



DEFENDING THE FAITH!

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In a day when the Word of God is being compromised by professed believers in true inspiration, C.H. Spurgeon wrote: “We must defend the faith! What would have happened to us if our fathers had not maintained it? If Confessors, Martyrs, and Covenantors had been recant to the faith and the name of Jesus where would have been the churches today? Must we not play the man...It is very pretty, is it not, to read of Luther and his brave deeds? Everybody admires Luther. Yes, yes, but you do not want anyone else to do the same today. When you go to the Zoological Gardens you all admire the bear but you don’t want a bear at home nor wandering the streets, you tell me that would be unbearable...So, we admire a man who is firm in the faith, say 400 years ago are sort of a bear pit or iron cage for him but such a man today is a nuisance and must be put down. Call him a narrow-minded bigot or give him a worse name if you can think of one. Yet imagine in those ages past, Luther, Zwingli, Calvin and their compeers 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 chamber, put on our bedcaps and sleep over these times and perhaps when we awake things would have grown better.’ Such conduct by them would have entailed upon us a heritage of error. Age after age would have gone down into the infernal deeps and pestiferous bogs of error and would have swallowed all. These men loved the faith and name of Jesus too well to see them trampled on. Note what we owe them and pay to our sons the debt we owe to our fathers. It is today as in the Reformers day. Decision is needed.”

We have many Fundamental Baptists who apparently don’t think anything worth fighting for. I was told the following by a man who was present at a Fundamental Baptist preachers meeting, It is amazing that more than one speaker said that there were four things not worth fighting for; they are the underlined here for you: We need to preach the Gospel but we also need to “earnestly contend for the faith.” One of the reasons for the compromise, mixture, declension and confusion among Fundamental Baptists is the failure of many preachers (who may be sound in doctrine) to point out compromise among the people of God. Worldly sensual dress may not be as important as Bible versions, but it is certainly is wrong and I believe it says a lot about the low level of spirituality. Separation, fellowship with unbelievers, which is clearly a sin. That means you may have a New Evangelical (or even liberal) in your pulpit, etc. Whatever happened to **“come out from among them and be ye separate.”**? Then, it is amazing that so called Bible believers are not concerned about whether they are using the true Word of God or not. If that is not worth fighting for what is? All modern versions teach error and deviate from the King James Bible. They teach error eliminating hundreds of verses and destroying others with marginal notes. If that is not worth fighting for, nothing is! Imagine – Fundamental Bible believers with a phony Bible. We are admonished, we are commanded (this is not just good advice) to **“earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”** It was once delivered! Where is it? It can’t be in a modern version; they are all different and contain errors. God didn’t give a Bible with error in it! Let us be able to say with the Apostle Paul: **“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”** ~II Timothy 4:7. The Apostle contended for these things and a whole lot more!

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, NOV. 27TH - 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 put the Lord first!**



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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." 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? The next time you go to a funeral or a wedding, note how the people are dressed. I dare say that most if not all will be dressed up, not down. Another issue is we also find that some of these *Fundamental Baptists* also have a problem with our stand on the King James Bible.

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

~I Corinthians 10:31

YOUTH CORNER

THE ATTRIBUTE OF OBEDIENCE. If there is one thing a Christian ought to be it is obedient to God and His Word. It will save you a lot of grief and may save your life. I read the story of a little girl sitting in a field in front of her house. The father was preparing to go hunting, when he looked at his daughter and saw a poisonous snake coiled and ready to strike. If his daughter moved the snake would surely attack. He said, "Mary, don't move!" At the same time, he leveled his gun, took careful aim and cut it down before it could do its deadly damage. The child was spared because she gave strict obedience to her father. That is what we are supposed to do - give strict obedience to our Heavenly Father by simply obeying His Word! After all, He alone knows what is best. The hymn writer put it this way: *"Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."*

