



## A WORD SELDOM HEARD IN FUNDAMENTAL CHURCHES!

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I once came across an article where the author said that he had been reading several Christian publications where the theme was evangelism, but not once was the issue of sin mentioned. I am afraid that is all too common today for sin and related subjects are on the back burner, if on the burner at all. That is like running a hospital, but refusing to acknowledge the existence of disease. What is the use of talking about salvation if people don't know what they are to be saved from? Sometime ago, I preached a sermon entitled: *"Three Forbidden Words."* The words are, *sin, repentance and hell!* According to many, you might think that the Gospel and related doctrines were sugar coated pills for an imaginary illness. My observation is, even among many who claim to be God's people, these words (Bible doctrines) are used sparingly, if at all. People don't want to hear these words and many preachers, if not most, are not about to offend anybody. The angel announced, **"Thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their SINS."** Jesus did not come to give people a psychological fix for their hang-ups. Furthermore, you can't be saved from your sins without repentance. The Scriptures declare: **"Except ye REPENT, ye shall all likewise perish."** Repentance means to change your mind. Change your mind about sin, about God, about how to have your sins forgiven. Now, if you really change your mind, you will trust Christ and He will change your behavior. If you do not repent and trust Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin, you will die in your sins and go to **HELL!** **"Be sure your sin will find you out!"** Jesus spoke a great deal about hell. In fact, He spoke more about Hell than He did about Heaven. Why? Because it is a reality. It is what our sins deserve. He tells us of a man who **"...in hell lift up his eyes, being in torments."** You may explain that away, disbelieve it, but remember, these are the word of Jesus Christ the Son of God. I urge you not to play fast and loose with the Word of God as many do, to their own destruction.

If you have not repented and trusted Christ as your Savior from sin, you are not ready to meet God. I urge you to come to God as a poor lost sinner. God says **"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."** Your sins will never be forgiven unless you come as a sinner and ask Jesus Christ to save you. He said, **"I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."** In recent years the "gospel" of self esteem has had a very wide acceptance. It sounds good to most. It is just what people want to hear; you are good, God will accept you just as you are. But it is accursed of God for it is a false gospel. God says, **"If any many preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."** There is only one true Gospel – **"Christ died for our SINS according to the Scriptures, was buried and rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures."** The truth is, nobody is good enough to go to Heaven. That is why Christ came and died in your place. If you can save yourself, why did Christ come and suffer so greatly? Jesus said, **"I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me."** **"God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to REPENTANCE."** Come today! Right Now! God says, **"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."**

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### THOSE DANGEROUS FUNDAMENTALISTS.

Several years ago the following appeared in the *Evangelical Methodist*: "Clergy and world-renowned authors, theologians, scientists, artists and spiritual leaders" met at an international theological conference "to dismantle what they define as religious weapons of mass destruction," The group places "any individual or belief system that proclaims an exclusive path to God" as a weapon of mass destruction. They claim that fundamental Christians are "spiritually violent oppressors who stand in the way of world peace and religious unity if we believe there is but one Savior and one way to Heaven." -Copied

## YOUTH CORNER

**DEAD OR ALIVE?** A pastor spoke with a man who had some time before made a profession of faith in Christ. "Have you been baptized?" he asked. "No," said the man, "The dying thief never was baptized, and he went to Heaven," was the man's answer. "Have you joined with a local church?" The man said, "No, the dying thief never joined a church and still he went to Heaven." "Have you spoken with others about their need of Christ?" He answered, "No, the thief on the cross never witnessed to his neighbors." The pastor said, "Have you given so that the Gospel of Christ may reach others?" "No, the thief on the cross never gave to the church or missions." Finally, the preacher said, "Well, my friend, there is only one difference that I can see between you and the thief on the cross is that he was a dying thief and you are a living one."

**HOW BIG A MAN DO YOU WANT?** A western rancher had asked the superintendent of his church that a pastor be assigned to his community. "How big a man do you want," asked the superintendent. "Well, Elder," the wiry man replied, "We're not overly particular about his size, but when he is on his knees we'd like to have him reach Heaven." Sad to say, that the problem with many a Christian is that he doesn't reach Heaven when he prays. God says, "...ye have not because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." ~James 4:2,3.

### SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

People don't miss Church because the weather is hot, but because their heart is cold!

After all is said and done, usually there is more said than done.

The one thing that is worse than failure is the effort some people take in trying to excuse it.

Honesty is still the best policy but many people are satisfied with less than the best.

You can always tell an egotist, but you can't tell him very much!

You can't soar with the eagles if you hang around

with the turkeys.

"For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" ~Mark 8:36

**"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."**

## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

**OPENED 123 NEW MOSQUES, 500 CLOSED CHURCHES** (Friday Church News Notes, April 7, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org) - The following is excerpted from “Londonistan,” Giulio Meotti, The Gatestone Institute, Apr. 2, 2017: “London is more Islamic than many Muslim countries put together’ according to Maulana Syed Raza Rizvi, one of the Islamic preachers who now lead ‘Londonistan’ as the journalist Melanie Phillips has called the English capital. ... Londonistan, with its new 423 mosques, is built on the sad ruins of English Christianity. The Hyatt United Church was bought by the Egyptian community to be converted to a mosque. St Peter’s Church has been converted into the Madina Mosque. The Brick Lane Mosque was built on a former Methodist church. Not only buildings are converted, but also people. The number of converts to Islam has doubled; often they embrace radical Islam, as with Khalid Masood, the terrorist who struck Westminster. The *Daily Mail* published photographs of a church and a mosque a few meters from each other in the heart of London. At the Church of San Giorgio, designed to accommodate 1,230 worshippers, only 12 people gathered to celebrate Mass. At the Church of Santa Maria, there were 20. ... ‘In another 20 years there are going to be more active Muslims than there are churchgoers,’ said Keith Porteous Wood, director of the National Secular Society. Since 2001, 500 London churches of all denominations have been turned into private homes. During the same period, British mosques have been proliferating. ... The Wahhabis control six percent of mosques in the UK, while the fundamentalist Deobandi control up to 45%. ... London is also full of sharia courts. There are officially 100. ... The British ambassador in Saudi Arabia, Simon Collis, converted to Islam and completed the pilgrimage to Mecca, the *hajj*. He now calls himself Haji Collis.” FBIS 4/7/17.

