



WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS!

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I believe what the world needs most is Christians who are truly living for Christ! Jesus said, **“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savor...it is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and be trodden under the foot of men.”** The average Christian today offers no rebuke to the world, either by life or by lip. How many act like the world, talk like the world, dress like the world, and seek the same things world seeks. I have read of one fundamental (?) church (and I am sure it is not alone) where every once in a while they have “dress down” Sunday but now it’s every Sunday. You come dressed any way you want to; in one church the people were invited to come and see the Pastor dressed in shorts. That may draw a crowd, but I tell you God is not happy when we mimic the world just to get a crowd! Multitudes have brought the filth of Hollywood right into their homes through TV. Jim Eliot who was a martyr for Christ in 1956, said a few years before that event: *“I went to my friend’s house last night and looked at TV. God convicted me with **Psalm 119:37: ‘Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity.’** I sensed the powerful decentralizing effect of it on my mind and affections...Lord grant me a disciplined spirit and an obedient body henceforth.”* TV is ten times worse that it was then and many Christians think nothing of spending several hours a day watching it. Over one hundred years ago D. L. Moody said: *“I firmly believe that the Church of God will have to confess her own sins before there can be any great work of grace. I sometimes think it is time to give up preaching to the ungodly and preach to those who profess to be Christians.”* He also said, *“If we had a high standard of life in the Church, there would be thousands more flocking into the kingdom.”* If we are ever going to be of much use to God and a blessing to lost sinners, we are going to have to get closer to God - not the world. The need of this hour is Spirit filled Christians!

It’s time to confess our carnality and lukewarmness to the things of God and stand up and be counted for Christ. Jesus said, **“Because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.”** They are solemn words of the Lord Jesus Christ! He wants you cold or hot, but not lukewarm. No middle ground. Dr. Joseph Parker said of Spurgeon, *“The only colors Mr. Spurgeon knew were black and white. In all things he was definite. You were either in or out, up or down, alive or dead.”* Vance Havner told of a preacher who said, *“I used to take a stand about dancing, but I just made enemies. I’m going to go along with it.”* Praise God Luther didn’t say, *“Things are bad and souls are being damned, but I just can’t afford to stick my neck out.”* We talk about the final apostasy as though it were some where in the future. We are in the midst of it! It is time for God’s people to repent; it is **“high time to wake out of sleep”** and love Christ as never before. Christian, will you get before the Lord, confess your sins and ask God to fill you with His Spirit? **“Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that he will not hear: But your iniquities have separate between you and your God...”** ~Isaiah 59:1,2. (1995 Challenge). P.S. It’s gotten a whole lot worse since 1995).

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YOUTH CORNER

HE DASN'T QUIT! A young man once had a class of little fellows in a mission Sunday School. His kindness, tact and genuine interest in them won their hearts. After a while, however, due to criticism of others he became discouraged. He went down early the next Sunday in order to get his records all in shape so that he could resign his position. While he sat working in the office adjourning the Sunday School room, two of his pupils came in. They could not see him, but he could hear everything they said. One announced that he wasn't coming any more for he had heard the teacher was going to quit. The other flatly contradicted him. The two continued to talk but no argument could convince the lad that their teacher would resign. "Why," he declared, "he dasn't quit. I was the first boy in his class, and one Sunday he told us kids that God sent him to teach us and that God was his boss and he had to do what God said. *He's God's man and he dasn't quit!*" The young teacher's eyes filled with tears. He thanked the Lord for thus encouraging his heart and giving him a new vision of his duty through the medium of that trusting boy who felt that the teacher must make good because, "He was God's man."

WHEN DO WE NEED A REVIVAL? It seems without a doubt we need revival. Here are some signs:

- When it's easier to stay home than go to Church.
- When it's easier to work than it is to worship.
- When it's easier to be critical than to be kind.
- When it's easier to read a book than the Bible.
- When it's easier to shirk responsibilities than do them.
- When it's easier to give to some worldly organization than it is to give to the Church.
- When it's easier to sleep in Church than stay awake.
- When it's easier to complain than it is to praise.
- When it's easier to condemn souls than it is to pray for their salvation.
- When it's easier to be worldly than to be holy.
- When it's easier to spend our tithes and offerings on ourselves than give them to the Lord. -Copied

Our prayer ought to be: **"Wilt thou not revive us again that thy people may rejoice in thee."** ~Psalm 85:6

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NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

RUSSIA TO CRIMINALIZE PUBLIC HOMOSEXUAL PROMOTION.

Russia has defended a bill that seeks to outlaw what it calls “homosexual propaganda,” arguing that the country should not be expected to comply with the European Union or international views on tolerance. “We don’t have a single international or common European commitment to allow propaganda of homosexuality,” Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Tuesday, according to [The Associated Press](#). Russia is currently considering a bill that would make public events in support of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community illegal, with those deemed to be targeting minors subject to fines of up to \$16,000. Unlike most other European nations, the Russian government has remained conservative in its views on same-sex relationships, supporting traditional relationships as defined between a man and a woman. —*ChristianPost* 3/1/13). Ed. The atheists have more common sense than so called Christian America. Notice also that they are not interested in pleasing everybody. Interestingly enough, there was a time in this land when homosexuality was considered a crime!

MOTHER AND FATHER TO BE SCRAPPED FROM SCOTTISH LAW.

