



WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO LIVE FOR?

December 2012

Some years ago a psychologist by the name of William Moulton Marston asked 3,000 persons: "What do you have to live for?" He was shocked to find out that 94 percent of them simply endured the present while they waited for something to happen in the future. Some of them waited for children to grow up and leave home; others waited for next year; there were those who waited for another time to take a long-dreamed about trip; there were those who were waiting for someone to die; many waited for "tomorrow." They seemed not to realize that all anyone has is today, for yesterday is forever gone and tomorrow never comes. That reminds me of a story I read many years ago about an executive for a large U.S. company whose job it was to question college graduates who were applying for a position. These were young people twenty-two to twenty-five years of age. He said the first question they asked was, "How much does the position pay?" and the second was, "What are the retirement benefits?" Multitudes are wasting their lives dreaming about the future. God's Word says, "**Boast not thyself of to-morrow: for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.**" ~*Proverbs 27:1*. No doubt many, if not most of those dreams went unfulfilled. Today, many are simply wasting their lives looking for something in the future; a future that is uncertain.

Of course, there is one very important area where it most definitely pays to look out for the future and that is one's relationship to Almighty God. However, that seems to be one realm in which very few people care to think about. I had one man, many years ago, tell me that he was going to look into the things of God when he got the house paid for; he gave himself plenty of time. I never did hear that he took care of his eternal destiny. My friend, if you have not settled your eternal destiny and relationship to God, I urge you to do so today! Listen again to God's Word: "**Go to now, ye that say, Today or to-morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.**" ~*James 4:13,14*. One thing is certain; you have an appointment with God! You cannot change it nor can you cancel it. You know not when that time will be, but it will happen. The only way to be prepared is to trust Jesus Christ to save you. He has already paid for your sins. The Bible says, "**...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures...**" ~*I Corinthians 15:3,4*. There is no other way for there is no other Savior! He said, "**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**" ~*John 14:6*. Like many others, you may feel that you have plenty of time to make this decision. But once again the Scriptures warn you: "**Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**" ~*II Corinthians 6:2*. God wants to give you the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. It is a gift, you cannot work for it: "**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*. Trust Christ TODAY!

CORNERSTONE NEWS

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

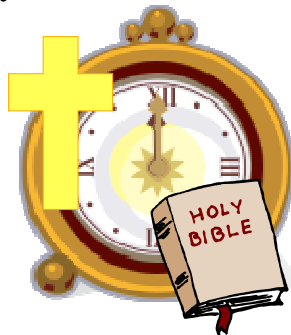
Monday, Dec. 31 — 5:00 — 8:00

*A Great Family Night!
Invite a Friend!*

5:00 - GOSPEL FILM

6:00 - BUFFET SUPPER

7:00 – TESTIMONIES
PRAYERTIME
LORD'S SUPPER



*No better way to end the Old
year and start the New!*

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WEEK OF PRAYER

JANUARY 7 - 10, 2013

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

“IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER”

Bring the Family!

LOVE CHRIST BUT NOT THE CHURCH

Vance Havner said, “We are hearing today about those who like Christ but not the Church. But ‘Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it.’ How can we like the head and not the body, the Groom and not the Bride?” There are a lot of willful souls who claim to believe God and His Word. But they just don’t want to be obligated or to subject themselves to authority. They have the self-willed attitude: Nobody is going to tell me what to believe. Nobody is going to tell me I am supposed to tithe my income. Nobody is going to tell me what to wear. These people know nothing about the Lordship of Christ and one wonders what they really know about salvation. The Bible says, **“Obey them that have the rule over you...”** ~Hebrews 13:17.

YOUTH CORNER

HE WALKED WITH GOD!

THE BIBLE TELLS ABOUT A FELLER - ENOCH WAS HIS NAME.

THOUGH THERE AIN’T A HEAP ABOUT HIM HE’S A BIG MAN JUST THE SAME.

HE NEVER BUILT A TOWN I RECKON, NOR ON THE TRACK OF EMPIRE TROD, HE NEVER WROTE A BOOK OR NUTHIN- HE JUST WALKED WITH GOD!

DON’T KNOW IF HE WAS POPULAR, DON’T IMAGINE THAT HE WAS.

