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“THE ZEAL OF THINE HOUSE HATH EATEN ME UP.”

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Of course, this was said of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was totally consumed, He was filled with zeal, in the service of God! What is zeal? I believe you know; it is enthusiasm, a burning desire to accomplish something! I do not believe that I am being unkind or harsh when I say that it cannot be said of too many of Jesus’ followers today, that they have a zeal for souls and the things of God! We often excuse ourselves by saying that He was God. True, but did He not say **“Be ye followers of me.”** While we are far from perfect, can we not throw ourselves completely into His work! That is what the apostle Paul did. He said, **“I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.”** In spite of opposition that we cannot even relate to, he said, **“None of these things move me.”** Of the early Christians (not just preachers) it was said, **“Daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.”** Paul said of the Corinthians, **“Your zeal hath provoked very many.”** It is appalling to me how many lackadaisical, lazy Christians there are while multitudes go to hell right at our doorstep. Many do not have enough zeal to attend all the services of the church, never mind going soul winning, special meetings, etc. There are many professed believers who have plenty of time and energy for the things of the world. How many believers are all wrapped up in sports, entertainment (TV and Internet, etc.), and other worldly pursuits. Many are zealous in business; great effort for gold, little for God. Beloved, I do not judge you, I hope to help you. Ask yourself what the Lord Jesus Christ thinks of such conduct. **“The world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”**

A man of zeal is usually a man of one thing! A man who was a zealot was considered a fanatic! One thing consumed him. This is true even in the world; consider Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, Henry Ford, etc. Many of God’s greatest servants were men of ordinary ability but extraordinary zeal. Wm. Carey said he was a man of common abilities, but stated, *“I can plod.”* David Livingstone considered himself a man of ordinary capabilities and he said, *“I have found I have no unusual endowments of intellect, but I this day resolved that I would be an uncommon Christian.”* He also stated: *“I will go anywhere as long as it is forward.”* On being commended by the King of England, for his untiring work in the slums of London, Wm. Booth said, *“Sir, some men’s passion is for gold, my passion is for souls.”* C. T. Studd was one of the greatest cricketers England ever had. He got saved and gave it up for a life of unselfish service to Christ in China. While there, his father, a wealthy man, died and Studd inherited a huge fortune. He gave it all away though others tried to persuade him to use some for himself. When your life is over, what will there be for a testimony that you loved and served the Lord Jesus Christ who gave Himself for you? Have you lost your first love? God says, **“Be zealous therefore and repent!”** Someone has written: *“Let us wake up, sing up, preach up, pray up, and never give up or let up, or back up, until the cause of Christ in the church and in the world is built up.”* God give us some Christians who have a zeal for Thee and Thine house! The apostle Paul said, **“This one thing I do...”**

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, NOVEMBER 22ND – 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 really put the Lord first!**



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WHAT SAVED THE JUDGE'S LIFE? Some years ago Judge Shephard was Circuit Judge in Nashville, Tennessee. He was also a Deacon in his church. It was his unvarying custom to attend all of the services of his church. One Sunday the Pastor noticed that the Judge was not in his usual place in church. After the service he inquired if anybody knew where Judge Shephard was. No one seemed to know. So, one of the members, a Dr. Cox, called the Judge's home but received no answer. He became alarmed as the Judge lived alone. So, he went there and found the house locked and he received no answer to his repeated knocking. He then called the police. He was able to convince the police something was wrong and got them to force open the door saying: "It was not like the judge to miss church as he was there when the church was open. Something must be wrong with him." The officers forced open the door and found him unconscious due to deadly fumes from a faulty gas heater. Another half-hour would have been too late! The judge's testimony of being in church for every service saved his life. What kind of a testimony do you have relative to Church services. God says, **“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”** ~Hebrews 10:25.

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YOUTH CORNER

LUTHER AND THE WORD OF GOD! Luther wrote ninety-five theses against the Romish heresy and nailed them to the door of the Church in Wittenberg. He later declared at Diet of Worms the following: "Unless I am convinced by Scripture and plain reason – I do not accept the authority of popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other – my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen!"

