



GOD IS NOT HAPPY WITH BIBLE CORRECTORS!

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God is not happy with many things men presume to do. He certainly is not happy with those who alter His Holy Word. He has given warning: **“Ye shall not add to the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it...”** ~Deuteronomy 4:2. **“Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.”** ~Proverbs 30:6. God says that **“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.”** ~Psalm 12:5,6. Does that sound like something that can be improved upon? I am reminded of a story I read many years ago. A famous Fifth Avenue store had engaged Salvador Dali to design one of their large display windows. He spent a great deal of time and effort and late one night he finally finished his work. It was ready for his signature. The next day, there were many viewers and many people passing by when Dali showed up. He took one look, and in front of all those people, he went back a few paces and took a running jump into the plate glass window destroying the display. What was the matter with this man? While the crowd did not know it, someone had rearranged some of his work after he left the night before. He was not happy to have his work tampered with. In reality, it was no longer his work.

If a man can be indignant over someone altering his work, how much more God? We have said it many times: God is not happy with those who alter His Word! How dare some sinful creatures endeavor to improve upon the Word of God. Surely they have no fear of God! I would no more correct the pure, inspired, infallible Word of God than I would take forked lightning into my hands. The proliferation of counterfeit bibles is astounding; it seems there is a new variety about every month. Not only do we see the Liberals and New Evangelicals putting out and using faulty modern versions, but some Fundamentalists have a penchant for one or more bibles that correct the true Word of God - the King James Version. Then, there are those who claim to be King James Bible believers, but they cannot preach for fifteen minutes without correcting it by saying, “This is not in the oldest manuscripts” or “a better rendering is...” or some similar statement whereby they correct the Bible they claim to believe. Of course, they usually correct God’s Word with the corrupt teachings or Westcott and Hort and the very faulty Alexandrian manuscripts. Dear Bible believer, there is only one pure Word of God; how could there be more than one? Make sure you have God’s inspired, infallible, preserved Word - the KJV! Let me end this article with one more strong warning of what God thinks about those who tamper with His Word. **“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”** ~Revelation 22:18,19

CORNERSTONE NEWS

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, Dec. 31 — 5:00 — 8:00

*A Great Family Night!
Invite a Friend!*

5:00 - GOSPEL FILM

6:00 - BUFFET SUPPER

7:00 - TESTIMONIES
PRAYERTIME
LORD'S SUPPER



*No better way to end the Old
year and start the New!*

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WEEK OF PRAYER

JANUARY 5 - 8, 2015

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

"IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER"

Bring the Family!

WHAT IS THE CHURCH TO YOU?

If there is one thing that pierces the Savior's heart with unutterable grief, it is not the world's iniquity, but the Church's indifference. — F.B. Meyer

People do not miss Church services because they live too far from the building, they miss Church because they live too far from God.

Billy Sunday said: "You say, I'll be a Christian and go to Heaven without a Church. Yes, and you can go to Europe without getting on board a ship or airplane. The swimming is good, but the sharks are waiting for those who take that route. If a man is saved, he should look for a good Bible believing Church right away!"

YOUTH CORNER

EXCEPT! D. L. Moody said, "Notice how the Scripture puts it: "Except a man be born again..." ~John 3:3. From amongst a number of other passages where we find the word 'except' I would just name three.

1- 'Except ye **repent**, ye shall all likewise perish.' ~Luke 13:3,5. 2- 'Except ye be **converted** and become as little children, ye cannot enter into the kingdom of God.' ~Matthew 18:3. 3- 'Except your **righteousness** exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of Heaven.' ~Matthew 5:20." If you are going to be saved from your sins you must **repent**. That word means to change your mind about your sin; about your religion, etc. If you truly repent and believe in Christ as your Savior (if you truly repent, you also believe) you will be saved. Acts 3:19 says, "Repent ye therefore, and be **converted**, that your sins may be blotted out..." The problem is, we are all sinners, and to go to Heaven you must be righteous. God says, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done..." We simply cannot be good enough! So, God has provided a perfect righteousness for us in Jesus Christ who died for our sins. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the **righteousness** of God in him." ~II Corinthians 5:21. Imagine, poor sinners given the righteousness of God! But you must repent and be converted. Do it NOW! "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**" ~Acts 16:31.