WHAT IS YOUR HOPE OF SALVATION? Many think they have hope but they have none! Someone has said that if you only believe what you want to about the Gospel, it is not the Gospel you believe but yourself. I find this to be a very common philosophy and a very dangerous one. The Bible says, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death." *~Proverbs 16:25 (and 14:12).* In knocking on doors and in other situations, the most frequent response I receive when asking people what is your hope of Heaven, is that I am good enough or whatever you believe, it will be all right, as long as you are sincere. But this is a grand delusion. You may sincerely believe you are on the road to New York while all the while you are headed for Chicago. God says you are not good enough! "There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one." *~Romans 3:10-12.* Please listen to me; you must repent and believe the Gospel - I Corinthians 15:3-4. Don't wait until it is too late. God says, "Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation of salvation." *~II Corinthians 6:2*

TRUTH ABOUT BIBLE VERSIONS

All bibles are not the inspired Word of God! Pastor Starr's book: "Is Your Bible Really The Word Of God?" will help you understand the truth. \$3.00 each plus 1.50 postage. Three for \$9.00 pp. (U.S. \$)

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

SUPREME COURT AND HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE!

The nation's highest court declined to review petitions from lower courts whose jurisdiction covers nearly a dozen states. The decision upheld court decisions striking down bans on same-sex unions in those states. The decision was announced quietly, but the resulting shockwaves will be felt across the nation. The court validated three federal appeals covering Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming, according to Bloomberg. By declining to hear the petitions brought forth from the jurisdictions, the Supreme Court left intact appeals courts decisions to strike down same-sex marriage bans in the locales. Couples in those states should soon be able to obtain marriage licenses and be legally wed. The announcement led a large group of same-sex marriage supporters gathered outside the court to celebrate. They cheered, waved flags, hugged each other and embraced the landmark decision. -AOL News Ed. We said it long ago and many times, it is going to be the rule in all states. God help America.

POPE SAYS "WE ARE ON THE WAY TO RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION"

- Pope Francis told a massive crowd at St. Peter's Square that it is the devil who causes disunity among Christians but that "we are on the way to reconciliation and communion." On October 8, the pope said, "the Church is tempted by the devil who tries to divide it ... [and] she has been marred by serious and painful divisions" ("Pope Francis: The Devil Works to Divide Christians," Breitbart.com, Oct. 8, 2014). He claims that "behind all these divisions there is always pride and selfishness." He called for a "spiritual ecumenism" that ignores doctrinal differences and focuses "not on what divides us, but rather on what unites us." He concluded by saying, "History has separated us, but we are on the way to reconciliation and communion! And this is true!" The pope is right in this matter. The Bible prophesies an end-time, one-world "church," and Rome is doubtless at the heart and soul of it. -FBIS (10/24/14)

CITY THREATENS MINISTERS WHO WILL NOT MARRY GAYS.

The city of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, is threatening two ordained Christian ministers with arrest if they refuse to perform wedding ceremonies for same-sex couples. The Hitching Post Wedding Chapel is across the street from the Kootenai County Clerk's office, which issues marriage licenses.

Last week, Donald Knapp and his wife Evelyn, both ordained ministers who run the chapel, respectfully declined to perform a same-sex "marriage" ceremony. According to the Coeur d'Alene city attorney, they now face up to 180 days in jail and up to \$1,000 in fines for each day they decline to perform that ceremony. City officials said the Knapps are required to perform such ceremonies or face months in jail and/or thousands of dollars in fines. The city claims its "non-discrimination" ordinance requires them to perform same-sex wedding ceremonies despite the fact that they are Christians and the chapel publicly states it only performs Christian-based ceremonies. The Knapps have secured legal counsel through Alliance Defending Freedom and have filed a lawsuit claiming the city's ordinance prohibiting discrimination against gays and lesbians is unconstitutionally forcing them to violate their religious beliefs by performing same-sex marriages. AFA 10/21/14

WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL TO PERMIT MUSLIM SERVICES.