IT’S PRETTY HARD TO PLEASE THE WORLD, WALKIN’ LIKE A GOOD MAN DOES BUT WHETHER PEOPLE SMILED AT HIM OR SCORN UPON HIM Poured, THIS ENOCH THAT I’M SPEAKING’ OF, HE JUST PLEASED THE LORD.

BUT AFTER ALL, I RECKON, IT WON’T MATTER FRIENDS, WHETHER WE’VE BEEN KICKED OR PRAISED WHEN THE LONG TRAIL ENDS.

I GUESS ENOCH DIDN’T WORRY WHEN HE WAS A LEAVIN’, RIDIN’ IN A SPECIAL TAXI, SENT RIGHT DOWN FROM HEAVEN.

HE DIDN’T ASK FOR LIGHTS TO TWINKLE ‘ROUND ABOUT HIS NAME, DIDN’T ASK TO BE A BIG WIG IN PLAYIN’ LIFE’S STRANGE GAME HE JUST WANTED WHEN HE FINISHED, AND THE TALE OF TIME WAS TROD WITHOUT TOO MUCH ADO TO KEEP A-WALKIN’ ON WITH GOD!

A WARNING THAT WENT UNHEEDED. Listen to Martin Luther’s strong warning about education without the Word of God: “I am afraid that the universities will prove to be the gates to hell, unless they diligently labor to explain the Holy Scriptures and to engrave them on the hearts of youth. Every institution where men are not unceasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt.” It is not hard to see that Luther was right. While in the early days of this country universities were founded by Bible believers (such as all the Ivy League schools) today godless evolution and a practical atheism prevail. John Harvard, founder of Harvard Univ. said: “Let every student be plainly instructed and pressed to consider well the ends of his life: to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life.”

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT JOINS IN PRAYER FOR DESTRUCTION OF THE JEWS

(Mohamed Morsi, the president of Egypt, joined in a prayer for the destruction of the Jews at a mosque in northern Egypt. The prayers were led by Egyptian Muslim cleric Futouh Abd Al-Nabi Mansour. In a video clip broadcast by The Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), Morsi is seen moving his head in seeming fervent agreement with the following words: "Oh Allah, destroy the Jews and their supporters. Oh Allah, disperse them, rend them asunder." Morsi has long been a leading figure in the Muslim Brotherhood. -*FBIS* (10/26/12)

DEFEAT FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION IN ENGLAND.

England is becoming a dangerous place for Christians who take their faith seriously and who seek to obey the Bible. A British judge has ruled that the Christian owners of a bed & breakfast broke equality laws and ordered them to pay \$6000 in damages to a homosexual couple for not allowing them to have a double bed room in March 2010 ("Christian B&B loses court case," The Christian Institute, Oct. 18, 2012). Mike and Susanne Wilkinson, owners of the Swiss B&B in Cookham, also live in the B&B. The couple have been heaped with "a torrent" of vile abuse and threats since the case became public. Mrs. Wilkinson says, "Christianity isn't just something we do in church on a Sunday – it affects every area of our life, including our home and our business. Surely there is room for that in modern British life." Apparently not. The real bullies here are the homosexual activists who aren't satisfied with living their lives but are intent on punishing those who refuse to support them. Even the Daily Mail observed, "... surely ... sticking fervently to their admittedly old-fashioned views within their own home--cannot be deserving of the vicious torrent of bile, obscenity, hatred, bullying and death threats that nearly swept them away." –Copied

TEENS AND VAMPIRISM!

The following is excerpted from "'Twilight Break Dawn' Leading Teens to Bloodletting," *Christian Post*, Nov. 12, 2012: "*The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2*, which opens in theaters on Friday, is the last chapter of the popular 'Twilight' movie series, but a Christian producer and author has warned that it is just the beginning when it comes to leading teenagers into occult practices. ... In his interview with *Christian Post*, Steve Wohlberg said he has been watching the trend of teenagers getting involved in the occult for a long time--starting with the

'Harry Potter' books and movies, which the producer says led many curious teens to inquire about the Wiccan religion. 'When the *Twilight* series came out, I knew that just like *Harry Potter* contributed to interest in Wicca, *Twilight* will increase interest in vampirism,' he shared. 'There is a whole network of organizations that are promoting vampirism, and it is very easy to go on the Internet and type in teenage vampire, and you will find websites that are teaching kids how to get involved in drinking blood, how to find a donor, how to get involved in vampirism, and the evidence is so overwhelming that kids are getting involved in occultism and vampirism left and right.' -Copied

GALLUP POLL ON HOMOSEXUAL POPULATION.