A DIFFICULT LESSON. A famous Harvard professor was asked by a student, "Is there anything I can do to learn the art of conversation?" Prof. Copeland replied, "Yes, there is one thing and if you listen, I will tell you." For several moments there was silence. Then, the student said, "I'm listening, Professor." "You see," said Copeland, "You are learning already." God's Word says, "**Wherefore, my beloved brethren, Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.**" ~James 1:19. Personally, I think that we all like to speak a whole lot more than we like to listen. It just seems to be a part of human nature. Remember, when you are talking, you are not learning. We all tend to think that we know more than we do.

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

VATIAN RICHER THAN YOU THINK! (Reuters) - The Vatican's economy minister has said hundreds of millions of euros were found "tucked away" in accounts of various Holy See departments without having appeared in the city-state's balance sheets. In an article for Britain's Catholic Herald Magazine to be published on Friday, Australian Cardinal George Pell wrote that the discovery meant overall Vatican finances were in better shape than previously believed."In fact, we have discovered that the situation is much healthier than it seemed, because some hundreds of millions of euros were tucked away in particular sectional accounts and did not appear on the balance sheet," he wrote. "It is important to point out that the Vatican is not broke ... the Holy See is paying its way, while possessing substantial assets and investments," Pell said, according to an advance text made available on Thursday. Pell did not suggest any wrongdoing but said Vatican departments had long had "an almost free hand" with their finances and followed "long-established patterns" in managing their affairs."Very few were tempted to tell the outside world what was happening, except when they needed extra help," he said, singling out the once-powerful Secretariat of State as one department that had especially jealously guarded its independence. "It was impossible for anyone to know accurately what was going on overall," said Pell, head of the new Secretariat for the Economy that is independent of the now downgraded Secretariat of State. Aol News 12/4/14)

Ed. It is far richer than you think! I believe it is the richest institution on earth (including governments). Probably back in the 60's or 70's I read an article by a Roman Catholic priest who said that the Roman Catholic Church was richer than the three greatest American companies. One might guess the three could be General Motors, AT&T, and Exxon Oil. Yes, the Vatican is physically well-off but bankrupt spiritually!

SO MUCH FOR PAPAL INFALLIBILITY! Press reports noting that former Pope Benedict had "broken" his self-imposed silence to speak with a German newspaper may have missed the big story: a growing rift between the two pontiffs. Pope Benedict XVI indicated in a Sunday interview with the German newspaper Frankfurter Allgemeine that his views on marriage and divorce sharply diverged from those of his successor Pope Francis, and the Italian press was quick to report friction between the two. The German-born Benedict is releasing a new volume of his writings. In 1972, Joseph Ratzinger, the future Pope Benedict, wrote a paper about

the indissolubility of marriage, and suggested that divorced and remarried Catholics might be readmitted to the church. But for his new collection of writings, Benedict said he "chooses to reformulate the conclusions and reiterate what I said as a cardinal and then as pope, namely the inviolability of the doctrine on the indissolubility of marriage, with its consequence in terms of admission to communion." That indicates a clear rift between Benedict and Pope Francis, who has been more liberal on this subject, according to reports by the Italian publications Libero and Vatican Insider. -NewsMax (12/9/14) Ed. Which "infallible" Pope are we to believe?