We stand incredulous at the astounding naiveté exhibited by the hosts of the National Cathedral extending the welcome mat to several Muslim organizations for the purpose of having a Friday prayer service this Friday at the very sacred place where we give funerals to our presidents and national heroes. We challenge those running the nation's one and only National Cathedral to find a mosque – *anywhere in the world* – inviting a rabbi, priest or pastor into that mosque to conduct a service. –Act for America. We are absolutely amazed at the catering to Islam in this country. Ed. Of course, the more we give in, exactly what is it that we have gained by it? The more we cater to them, the more grief and trouble we get (I just heard today that four Rabbis were murdered in the mid east). The more we give in to them the more emboldened they'll be. They look upon our yielding to them as weakness

BUT WE HAVE HOPE!

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." ~*Titus 2:13*. This is the next prophetic event. When I say "We have hope," I am speaking of those who have been born again through faith in Jesus Christ and His death on the cross of Calvary for their sins. For those that have been born again, Jesus will come to the air and take us home. He said, "If I go away, I will come again and receive you unto Myself." In order to be ready for this great event, read the 3rd chapter of the Gospel of John. My Friend, if you are not saved from your sins, God says, "Now is the accepted time..." There is no better time to get ready for the coming of the Lord may be at any moment. It will be sudden: "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye..."

HIGH COST OF NEGLECT

“Neglect not the gift that is in thee.” ~*I Timothy 4:14*. The dictionary says that “neglect” means “carelessness.” The word used in the Bible means “disinterested.” Neglect is a most common destroyer in every area of life. Last year, I did not sow or cultivate my garden - but what a tremendous crop resulted --- of weeds. All it took to grow them was neglect. I stopped last fall to poke around an old abandoned house; a favorite hobby. It was falling to pieces: windows broken, roof leaking, floors sagging, doors loosened from their hinges. There was a day someone built and cared for that house, but now one word told the story - neglect. For some reason the owner lost interest and neglected it. Neglect was written all over the place. This sort of thing is true of all of life. We have talents, opportunities, and gifts which must be constantly cultivated and used or they will be lost by neglect. Put your arm in a sling and do not use it for a number of months and see what happens. It will atrophy and become useless unless taken out and vigorously exercised. The Christian who does not use his God-given faculties and gifts, will lose them through neglect. You need to keep your spiritual house in order by not neglecting these gifts. How many once vibrant Christians we have seen lose their spirituality and usefulness by neglecting God’s means of bearing fruit? You need to read your Bible and pray seriously every day. How many once witnessed for Christ but no longer. **“Neglect not the gift that is in thee.”** If your spiritual life is in disrepair through neglect, what you need is revival. **“Repent and do first works!”** –Adapted

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BE YE THANKFUL

Ingratitude is one of the great flaws (and sins) in the nature of man. I dare say most individuals are given to it. One of the most pitiful scenes in the Bible is where Jesus healed ten lepers and only one man came back to give Him thanks for his great deliverance. Many years ago, I am quite sure it was in the great depression, a certain radio personality had a program which he called “The Job Center of the Air.” The program helped over 2,500 people find employment in very difficult times. He later reported that of that great number, only ten individuals ever took the time to give him thanks. Similarly, a man remembered a school teacher who had been very helpful to him in his school years, now long past. He sent her a letter expressing his gratitude for her helpfulness. She was now in her eighties and living all alone. Upon receiving his encouraging letter, she sat down and penned a reply. She said, “I can’t tell you how much your letter meant to me. You will be interested to know that I spent 50 years teaching school, and yours is the first note of appreciation that I have received. It came on a blue, cold morning and it filled me with tears.” If our ingratitude to man is bad, what about ingratitude to God. That not only involves the unsaved, but what about all of the Christians who are ungrateful to God for His goodness. For many Christians, football will be more important than God on Thanksgiving Day! There will be plenty to eat, hours of football, but no time to attend a Thanksgiving Service. How sad! The Bible says, **“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.”** ~*Psalms 103:2*. The Christian ought to overflow with thanksgiving – not just one day a year, but every day! **“Be ye thankful.”** ~*Colossians 3:15*.