When Gallup asked people to estimate how many Americans were homosexual in 2011, most guessed 25 percent...[It] turns out that they were about 22 percent off. The actual number Gallup reports today is about 3.4 percent – a startling statistic for most people who just naturally assumed the median saturation was driven by a big population. Who could blame them? These numbers should be shocking to anyone who has lived through the deluge of gay and lesbian policy, entertainment, school curriculum and corporate capitulation during the past ten years. According to Gallup, this survey is the largest single study of the U.S. LGBT population ever conducted. Over the past four months, Gallup canvassed the country by phone interviewing more than 121,500 people. The results were based on answers to this question: "Do you personally identify as a lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender?" Although polls like this can be tricky – pollsters are never sure how many people are truly candid -- the numbers are consistent with FRC's research and that of other experts. Just last year, the Department of Health and Human Resources released a similar number of 3.8 percent. In this instance the biggest concentration of LGBT were young adults (6.4 percent) women (3.6 percent) and young women (8.4) percent. – Family Research Council.

Ed. The study only goes to show how effective the media has been in portraying a much greater number of homosexuals. I believe the corporate world, among other things, sees in the larger numbers a huge source of income and thus caters to them.

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil: that put darkness for light, and light for darkness: that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." ~Isaiah 5:20

THE FEAR OF MAN OR GOD?

Hugh Latimer, who was martyred for Christ, once preached a sermon before the ungodly King Henry III that greatly offended the Monarch. The king ordered him to preach again the next Sunday and to make public apology for his offense. Latimer ascended the pulpit and read his text. He then began his sermon thus: “Hugh Latimer, dost thou know before whom thou art to speak this day? To the high and mighty Monarch, The king’s most excellent Majesty, who can take away thy life if thou offendest. Therefore take heed that thou speakest not a word that would displease. But then, consider well, Hugh! Dost thou not know from whom thou comest --- upon whose message thou art sent? Even by the great and Mighty God, who is all-present and beholdeth all thy ways, and who is able to cast thy soul into hell! Therefore take care that thou deliverest thy message faithfully.” Having thus begun, Latimer preached over again, but with increased energy, the very same sermon which he had preached the Sunday before. For him, the fear of man was overcome by the fear of God. The Word of God declares, **“The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.”** ~Proverbs 29:25. I think of the faithful man of God, John the Baptist. Because he was faithful to God and His Word, he had his head cut off for his declaration before an ungodly ruler – King Herod. Herod had stolen his brother’s wife and was living with her in adultery. I doubt if there are many preachers of this caliber around today.

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CHANGED LIVES

As Dr. Harry A. Ironside was preaching in a certain place, he noticed that a man in the crowd was writing on a card which he presently handed to the preacher. The man was Arthur Lewis, an agnostic lecturer. He proposed to Dr. Ironside that the two of them should engage in a debate on the subject: “Agnosticism versus Christianity.” Lewis even offered to pay all expenses involved in the event. Dr. Ironside took the card and read it before his audience. He then said, “I accept the challenge under these conditions. First, that you promise to bring with you to the platform, one man who was once an outcast, a slave to sinful habits, but he heard you or some other infidel lecture on agnosticism and he was helped by it and cast away his sins and became a new man and is today a respectable member of society, all because of your unbelief. Second, that you bring one woman who was lost to all purity and goodness, but who can now testify that agnosticism came to her while deep in sin and implanted in her poor heart a hatred of impurity and a love for holiness causing her to be chaste and upright, all through a disbelief in the Bible. Now, Sir, if you will agree, I promise to be there with one hundred such men and women, once just lost souls, who heard the Gospel of the Grace of God, believed it and have found new life and joy in Jesus Christ our Savior. Will you accept my terms?” As one might expect, the poor agnostic walked away in complete silence. **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”** ~II Corinthians 5:17