THE DECLINE AND FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE. Edward Gibbon in his monumental work gave five reasons for the fall of the Roman Empire"

1. The undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis for human society.
2. Higher and Higher taxes and the spending of public money for free bread and circuses for the populace.
3. The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting, more brutal, more immoral.
4. The building of great armaments when the real enemy was within – decay of individual responsibility
5. The decay of religion, faith becoming mere form and losing touch with reality.

Does that sound similar to what's going on in America and the world today? **Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people?"** ~Proverbs 14:34.

IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK! The story is told of a man who rushed into a suburban railroad station one morning, almost breathlessly, asked the ticket agent: "When does the 8:01 leave?" "At 8:01," was the answer. "Well," the man replied, "it's 7:59 by my watch, 7:57 by the town clock, and 8:04 by the station clock. Which one am I to go by?" The agent replied, "You can go by any one you want, but you can't go by the 8:01 train because it has already left." God's time clock is moving forward hour by hour, minute by minute. There are multitudes who think that they can go by any schedule they wish and that in their own time, they can turn to God. But they are sadly mistaken; His time is the only one that counts. It is later than you think and you cannot come to God whenever you please, though many seem to think you can go to God whenever you feel like it. Not so! God says, **“Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”** ~II Cor. 6:2. One of the saddest phrases is "TOO LATE!" I have seen people over the years who waited too late. Don't let it happen to you! God says, **“Seek ye the LORD while He may be found...”** Call upon Jesus NOW to save you!

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

LAST JEWISH SYNAGOGUE CLOSES IN EGYPT. With the rise of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, the last Jewish synagogue has closed. *Arutz Sheva* observes, “This spells the end of Jewish life in Egypt, over 3,090 years since the Egyptian exile ended and Moses led the Jews to the Land of Israel” (“Jewish Life in Egypt - the End,” *Arutz Sheva*, Sept. 4, 2012). The Eliyahu Hanavi Synagogue in Alexandria has stood since Hellenistic times following the conquests of Alexander the Great. *FBIS* (9/14/12)

ATHEIST PROFESSOR SAYS INTELLIGENT DESIGN SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. In a soon-to-be-released book, an atheist professor has argued that the critiques of the theory of evolution by intelligent design defenders should “be taken seriously.” Thomas Nagel, professor at the department of Philosophy at New York University, argued this in a book titled *Mind and Cosmos: Why the Materialist Neo-Darwinian Conception of Nature Is Almost Certainly False.* --- “I believe the defenders of Intelligent Design deserve our gratitude for challenging a scientific world-view that owes some of the passion displayed by its adherents precisely to the fact that it is thought to liberate us from religion.” Mark Looy, Co-founder and chief communications officer for Answers in Genesis and the Creation Museum, told the *Christian Post* that a book like Nagel’s is welcomed to the debate. “It is not often we come across atheists who are willing to look carefully into arguments that challenge their world-view and then take the next step of making their views known in a public way.” *ChristianPost.com* Ed. In the past couple of years we have noted several atheistic scientists who have acknowledged that Darwinism is not the answer. Of course we have long known that!

STUDY: U.S. HOSTILE TO RELIGION (CHRISTIANITY). A new survey conducted by two conservative groups reveals proven hostility toward Christianity in America. Liberty Institute attorney Justin Butterfield tells *OneNewsNow* what his groups hopes to accomplish with the study’s findings. “We want to raise awareness of the issue. A lot of people think that hostility because of people’s religious beliefs and attacks on religious liberty are things that happen elsewhere in the world, not in the United States,” he notes. “We want to show that it actually exists with increasing and alarming regularity here in the United States.” The Liberty Institute further points out that religious liberty is “facing a relentless onslaught from well-funded and aggressive groups” who are using whatever means available to suppress or attack religious freedom. –From *Sword of the Lord* (9/14/12).

