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A MUCH NEEDED WORD FOR FUNDAMENTALISTS

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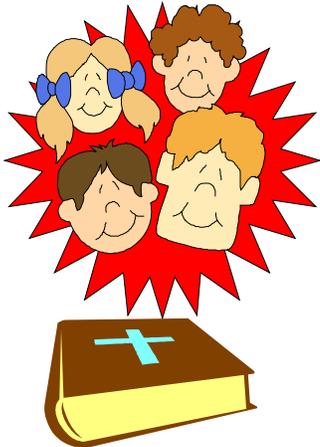
Many would agree that we are in the Laodicean stage of the Church, Revelation 3:14-20. However, I contend that most, Fundamental Baptist churches (are there any other Fundamental ones?) are Laodicean. Few want to believe that; but I believe they are deceived. We always tend to think we are better than we are. I hope you will look at the following quotes of fundamentalists who ministered 50 to 100 years ago. They indicated that the compromise and worldliness in the Bible believing churches of their day was Laodicean. Is not worldliness a sign that God's people are **"lukewarm"**? What about the other indications: **"...rich, increased with goods and have need of nothing..."** But what did God say? **"...and knowest not that thou art wretched, and, miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:"** Here's what these men of God wrote; Dr. Ironside (about 1910): *"It is of grave importance that we bear this principle in mind in these Laodicean times. We live in days when truth for which myriads of martyrs shed their blood is considered hardly worthy of being contended for - days when the claims of God as set forth in His faithful Word are openly set aside by those who 'call themselves by the name of the Lord...' Latitudinarianism is the prevailing order and few ask, 'What saith Scripture?'"* Dr. A. C. Gaebelein (about 1920): *"Look about and see the thousands and thousands of God's people who instead of being transformed are conformed to this world. They have fallen in with the present evil age, and instead of being separated, they walk in its ways and hence they are barren in spiritual things...Let us not think so much of the pleasures of this world, the attractive things for the senses...the possession and enjoyment of earthly things."* Dr. Clarence Larkin (late 1920's): *As Christians, we find ourselves captives in the Babylonian life of worldliness and pleasure that surrounds us, and instead of being transformed are conformed to this world. We have fallen in with the spirit of this 'Present evil age' and are living a life of compromise the outcome of which is a life of powerlessness and spiritual barrenness...Let us dare to be a Daniel."* Dr. M. R. DeHaan (about 1947): *"Without fear of successful contradiction, we dare to say that the greatest need of the Church today is a company of separated saints of God who will refuse stedfastly to be swayed by the world's program... No greater blight has ever beset the Church of Jesus Christ than the blight of compromise and conformity to the world and its program. We are a redeemed people and a peculiar people and a holy nation... The line of difference and demarcation between the Church and the world has almost been wiped out, and those few followers of Christ who dare to be different and refuse to go along are so small in number that they are looked upon as odd and peculiar and even fanatical and narrow-minded. The scandalous and positively immoral innovations of dress and attire, which I am sure are the prime causes of immorality and divorce and juvenile delinquency, are meekly accepted, and worse than that, are copied by the folks who profess to be Christian, with hardly a protest from those who are spiritual leaders...The reason Christians are not taken more seriously by the world, and why our testimony falls on deaf ears most of the time, is because the world cannot see any difference. (Cont'd p. 3)*

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WHAT IS IT YOU WANT TO MAKE? “I don’t believe my son will have time to take a four-year course,” said a father to James A. Garfield, then president of Hiram (Ohio) College. “Could you provide a shorter course?” he asked. Garfield replied, “Why, yes, I think we can, but it all depends upon what you want to make of him. When God wants to make an oak, He takes hundreds of years. When He wants to make a squash, He takes only three months.” -Copied. Young people here is a piece of good advice - do not be in a hurry to get a cheap education (or a cheap anything else for that matter). Strive for the best, especially when it comes to spiritual things. God is trying to make something worthwhile and useful out of you, and it will take a lifetime of dedication, work and perseverance. The path of least resistance is all downhill. The easy way usually turns out to be the hard way in the end. The hymnwriter put it this way: *“Give of your best o the Master, give of the strength of your youth...”*

GOD’S WORD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. Ecclesiastes 12:1. Down through the years, I have known many young people who were going to get saved “someday.” Like when they get out of college, or when they accomplish some worldly goal. Most. if not all as I remember, never did come to Christ. God’s Word says, **“NOW is the accepted time; behold NOW is the day of salvation.”** ~II Corinthians 6:2.

