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GOD IS GOOD TO ALL!

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“Or despisest thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?” ~Romans 2:4.

Two things stand out in this verse of Scripture. The first is, **“despisest thou...”** To despise means to set too little value upon something. Do you put too little value on God’s goodness and patience with you? Even though you have sinned, God has been good to you. The Bible says, **“God is good to all,”** and indeed He is. He has blessed you in many ways and yet He has not punished you according to your sins. The Bible also says, **“He has not rewarded us according to our iniquities.”** The other thought that stands out in this Scripture that you probably do not understand is that in His goodness and longsuffering, He is trying to get you to repent: **“...knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance.”** If you are ever going to really know and experience the goodness of God, you must repent! Jesus said, **“Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”**

We need to say a few words about repentance. That’s a Bible doctrine rarely heard these days. But if Jesus said you **MUST** repent or perish, we had better find out what it means and do it. The ultimate problem in this world is that we are all sinners. God’s Word says, **“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God,”** and **“The wages of sin is death...”** In order to escape the judgment because of your sin, it must be paid for. Religion cannot pay for your sins; money cannot pay for your sins; prayers cannot pay for your sins. The Bible says, **“Who can forgive sins but God only?”** My Friend, that is why Jesus Christ came into the world. God Himself came down to earth, took a human body, died on the cross and paid the price for your sins. John 3:16 says, **“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”** Now, that’s where repentance comes in. Repentance means “to change your mind.” You need to change your mind about how to have your sins forgiven. Most people believe that it’s up to them; if they do enough good they will make it. NO! God says you must change your mind about that because it is wrong. Some people (actually billions) think one is saved by baptism! Wrong again! You need to repent of your sins and you need to trust Jesus Christ to save you. **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”** Not your own good works; not baptism; etc. In the Bible (Acts 3:19) it says, **“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.”** When someone truly repents, changes his mind about his sin and how to have it forgiven, he is converted. That means he has turned around. He is not going in the old direction, but he has turned around and is going God’s way. Jesus said: **“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is they way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” ~Matthew 7:13,14.** The road to destruction is broad – you may believe whatever you want to! If you want to get on the road that leads to eternal life, heaven, you had better change your mind about your sin and call upon Jesus Christ to save you. He said, **“...him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out.” ~John 6:37.** Why not come to Him right now!

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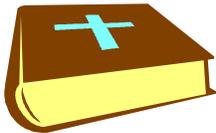
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**“THERE IS A FRIEND THAT STICKETH
CLOSER THAN A BROTHER.” Prov. 18:24**

IF I CAN FIND THE CHURCH... A little girl was lost in the downtown section of a large city. A policeman came along and discovering the problem tried to help her. She did not know her full name nor just where she lived. The only information she could give was “My father’s name is Daddy.” At last her face lighted up and she said, “If I can find the Church, I can find my way home.” Happy the Church that is such that a lost child going there, will be able to find the way home! Sad to say that there are many (Yes, most) churches where you could go all of your life and never find the eternal home that Jesus went to prepare. Perhaps someone reading these lines is in that kind of Church. If so, you need to find another church – a Fundamental Church where the true Gospel is preached. That is, that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again for your justification. What good is a church that does not give you God’s soul saving message?

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

“Don’t approach a goat from the front; a horse from the rear or a fool from any side.” -See Proverbs 26:4,5.

Some people are like a wheelbarrow: No good unless pushed and easily upset.

Honesty is still the best policy, but sad to say, many are satisfied with less than the best.

Better never to have been born at all than never to have been born again!

“Statistics show that 10,000 people are killed by liquor where only one is killed by a mad dog. Yet we shoot the dog and license the liquor dealer. What sense is this?”

Blessed is the man who has nothing worth saying and who is able to refrain from saying it.

The closer you get to God, the further you will get from this present evil world.

WORRY! God’s Word says, “Take therefore, no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.” ~Matthew 6:34. M. R. DeHaan told of his first trip upon the great bridge over the Mackinac Straits. He said at a distance it looked as though it went straight up and could not possibly be negotiated by a car. However, as one got closer, it seemed to drop off into a long gentle incline. It was a matter of perspective. So it is with our days and our problems. As we look ahead they seem so foreboding, but when faced, they are often not near as difficult as we had imagined. We have the Lord’s help! No matter how big our problems look -- remember that God is bigger! **“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart...”** ~Prov.3:5,6 Also remember this: Jesus said, **“All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth.”** ~Matthew 28:18.

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

LIBERTY UNIV, AND MORMONS TOGETHER.

On April 25, (2014) Glenn Beck, Mormon political activist and conservative talk show host, spoke at Liberty University's final convocation of the semester. It was not a political address. It was a rousing, tear-drenched sermon about God and the Bible, a sermon in which Beck exalted Joseph Smith and cited Mormon theology, and it was received with frequent cheers and applause and a standing ovation at the end. Shame on Liberty University and Jerry Falwell, Jr., for giving this likable, personable deceiver a forum for his heresies. (Beck spoke at Liberty University's graduation service in 2010 when he was given an honorary doctorate of humanities, and the Sounds of Liberty music group and Jerry Falwell, Jr., participated in Beck's Restoring Honor event in Washington, D.C., that year.) Jerry Falwell, Jr., gave a glowing introduction to Beck and received from him a \$50,000 check as a gift to the school. This is in direct and blatant disobedience to God's Word... Speaking before a large banner bearing the school's motto, "Training Champions for Christ," the Mormon's message was filled with spiritual deception. He started off with the following amazing statement: "I am a Mormon, but I share your faith in the atonement of the Savior Jesus Christ." This is a horrible deception. Mormons do not share the faith of Bible-believing Christians. They believe in a false christ, a false gospel, and a false spirit, all of which the apostle Paul warned of so fervently and condemned so plainly in his epistles...

