



**SOME THINGS NEED TO BE REPEATED! (Challenge Reprint)**

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The following was written by Michael S. James and printed in a Tampa paper. It certainly expresses my sentiments and in fact, we have said most of these same things. (The article was preceded by a statement of the sender that the state of Florida changed its opinion and allowed a Muslim woman to have her picture on her driver's license with her face completely covered. Lunacy seems to rule!).

"I am tired of this nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorists attacks on September 11, we have experienced a surge of patriotism by a majority of Americans. However, the dust had hardly settled from those attacks when the 'politically correct' crowd began complaining about the possibility that our patriotism was offending others. I am not opposed to immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against someone who is seeking a better life...However, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our country, and apparently some born here, need to understand. This idea of America being a 'multi-cultural' community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity. As Americans, we have our own culture, our own society, our own language and lifestyle. This culture has been developed over centuries of struggles, trials, and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom. We speak ENGLISH, not Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become a part of our society, learn the language! 'In God We Trust' is our national motto. This is not some Christian, right wing, political slogan. We adopted this motto because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation, and this is clearly documented. It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest that you consider some other part of this planet. We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change, and we really don't care how you did things where you came from. This is OUR COUNTRY, our land, and our lifestyle. The First Amendment gives everyone the right to express his opinion, and we will allow you every opportunity to do so. But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about our flag, our pledge, our national motto, or our way of life, we highly encourage you to take advantage of one other great American freedoms. THE RIGHT TO LEAVE!"

Ed. There is no better land in all the world than America; I doubt if there ever has been. I have visited a few foreign countries, particularly in Europe which is about as close you can get to America. I can tell you they are all far behind! The standard of living is not to be compared with ours. If our political leaders and the liberal elite, etc. have their way, they will set this land back a few hundred years or more and in fact, they will destroy it. We've said it many times; globalism, multi-culturalism, etc. will destroy this once great country. I do not know of one nation that will take children from another land and language and give them a free bi-lingual education. If you go to France, you had better learn French, etc. Go to any foreign country and see if you can get health care, welfare, etc. without becoming a citizen. As for catering to the language of everyone who comes to this great land, see if you can get that in other countries. (See p.3)

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## YOUTH CORNER

**IT COSTS TOO MUCH!** Dr. R. G. Lee told of a lady who said, "The Church costs too much. I am sick and tired of it." Another standing near-by said, "Let me tell you a story. Several years ago a baby boy came to our house, and from the time he was born he cost me money. He cost me money everyday for food, clothing, toys, etc. When he went to school he cost even more. When he went to college the costs were greater. In his senior year, he died. Since then, he hasn't cost me one cent." The lesson is obvious. What has it cost you to support God's Church and serve the Lord Jesus Christ? Yes, the Church costs money, but it's only the carnal, selfish Christian that complains. Christian, would you like to try to get along without the Church? Would there be a Church if everyone gave as you do?

**ONE THING I KNOW!** In John 9 Jesus healed a blind man. The religious leaders, the scribes and Pharisees said of Jesus: "We know that this man is a sinner." (v.24). This reminds me of many people, especially when it comes to the matter of salvation. They *know* something, but what they know is not true! Jesus was not a sinner! Contrast this with what the healed blind man said: "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see." (v.25). What he knew was reality. The man not only received physical sight but spiritual sight! When Jesus found the healed man, He said, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" The healed man responded: "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped Him." Often when speaking to people about their need to be saved from their sins some will say, "I'm all set." In other words, "I know..." When like those religious leaders of old, what they know is all wrong. What about you my friend? Do you really know how to be saved? It is not your goodness, your church, your sincerity, etc. It is by believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross for your sins and rose again the third day! (I Cor.15:3,4). You need to be able to say, "...I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." ~II Timothy 1:12. Do not delay! Trust Christ to save you from your sins today! Tomorrow may be too late!

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## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

**CONT'D FROM P1)** However, the truth is it doesn't work! It has been proven that bi-lingual education is a detriment to learning. But the teacher's unions and political leaders refuse to give it up. Not long ago California's educational establishment gave it up on the basis of scientific studies. Children who had been in bi-lingual education improved significantly. Would you believe that just a month or so ago I read that the politicians (no doubt prodded by the teacher's unions) tried to overturn the decision and return to the unproductive bi-lingual system. Multi-culturalism is another joke! It is touted everywhere, and the average American could care less as long as he can have his own way and pleasure. Pres. Bush is all for it; Clinton was (is) all for it; the President's father often spoke of a "New World Order." While "one world" is surely coming according to the Bible, we ought not further it. But even many professing Christians are so worldly minded they pay little heed to what is going on. They have been lulled to sleep by **"the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches and the lust of other things."** If one shows some excitement about the return of Christ, he is considered a little (maybe a whole lot) fanatical. God's people need to wake up and get busy about the Lord's business. The hour is late! Listen to God: **"And that knowing the time, that now it is high time to wake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand..."** ~Romans 13:11,12. The Judgment Seat of Christ will be a sad place for many!