Don’t delay – trust Christ as your Savior today!

SOME TO THINK ABOUT!

People don’t miss Church because it’s too hot, but because their hearts are too cold.

You are supposed to be contented with what you have, but not with what you are.

Do you know what makes both men and rivers crooked: they follow the path of least resistance.

It is always easy to tell an egoist, but you can’t tell him very much.

Remember always to keep your words soft and sweet, you never know when you may have to eat them.

Learn from the mistakes of others: you won’t live long enough to make them all yourself.

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NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

A WORD TO FUNDAMENTALISTS! (From p.1) *between themselves and us. They see Christians frequenting the same places of worldly amusement, using the same language, dressing in the same shameful way... The only difference is that we have our names on church rolls and go to church.*” Please listen to me my Christian friend. These were not crackpots or fanatics. They were outstanding, dedicated Fundamentalists! Now, I happened to be saved in 1950 and I can tell you the majority of Christians then would not think of doing what many believers do today! I hope you will hear me out - in all probability some of the foregoing applies to you! You don’t want to admit it, but it’s true! The great majority of professing Christians are worldly and they cater to their own sinful flesh. Oh, yes, you have found some way to justify it, but you are caught up in worldly, and quite possibly, sensual dress. You attend the theater, or even worse, you bring the filth of Hollywood into your home on TV and the internet. Some are all wrapped up in sports (there’s a sacred cow of Fundamentalists) that Jesus and the Word of God condemn. You cannot be a worldly Christian and have spiritual power. You are in the flesh or Spirit! Do you love Christ? What is your prayer life like? Do you care for lost souls? Do you go soul winning? The world is going to hell while most Christians are enjoying themselves, playing church and living worldly lives. As Dr. Ironside said, this is one reason the unsaved pay so little attention to us and our message. It is time to repent! It is time to confess our sin of worldliness and indifference and get back to basics: serious Bible study, prayer, soul winning, sacrificial giving, faithfulness to ALL the services of THE Church, etc. **“It is high time to wake out of sleep...”** ~Romans 13:11. (Challenge reprint)

MERCY KILLING SOUGHT! In April, the popular *Dr. Phil* show featured a mother named Annette Corriveau... because she wanted the right to be able to kill her children. She is the mother of two severely disabled children, and she feels that the moral thing would be to kill them by lethal injection to end their “suffering.” They cannot speak and they have to be fed through feeding tubes... Annette admits she visits her children only once every two months. Annette’s point of view is that if her children could choose, they would choose suicide. She admits that she doesn’t know if they are deaf or blind. She doesn’t know if they recognize her or not. She doesn’t know what actions or activities, if any, are comforting to them... Yet she feels that, because she is their mother, she should be allowed to end their lives... Also invited on the show [was] Attorney Geoffrey

Fieger, who defended Dr. Jack Kevorkian... who provided assisted suicide for his patients and the argument presented was that this was the same thing. Dr. Phil offered a weak rebuttal to her argument, but he still went on calling this an act of mercy to her children. He then polled the audience to see how many of them agreed with this mother. Almost every single member of the audience did. –*Sword of the Lord* (6/8/12)

Ed. What strikes me is the reaction of the audience. Then, you have Peter Singer, a professor at Princeton who says that parents should have the right to kill their child up to one month after the child is born.

