to me, I might or might not play tomfool with it and go to hear some infidels and such like preach; but as it is not my own, I will preserve it from such tomfooleries; and the pure word shall not be mingled with the error of men." I have often warned God's people about listening to every interesting preacher on radio and television. Why would a Fundamentalist want to listen to Copeland, Roberston or Benny Hinn? Then, there are those like John MacArthur who is above those mentioned, but he is a Calvinist who says that it is not the Blood of Christ that saves us. If you only listen to amuse yourself, I suggest you find a better way. Only babies need to be amused all the time. Why not spend the time in serious Bible reading and prayer? When you fool around with heretics, you are putting yourself on the enemy's territory. I have personally known some who did this, in spite of being warned, and their minds and lives were permanently messed up. **"Abstain from all appearance of evil."**