NETANYAHU: JERUSALEM IS OUR CAPITAL: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is vowing to continue building in east Jerusalem, over the objection of Palestinians who claim the territory as capital of their hoped-for state. Netanyahu spoke Sunday after the European Union’s foreign policy chief criticized plans to build 800 new apartments and a military college on contested land. He told his Cabinet on Sunday, “We are not imposing any restrictions on construction in Jerusalem. It is our capital.” The fate of Jerusalem lies at the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Palestinians refuse to negotiate while Israel continues to build settlements in east Jerusalem and the West Bank. Israel captured both areas in the 1967 Mideast war. Netanyahu has rejected the notion of partitioning the city. –*OneNewsNow*. (10/22/12)

DEPT. JUSTICE EXAMINES MAINE CITY’S ZONING LAW. The U.S. Department of Justice has opted to investigate a Maine city’s zoning law regarding restriction for churches wanting space in shopping malls. The DOJ sent a letter informing officials of Brewer (Suburb of Bangor with a population of 10,000) about the investigation which would also include the review of the city’s denial of an application for the expansion of a church. Back in January a church was meeting in the North Brewer Shopping Plaza. Its growth prompted an application for expansion which the church submitted. However, the officials rejected it because it’s not allowed under Brewer’s zoning law. –Copied. Ed. Throughout this country there are many such similar restrictions against churches. While this is still the best country in the world, it is fast moving away from it beginnings.

WHEN WE MUST PART COMPANY! A.W.Tozer said: “I must confess as a pastor and minister that I have had to say ‘Goodbye’ to people in some instances when they have said, ‘We cannot worship here. You are too strict. Your standards are too strict for this day and age. Your message is too strict...’ We cannot afford to let down our Christian standards just to hold the interest of people who want to go to hell and still belong to a church.” Ed. It is amazing to me how many *Fundamental Baptists*, who, after visiting our website and seeing what we stand for, attend our Church but do not return because we have Biblical standards of dress. God help “Christians” who are more interested in going to Church sloppily or sensually dressed, than they are in correct doctrine or godly living. Is it right to “dress down” rather than “dress up” to go to worship God? We also find that some of these *Fundamental Baptists* also have a problem with our stand on the King James Bible.

USING THE SWORD

Many years ago, a well-known doctor of Switzerland, a Christian, had as his companion in a compartment on a Paris-bound train, an infidel. The latter, knowing of the doctor's faith in Christ, began to argue with him about the Bible and Christianity. No matter what the infidel said, Dr. Malan replied with an exact quotation from Scripture. Not once did he give his own opinion, nor did he try to explain the Scripture in his own words. Time and again the infidel was met with the Word. Finally, in exasperation, he exclaimed: But I don't believe the Bible! What is the sense of your quoting it to me?" The doctor simply answered with the words of the Lord: "If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." (John 5:41. Ten years later, Dr. Malan received a letter from Paris. The writer, after a few introductory remarks, reminding the physician of their conversation on the train so long ago, told of his conversion. He said, "You simply used the Sword of the Spirit and stabbed me through and through. Every time I tried to parry the blade, you stabbed me again and again until I realized I was not fighting you but God." If we are going to be effective witnesses for Christ we must use the Word. **"For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."** ~Hebrews 4:12. In Romans 10:17 we read: **"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."** Of course, if you are going to use the Word, you must know it! You must memorize it! I am afraid not too many believers do that today.

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SIMPLICITY OF SALVATION

A woman came up to an evangelist after hearing him preach a Gospel message. She said that she simply could not understand salvation. The evangelist asked her, "Mrs. Franklin, how long have you been Mrs. Franklin?" Why, ever since I was married," she replied. He then asked her, "And how did you become Mrs. Franklin?" "When the minister said, 'Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband' I just said 'Yes,'" The preacher then said, "Didn't you say, 'I hope so,' or 'I'll try to.'" "No," she replied, "I just said, 'I will.'" Then, pointing her to the Word of God, he said, "God is asking you if you will receive Jesus Christ, His Son, as your Savior from sin. How will you respond to His invitation? You cannot work for it or do anything except receive it. **'But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.'**" Her face immediately lighted up and she said, "Why, how simple it is! Isn't it queer that I did not say 'Yes,' to God years ago?" Maybe there is someone reading these lines who is confused or has been mistaught about the truth of salvation from sin. Be sure of this, sin is the problem of everyone. You cannot do anything to remove your sins. That is the reason God sent His Son, Jesus Christ – to pay for your sins. What you need to do is believe, receive, God's invitation to trust Christ and be forgiven. **"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting."** ~John 3:16 What is required? **"Believeth in Him."**