EGYPT MUSLIM LEADER SAYS JERUSALEM WILL BE THEIR CAPITAL Before the election this week of the Muslim Brotherhood candidate Mohammed Mursi as president of Egypt, a prominent Egyptian cleric said that if this occurred, Egypt’s new capital will be Jerusalem. Safwat Hagazy made this statement at a presidential campaign rally aired on Egypt’s Annas TV on June 5 (“Jerusalem to Become Egypt’s Capital,” *Al Arabiya News*, June 9, 2012). He said millions will march toward Jerusalem and will either pray there or be martyred. In attendance at the rally was Mursi and Muslim Brotherhood Supreme Guide Mohammed Badie. Hagazy believes the Muslim Caliphate will be re-established as a united states of Arabs and that it will eventually rule the world. –FBIS (6/29/12)

WHY WE HAVE “NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT.” We are not of the persuasion that the Church is in the world to change the world. Of course, there have been times in human history when God’s people have had a positive effect, but we are not called to change the world. However, we believe Christians should be aware of the nature of the times. Ignorance may be bliss, but it also may be disastrous! It was said of David’s mighty men: **“...men that had understanding of the times and knew what Israel ought to do.”** About one hundred years ago a well-known Baptist preacher, I. M. Haldeman, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of New York City said, *“The general concept of the Church in the world is that it is here to make the world better... On the contrary, it is here to testify that the world cannot be made better. The Church is here to warn men of the hell that awaits every soul outside of Christ.”* God says to His people: **“Awake unto righteousness and sin not: for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.”** ~*I Corinthians 15:34*. If nothing else, most of the news today should cause the Christian to look up, for **“our redemption draweth nigh.”**

ZEAL FOR GOD!

A well meaning woman wrote to Gypsy Smith asking him to come to London to preach. In the letter she said, "I have a meeting I want you to come and address. It is only a small gathering and **it will take nothing out of you!**" Gypsy Smith made the following reply: "I am sorry, Madam, I cannot come, and if I did come it would be of no use to you if I did come, **for if it takes nothing out of me, it will not do anybody any good.**" How true! We need a baptism of holy zeal these days. Most Christians are about half dead when it comes the things of God though they may be very much alive when it comes to making money or doing other things. You probably do not like that statement, but the reason is no doubt because it is true! The useful Christian is a man of faith, but he is also a man of works...Did you ever see one to the contrary? God's admonition to us all is: "**Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might...**" It is simply contrary to the nature of God to use lazy or indifferent people. Service that costs you little or nothing is worth just that - nothing! The world is going to hell - most of it untold about the Gospel right here in America. C. H. Spurgeon said, "Impossibilities will disappear when zeal is fervent." Men who became great servants of God, like William Carey, David Livingstone, Hudson Taylor, etc., disavowed any special intellect or ability but simply put everything into their service for Christ. I CHALLENGE you (that's what this paper is all about) to put your best, your all into the work of Christ! He's worthy of no less!

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ONCE I WAS BLIND

"But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ.. should shine unto them." ~II Corinthians 4:3,4. No one is born into this world with a knowledge of God. What we know, somebody taught us. Many people mean well, including our parents, but their knowledge is often inaccurate. Why are there so many religions in the world? Can they all be right? Clearly, not! All these religions have come to us through men. Only God's Word has the answer. But men have added, subtracted, put their own ideas to it. While their efforts may be sincere, they are not correct. Man is born blind to the Gospel. The Gospel of Christ is not do something to save yourself, but to believe on Jesus Christ who died for your sins. As with Adam and Eve, Satan has blinded us to the truth. What we need is new eyes! Jesus came upon a man born blind; a picture of each one of us - born blind to God's truth. Jesus put some clay on his eyes and told him to go wash in the pool of Siloam. The man believed Jesus and he went and washed off the clay. He could now see! It was a miracle! The religious authorities questioned him. He didn't know all the answers, but he said, "*One thing I know that, whereas I was blind, now I see.*" Jesus asked the man if he believed that the One who gave him sight was the Son of God. He said, "*LORD, I believe.*" He got his sight and he was saved! Are you still blind? You don't *see* what religion or salvation is all about? You have some religion but no peace. More religion is not what you need - you need new spiritual eyes! You need to *see* the truth. The truth is: "*Christ died for our sins...was buried...rose again...*" "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."