### **POPE SAYS ATHEISTS REDEEMED BY CHRIST.**

During papal mass on May 22, Pope Francis said everyone is redeemed by Christ's blood. "The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ: all of us, not just Catholics. Everyone! 'Father, the atheists?' Even the atheists. Everyone! And this Blood makes us children of God of the first class! We are created children in the likeness of God and the Blood of Christ has redeemed us all! And we all have a duty to do good. And this commandment for everyone to do good, I think, is a beautiful path towards peace." ("Pope at Mass," *Vatican Radio*, May 22, 2013) -FBIS (5/31/13). Ed. This is so contrary to Scripture there is little need to comment. Of course, Scripture means little to the Papacy! Two things come to mind: First, this is just what almost everyone wants to hear – Everybody is going to heaven. That is a very common belief! Second, one can sense the spirit of ecumenism which is becoming evermore popular. Child of God, look up for your redemption draweth nigh.

**MORE U.S. AID FOR THE ENEMY!** The Obama Administration must have thought we weren't paying attention. On the very day when the IRS targeting scandal broke, Secretary of State John Kerry provided a new, \$1.3 billion cash stimulus for the Muslim Brotherhood. Without a press release or public fanfare, he waived human rights conditions placed on American military aid to Egypt's anti-American and anti-Israel Muslim Brotherhood government. With this action, the Obama Administration reinforces the Muslim Brotherhood even as it steps up its blasphemy prosecutions against Egypt's Christians and even as Egypt's president appointed an actual terrorist leader as governor of an important region. Jay Sekulow, *ACLJ*. (6/25/13). Ed. Of course this is not anything new, but it is amazing how repeatedly we support that which is in the best interests of the enemy. Though many years have passed, I do well remember when Washington helped put Fidel Castro into power. I am reminded of Daniel 11:40 ff., where we are told that Egypt will once again attack Israel! The King of the South is obviously Egypt.

### **SUPREME COURT SAYS DOMA UNCONSTITUTIONAL.**

WASHINGTON (6/26/13) -- The Defense of Marriage Act, the law barring the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages legalized by the states, is unconstitutional, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday by a 5-4 vote. "The federal statute is invalid, for no legitimate purpose overcomes the purpose and effect to disparage and to injure those whom the State, by its marriage laws, sought to protect in personhood and dignity," Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote in the majority opinion. "By seeking to displace this protection and treating those persons as living in marriages less respected than others, the federal statute is in violation of the Fifth Amendment." Justice Kennedy delivered the court's opinion, and was joined by Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan. Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Antonin Scalia and Samuel Alito all filed dissenting opinions. Justice Clarence Thomas joined Scalia's dissent in whole and parts of Alito's opinion. As Kennedy read the majority opinion from the bench, cries were heard in the courtroom when the justice delivered the verdict that DOMA violates the Fifth Amendment. Ed. You could see the handwriting on the wall if you wanted to. We have said it for a while, it is sooner or later going to come to the place where homosexual marriages will be allowed nationwide.

**"For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections..."**

~Romans 1:26

## PASTORAL MINISTRY

It is good for us to remember how strong He is --- and how weak we are. I settled this issue a long time ago. I tell you I have talked to God more than I have talked to anyone else. I have reasoned more with God and have had conferences with God than with anybody else. And what did I tell Him? Among other things, I have told Him, "Now Lord if I do the things which I know that I should do, and if I say in my heart what I know I should say, I will be in trouble with people and with groups --- there is no other way. Not only will I be in trouble for taking my stand in faith and honesty, but I will certainly be in a situation where I will be seriously tempted by the devil." Then after praying more and talking to the Lord, I have said, "Almighty Lord, I accept this with my eyes open! I know the facts and I know what might happen, but I accept it. I will not run. I will not hide. I will not crawl under a rug. I will dare to stand up and fight because I am on your side --- and I know that when I am weak, then I am strong." - A. W. Tozer. One thing is certain, that is that the ministry is no place for weaklings. It is no place of ease and comfort. We are in a war – a real war! The apostle Paul wrote to young Pastor Timothy: **"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."** ~II Timothy 4:5-8.

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## DEFENDING THE FAITH

Must we not defend the faith...? It is very pretty to read of Luther and his brave deeds. Yes, yes, everybody admires Luther, but you don't want anybody to do the same today. When you go to the Zoo, you all admire the bear, but you would not want a bear wandering the streets. That would be unbearable! We admire a man who was firm in the faith 400 years ago; the past ages are sort of a bear-pit or iron cage, but such a man is a nuisance today, and must be put down. Call him a narrow-minded bigot and give him a worse name. Yet imagine in those past ages if Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, etc. had said, "The world is out of order, but if we try to set it right we shall only make a great row, and get ourselves into disgrace. Let us go to our chambers, put on our night caps and sleep over the bad times and perhaps when we wake up things will be better." Age after age would have gone down into the infernal deeps. These men loved the faith and the name of Jesus too well. – C. H. Spurgeon. It has ever been the same. For example, think of Jeremiah who spoke of hard things, but only for their good, that they might repent and have the blessing of God. They said: **"Come, and let us device devices against Jeremiah... Come, and let us smite him with the tongue..."** ~Jeremiah 18:18. It is ever the same! It says in Hosea 9:7: **"... the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad..."** And so it is today! The vast majority only say, **"...speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits."** ~Isaiah 30:10.