POPE BROKERS DEAL BETWEEN U.S. AND CUBA. Pope Francis was vital in bringing the United States and Cuba back to the negotiating table, helping lead to Wednesday's historic announcement that relations would be normalized, said President Barack Obama in an address from the White House. Obama said the Pope sent a letter to him and to Cuban President Raul Castro this summer, which gave momentum to normalizing relations, [BuzzFeed](#) reported, citing statements made by a senior White House official. At the same time Obama was delivering his address, Castro was delivering his own address in Cuba, also crediting the Pontiff for his influence in brokering the agreement, CNN reported just after Obama's address. The letter was especially personal to both leaders and urged them to come together, and led to a phone call between Obama and Castro that resulted in the landmark announcement. The Pope congratulated the two leaders "for the historic decision taken by the governments," and said in a statement that the Vatican was ready to support the strengthening of bilateral relations between the U.S. and Cuba. -NewsMax (12/18/14)

IT'S GOOD TO HAVE AN ENCOURAGING NOTE! Every year beginning just after Thanksgiving, Sunbeam Bread reaches out to remind its customers that Christmas is a time to "reflect on our beliefs and remember those around us, especially those less fortunate." For 75 years, Sunbeam has put their faith into action by labeling their bread packages with an iconic image of Little Miss Sunbeam kneeling with folded hands and praying Jesus' words in Matthew 4:4, "Not by bread alone." Sunbeam's message is encouraging, inspiring and timely. Sunbeam Bread is a product of Quality Bakers of America (QBA) Cooperative and is owned by leading U.S. wholesale bakers and serves over 40 states. Together, these baking companies help bring people back to remembering what's important in life.-AFA (12/20/14)

THE TIME TO BE SAVED IS NOW!

On a voyage from New York to San Francisco, the steamship Central America sprang a leak in mid-ocean. A vessel in the vicinity, hearing her signal of distress came close by. The captain of the would-be rescue ship sent a message: "What is amiss?" The reply came back, "We are in bad repair. Lie by till morning." The reply came, "Let me take your passengers aboard now!" Because it was night, the Captain of the Central America, not wanting to possibly lose anyone, and believing that they would be able to keep the ship afloat until daylight said, "Lie by till morning." Once again the Captain of the rescue ship said, "You had better let me take your passengers now." As on the previous occasions the answer came back: "Lie by till morning." It was about an hour and a half after the last call when the lights of the Central America were missing and no sound was heard. The Central America had gone down and all who were on board perished because it was thought that they could be saved at a later time. Perhaps someone is reading this article who is not saved from his sin. You have never been **"born again"** through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. You need a Savior! Christ died for your sins 2,000 years ago, but you must put your faith in Him. The Bible says, **"Prepare to meet thy God!"** Perhaps you may say, "Well, I will do it at a later time but not now." Delay is dangerous! God says that the time to be saved is NOW – when you hear the Gospel, the "Good News" that Christ died for your sins. Listen to God: **"...Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."** ~II Corinthians 6:2. If you are not saved, God's time for you to be saved is right now, while He is speaking to you! **"Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."** ~Proverbs 27:1. **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."** ~Acts 16:31

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WHAT KIND OF A CHURCH...?

A preacher was holding meetings in a Church. Following one service a young man and his wife invited him to come home with them for fellowship and refreshments. They passed a large, impressive Church. The preacher said, "Maybe it is none of my business, but why do you pass this Church which is within blocks of your home and travel many miles to the one you attend?" The young man answered, "I live all week long amid the hard things of life, where men are cruel to each other, where might and wrong are forever on the throne and truth is on the scaffold. I need my spiritual batteries restored. I need to meet God face to face. In the Church across the street, the music is jazzed, the atmosphere is one of fun and laughter, the sermons are full of jokes, there is no reverence. I am hungry for something I can't find over there." Vance Havner said, "Today much of the professing Church has gone in for theatrics, running a showboat instead of a lifeboat, staging a performance...a form of godliness without the power thereof." What kind of a Church do you want? God's Church is not about entertaining the unsaved or carnal believers. The first Church would be a good one to pattern after. **"They that gladly received the word were baptized...And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and fellowship and breaking of bread, and in prayers."** ~Acts 2:41,42. In many a Fundamental Baptist church, you would never know that the purpose of going to Church is to study the Word of God, find out how to be holy, seek God's face in prayer, have true Christian fellowship – to say nothing about fellowship with God. We've come to the days of the "itching ears" Christians and there are plenty of ear ticklers.