Ed. Many years ago, I was in London for a few days, a Christian man who worked for the government, told me that there were over 700 mosques in England at that time. One whole section of London was basically controlled by them. Sharia law is in common use in a whole section of the city, I just read another article which stated that by 2035 Islam will be the leading world religion and dominant force in the world, and just about all others. Of course, our Nation’s leaders are just about oblivious to this. My earnest prayer is: **“Even so come Lord Jesus..”**

**FEMINISTS SWEDEN’S FATUOUS** (Friday Church News Notes, March 24, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), [866-295-4143](tel:866-295-4143)) - The following is excerpted from Frontpagemag.com, Feb. 17, 2017: “So here’s twenty-first-century Western feminism in a nutshell. Earlier this month, after the White House released a photograph of Donald Trump signing a presidential order in the presence of several male appointees, Isabella Lovin, the Deputy Prime Minister of Sweden, put out a picture of herself signing a climate-change law in the company of other top female officials. Plainly, the photo was meant as a defiant statement of proud womanhood in the face of the world’s leading threat to female equality and dignity--the new man in the Oval Office. Indeed, the current Swedish government, in which the cabinet consists of twelve men and twelve women, has proclaimed itself to be ‘the world’s first feminist government.’ *Buzzfeed’s* article about this triumphant moment carried the headline: ‘Did The Swedish Government Just Epically Troll Donald Trump With This All-Woman Photo?’ But what a difference a couple of weeks can make. The other day a four-man, eleven-woman Swedish delegation traveled to Tehran to ink a trade deal with the mullahs.

Throughout the visit, the women, led by Trade Minister Ann Linde, wore hijabs, plus long, shapeless coats obviously selected for maximum ‘modesty.’ One photograph, which shows the female members of the Swedish delegation striding past Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, is wonderfully illuminating: in their postures, in their facial expressions, these women’s defiance in response to big, bad, evil Trump is nowhere in evidence. They’re all wearing dark pants. The woman whose face we can see the best is the very picture of meekness and obeisance. The look on her face might well be that of a humble, pious, provincial nun about to be introduced to the Pope. Her right hand is on her chest, a signal that Rouhani need not worry that she might try to shake his hand. Another picture shows Linde herself clearly bowing to an Iranian official. The ‘world’s first feminist government,’ which ‘epically troll[ed]’ Trump, thus effectively communicated to Iran--and the entire Muslim world--a message of submission that could hardly have been improved upon.”

Of course, submission by the women in the Muslim world is an absolute must. It is very strictly enforced. That is what the head covering is all about.

## GOD FIRST NOT LAST

Vance Havner related the story of an elderly lady who was greatly disturbed by her many troubles, both real and imaginary. Finally, she was told in a friendly way by her family, “Grandma, we have done all we can for you. You will just have to trust God for the rest.” A look of utter despair came over her face as she replied, “Oh, has it finally come to that?” Havner commented: “Yes, it always comes to that, so we might as well begin with that! God’s word tells us to bring every concern once and for all to the Lord. Since He offers to handle our problems, why not let Him? Let us go about our daily tasks expecting God to take care of us, while we care about our duties. If a child were to ask his parents every day, ‘Are you sure you will always want me and watch over me?’ he would break his parents hearts and ruin his own happiness. The trusting youngster goes his way undisturbed, assured that his parents love him and will provide all of his needs. Because the Lord is wise and compassionate, we can depend on Him to do the same.” Is it not true that we who are children of the King often act as if He were not interested in our well being? We need to remember that His promises are also true. He has said, **“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”** ~*Matthew 6:33-34*. May the Lord help us to seek God and His help first – not last!

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## DISOBEDIENCE LED TO SHIPWRECK

Back in November of 1898 the steamship Portland left Boston Harbor in the midst of a severe storm. Though all the signals for danger were flying the ship left port, even though the government agent at the signal office had strongly advised the outgoing vessel to remain in port. She left in spite of the fact that the ship’s owners had commanded her to remain in the dock. Why she left, no one has ever been able to discover. Her captain must have been apprehensive, for he sent a message to the lighthouse keeper saying, “Keep your light burning for we may come back.” The vessel no sooner got outside the harbor when the fierce storm caught her in its embrace and tore her to pieces. No one on board ever again saw home or friends. How many lives have been shipwrecked for disobeying the commands of God! God has a plan for every life; for your life. But that plan involves obedience to His Word. God says, “But this thing commanded I them, saying, **‘Obey my voice and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people, and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.’**” ~*Jeremiah 7:23*. If you want it to be well with you, you must walk in God’s ways! The captain of that ship no doubt had some reason to venture out into that storm, some personal reason for leaving, but he was wrong. It was no doubt a matter of self will. That is the greatest enemy of every child of God! The old nature will lead to shipwreck. We must learn to reject the old nature and yield to God. The hymn writer wrote: *“Trust and obey, for there’s no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.”*