The Mormon Jesus as taught by Joseph Smith and Brigham Young is the firstborn spirit of Elohim and the brother of Lucifer, the second-born. He became God through obedience and was born into this world as the product of the physical union of Elohim and Mary. The Mormon gospel is salvation through faith, repentance, baptism, and obedience (*Basic Beliefs of the LDS Church*), a Mormon publication I received on a visit to the Mormon leaders have been more honest about their theology than Glenn Beck. In 1977, Mormon Apostle Bernard Brockbank said, "It is true that many of the Christian churches worship a different Jesus Christ than is worshipped by the Mormons or The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" (*The Ensign*, May 1977, p. 26). And in 1998, Mormon President Hinckley said, "The traditional Christ of whom they [non-Mormons] speak is not the Christ of whom I speak... (*LDS Church News*, week ending June 20, 1998, p. 7). -FBIS (5/21/14)

As we have often noted and warned Mormonism is "another Gospel." See **Galatians 1:8,9**.

A LITTANY OF EVIL! Yesterday, President Barack Obama spoke at an LGBT fundraiser in New York City. You can watch or read the entire speech here. I thought you might like to know what he said, so here are **a few excerpts from the transcript of his speech**:

- The day that the Supreme Court issued its ruling, *United States v. Windsor*, was a great day for America.

- So Pride Month is a time for celebration, and this year we've got a lot to celebrate. If you think about everything that's happened in the last 12 months, it is remarkable. In nine more states you're now free to marry the person you love - that includes my two home states of Hawaii and Illinois. The NFL drafted its first openly gay player. The U.S. Postal Service made history by putting an openly gay person on a stamp - the late, great Harvey Milk smiling from ear to ear.

- When I took office, only two states had marriage equality. Today, 19 states and the District of Columbia do.

- But because of your help, we've been able to do more to protect the rights of lesbian and gay, and bisexual and trans gender Americans than any administration in history.

- We repealed "don't ask, don't tell," because no one should have to hide who you love to serve the country we love.

- I lifted the 22-year ban on people with HIV traveling to the U.S.

- Before I took office, only one openly gay judge had been confirmed in history. We have 10 more.

- ...we stopped defending the so-called Defense of Marriage Act in the courts and argued alongside Edie and Robbie before the highest court in the land.

- I've directed my staff to prepare for my signature, an executive order prohibiting discrimination by federal contractors on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

My friend, our nation is in deep trouble under President Obama and liberals in Congress...*ACT for Amer.* (6/17/14)

Ed. Note he was speaking to LBGT (Lesbians, Bi-Sexual, Gays, Transgender). There is not one good thing there (or anywhere else in his administration!) **"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil..."** ~*Isaiah 5:20*

TOO STRICT!

Dr. A. W. Tozer wrote: "I must confess as a pastor that I have had to say 'Goodbye' to people...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.' My only apology is, I am still not as strict as the Bible. I have to confess that I am not up to the standard of the Scriptures. I am trying, but I am not that strict. But occasionally, we have to say farewell to someone who says they have to find a different kind of church, an easy-going church, a church that majors in relaxation. What did Jesus say to us? He said that unless we are ready to turn from everything and follow Him with devotion, we are not yet ready to be His disciples, and unless we are ready to die for Him we are not ready to live for Him. The whistle is going to blow for us one of these days and then, we will have to appear and tell God how we carried on His work, how we conducted ourselves in the light of what Jesus said. So, 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." Many professing Christians want a church where there are few if any standards and an easy-going, fun filled program. They want contemporary music, no dress standards, fewer and shorter services, twenty minute sermons with plenty of jokes and funny stories. If this is what you want, it's easy enough to find; there are plenty of churches like that out there. Just remember, you're going to meet the Lord someday - maybe sooner than you would like to think! Then, you will be judged by His standard! Better repent and get right with God and into the *right* church, a separated church.

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THE MAXIMUM CHRISTIAN

I once read an article by Spurgeon entitled, "The Minimum Christian." I thought what about the Maximum Christian? Let's look at what such a man might be like. He is the man who puts his whole heart, the maximum, into the Lord and His work. He never thinks in terms of how little he can do! He thinks he can never do enough for Christ after all the Lord has done in saving his soul. He is in Church whenever the doors are open, unless it is humanly impossible to do so. He listens to the preacher and takes the message to heart because it is from the Lord, not just a man, and he applies it to himself, not others. Sacrificial giving is not a problem, for all he is and has belongs to God. His interest is not in ease but in furthering the work of Christ. Appeals for funds do not bother him for he wants to invest for eternity, not time. The theater, dancing, card-playing, social drinking mean nothing to him for he has died with Christ. The world does not bother or entice him for he is not interested any longer in the world. The Maximum Christian understands what the Bible means when it says, "**Old things have passed away, behold all things are become new.**" ~*II Corinthians 5:17*. His philosophy is: "**God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world.**" ~*Galatians 6:14*. He doesn't measure holiness or right and wrong by what others are doing but by the Word of God! This is the kind of man that one does not have to wonder if he is truly saved. Are you a Minimum or Maximum Christian?