The following is excerpted from “[christian.org.uk](#), Feb.11, 2013: “The words ‘mother’ and ‘father’ will be dropped from Scottish matrimonial law under First Minister Alex Salmond’s plans to redefine marriage. Official consultation documents which accompany the Scottish Government’s draft Bill spell out the changes to terminology. Where current matrimonial law refers to ‘mother’ and ‘father,’ the Scottish Government plans for legislation to use the gender-neutral term ‘parent.’ The proposals have been described as “politically stupid” by Gordon Wilson, the former leader of the Scottish National Party. Mr. Wilson said: ‘The politically correct elite are going mad. They are going far beyond what people envisage.’ Norman Wells of the Family Education Trust said: ‘The Scottish Government’s plan to introduce a new lexicon for family relationships shows just how far its proposals to redefine marriage extend. It is engaging in a linguistic revolution to accommodate the wishes of a tiny minority of same-sex couples who want their relationships to be recognized as a marriage. Under these proposals, Marriage is not so much being extended to same-sex couples as being taken over by them.’” Ed. It is absolutely amazing how such a small percentage of people have managed to gain such an influence in this and other lands. (We have read from reliable sources that homosexuals are just 3.4% to 3.8% of the population).

NBC REPORTER DISALLOWS SCRIPTURE QUOTE BY CRUISE SHIP PASSENGERS.

In the midst of the weird media frenzy about the disabled Carnival cruise ship that was towed to Mobile, Alabama, last week, reporter Mark Potter of NBC News (reporting during the Ed Show on MSNBC) interviewed two young women after they disembarked, saying, “It sounds like you guys handled it really well. There were some passengers who had a really rough time. Tell me about that.” One of the young women replied, “... one thing I do want to say that really made a huge difference in my time versus some other people’s time is we knew where hope was. We knew the Lord was in complete control of the situation. Our verse for the trip was Joshua 1:9 which is....” At this point the microphone was rudely pulled away and the woman was not allowed to quote the verse. Potter had specifically asked why the young people could handle the trial better than others, but he apparently didn’t want his audience to hear the answer if it had to do with the Word of God. By the way, Joshua 1:9 says, “Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.” FBIS (2/22/13) Ed. It would have been no problem if she was quoting the Koran!

MEDIA DISTORTS PUBLIC OPINION ON ABORTION.

Pro-life supporters argue that the media is exaggerating public support for abortion, asserting that recent polls showing support are isolated surveys and do not reveal the steady trend that shows the public favor more restrictions on abortions. More often than not, the media fails to explain to viewers that public opinion polls aren’t just inconsistent, they’re misleading, too. According to National Right to Life (NRL), among the 1,502 people who answered the Pew Research Center’s January poll questions about *Roe v. Wade*: “Only 62 percent knew it dealt with abortion.” Seventeen percent guessed incorrectly and 20 percent didn’t know what the case was about; while 7 percent believe it’s about school desegregation, and 5 percent think it’s about the death penalty or environmental protection... only 62 percent of those polled by the Pew Research Center know that *Roe v. Wade* is about [abortion](#), then polls cited by news organizations such as MSNBC, CNN and Fox News, or even the Wall Street Journal and Washington Post are only telling half the story. —*ChristianPost* (3/6/13) Ed. There is no doubt in my mind the media distorts in favor of the liberal view point whenever they deem it necessary to achieve their goals. *The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going. ~Proverbs 14:15.*

WHAT IS SIN?

Someone has said that “The greatest of all sciences is the science of decision.” I would alter that just a bit and say, “The greatest of all sciences is having priorities.” The Duke of Wellington was a performer on the violin and after giving a great deal of time to it, he began to fear lest his liking for it would get the better of him. He realized that his primary calling was that of a soldier, and so, one day he decided to lay his instrument aside and never touch it again. Though he did not realize it, the issue was whether he would be a clever musician or the victor at the battle of Waterloo. I would say that most Christians do not have the proper priorities, that is, they do not put first things first. They do not put God first! Lesser things come before God. **“Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God and His righteousness...”** ~*Matthew 6:33*.

Then, there are many unsaved persons who have heard the way of salvation many times but have not yet made the decision to settle their eternal destiny. They fail to see that no decision is really a decision...a bad one. They have many other things to do right now, but they don't have their priorities right because nothing is more important than being saved from ones sins by receiving Jesus Christ as Savior. **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”** ~*Acts 16:31*. **It is not enough to know that; you must do it and God says there is no better time than right now: “...Behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation...”** ~*II Corinthians 6:2*. Get your priorities right; come to God as a sinner and ask Christ to save you – before it is too late!

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OUR PRIMARY BUSINESS

The following appeared in a newspaper some years ago: Mrs. Ella Craig hasn't missed Sunday School in 1040 Sundays – 20 years of perfect attendance. What's wrong with Mrs. Craig?

Doesn't Mrs. Craig ever have company on Sunday to keep her from attending Sunday School and church?

Doesn't she ever go anywhere and get home late on Saturday night and get up tired on Sunday?

Doesn't she ever have headaches, colds, nervous spells, Sunday picnics or trouble of any kind?

Doesn't she have any friends at all, friends that invite her to a weekend trip or to the seashore or the lake?

Doesn't she ever feel like sleeping late on Sunday morning?

Doesn't it ever rain or snow on Sunday mornings where Mrs. Craig lives?

Doesn't she ever get her feelings hurt by somebody in the church?

Doesn't she ever get mad at the preacher, the Sunday School Teacher or somebody else in the church?

Does she always have things in the church run her way?

Doesn't she have a radio or television so that she can see or hear some big time preachers right at home?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH MRS. CRAIG ANYWAY? (Reader: Why is it you can't be faithful in church attendance?)