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NEW CALENDARS FOR 2018

It's time to put up the new calendars for 2018!

As I was growing up I heard people say, *The older you get the faster time moves*, and now I'm learning just how true that is. But most importantly, there will come *an end* to the time that *we personally* have in this world.

Sometimes at the end of the year I'll look up a list of the 'world's' well-known people who died.

I'll think of why they had become 'famous', and then consider their eternal destiny – where are they now?

The BIBLE writes clearly about what happens *after* a person dies. It gives us glimpses into heaven and all the glories that only a Christian will experience. It also shows the need that we all have to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and what that means ... *"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"* (Mark 8:36). **See also Psalm 49, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 20:11-15.**

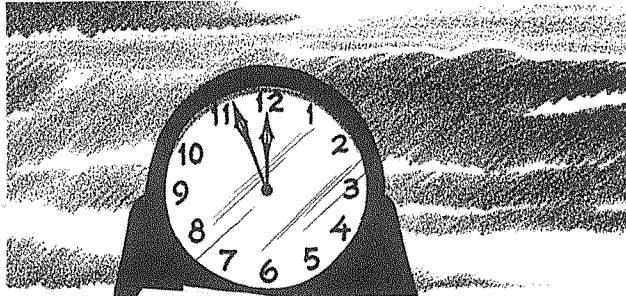
To personally have this promise of forgiveness of sins and the certainty of a future home in heaven, we have to have *'repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ'* (Acts 20:21),

It Is Remarkable

"It is remarkable that the Holy Spirit has given us very few deathbed scenes in the Book of God. We have very few in the Old Testament, fewer still in the New. And I take it that the reason may be, because the Holy Ghost would have us to take more account of how we live than how we die, for life is the main business. He who learns to die daily while he lives will find it no difficulty to breathe out his soul for the last

time into the hands of his faithful Creator."

- Charles Spurgeon



"For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." Psalms 90:9-10

"My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass." Psalms 102:11

"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." James 4:14

JACK HANNA



GOOD RESOLUTIONS For the NEW YEAR

'A little less impatience with those we deem too slow;
A little less arrogance because of all we know.

A little more humility, seeing our worth is slight; we are such trivial candles compared to stars at night!

A little more forgiving and swifter to be kind; a little more desirous the word of praise to find.

The word of praise to utter and make a heart rejoice; a little more careful to speak with gentle voice.

A little more true eagerness to understand each other' a little more real striving to help a shipwrecked brother.

A little more high courage to each task that must be done; these be good resolutions - and God help everyone!"

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THIS MONTH'S LITTLE ECONOMICS & POLITICAL LESSON:

Quality & Equality

"You can't have *Equality* and *Quality* at the same time.

Because to have *Equality*, you would have to lower the quality of those who are better."

The 'higher' and 'better' would have to be *lowered* to equalize the *better* and the *worse*.

'Equality' always means the 'better' has to become less good, less productive, less successful.

'Equality' prevents the cream from rising to the top. Equality is the foolish ranting and raving of the liberal socialists. (*Instead, don't lower the top, raise the bottom!*)

Having 'equality' as a goal always, overall, ends up making everything and everybody, worse!

New Year's

"To remind us of the *passing* of time

- to witness of the *shortness* of time

- to exhort us to a *better use* of time

- to cheer us by the *availability* of time

- to motivate us to the *right use* of time

- to warn us of the *end of time!*"

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesdays - Adult & Teen Bible Studies
& Kids' Bible Club - 7:00 pm

Quotes

"The best commentary on the Old Testament is the New Testament!"

"Don't ask the question if you can't live with the answer."

"When I curse, I am *being* something not just *saying* something."

"Secret hatred will break forth into open violence."

"The middle of the road is where people get run over."

"Sin against light brings darkness."

"Many grieve over their sins but never repent of them."



"A diehard is one who worships the ground his head is buried in."

"They don't make mirrors like they used to."

"You're never too old to learn something dumb."

Ready! Fire! Aim!

"TOMORROW, tomorrow, tomorrow!

Alas, tomorrow never comes!

It is in no calendar except the almanac of fools." - Charles Spurgeon



A Compliment for the Pastor?

"After a church service, a man went up to the pastor and said, *'Every sermon you preach is better than the next one.'*"

"Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."

- Psalm 119:160

- New Evangelicalism characterized by ...
- (1) a repudiation of separation,
 - (2) by a love for positivism,
 - (3) by a repudiation of the more negative aspects of biblical Christianity,
 - (4) by a judge-not philosophy,
 - (5) by a dislike of doctrinal controversy,
 - (6) by exalting love and unity above doctrine,
 - (7) by a desire for intellectual respectability,
 - (8) by pride of scholarship,
 - (9) by an attitude of anti-fundamentalism,
 - (10) by the division of biblical truth into categories of essential and non-essential,
 - (11) by a general mood of softness and tolerance,
 - (12) of a desire for a less strict Christianity,
 - and (13) of a weariness with theological fighting.

The book also describes the Apostate Fruit of New Evangelicalism, (which is admitted even by some of its own leaders.) - copied
 "New Evangelicalism: History, Characteristics & Fruit"

ATHEIST CONVENTION CANCELLED FOR LACK OF INTEREST

"According to the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the third annual Global Atheist Convention has been cancelled for lack of interest. Scheduled for February 2018 in Sydney, the convention was to feature Salmon Rushdie and Richard Dawkins. Rushdie and Dawkins fail to distinguish between dead 'religion,' including dead Christianity, and the truth of Jesus Christ, whose resurrection from the dead was witnessed by hundreds and has dramatically changed the lives of multitudes of people such as the apostle Paul, formerly a persecutor of Christians. The lack of enthusiasm for the convention is not surprising. The proposed theme was 'Reason to Hope,' but what 'hope' is in atheism? Its gospel is 'you came from nothing; you are nothing; your life has no ultimate meaning; and you are going nowhere.'"

- Friday Church News Notes, Nov 24, 2017

THIS & THAT
From HERE & THERE

Old Testament in the New Testament

"There are 332 direct quotations and references to the Old Testament in the New Testament, and a total of over 1,000 quotes; references and allusions."

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\$450 Million

"A portrait of Jesus Christ painted by Leonardo da Vinci sold at auction for \$450 million to an anonymous buyer."

(Thot - that is not what Jesus Christ looked like!)"

Music Lessons

"Childhood music lessons actually enlarge the brain.

The younger the musical training begins, the larger the area."

- Natural, 4/23/98

Mass Shootings

"After the church massacre in Sutherland Springs, Texas, the 1,999

Columbine school shooting is no longer among the 10 deadliest mass shootings in post-war America."

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Billionaires

"The three richest people in the United States are Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos, and Warren Buffet - with a total combined worth of \$248.5 billion."

An Old Solution

"The avalanche of sexual harassment claims, with new ones pouring forth daily, leads me to the wisdom of George Washington's observation in his farewell address in 1796: 'Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports ... And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be managed without religion.' You may say, 'There you go again, Star, waving your Bible.' But is there a better answer for dealing with this problem? Washington's point is crucial. In a free society, one in which we want to minimize government and political control, we must maximize self-governance.

Religion, and the morality that emerges from it, provides the rules by which free men and women govern their own behavior. I will say further that the rules that we learn from Scripture provide the framework for a society based on love, respect and creativity, as opposed to power and control. Sexuality, outside of the framework of mutual love, commitment and respect between husband and wife, is transformed from a physical expression of intimacy and beauty to the gross and crass behavior of brutes.

That this appears to be so widespread in our society should trouble us all. So what do we do?

I am a Christian, but I do not believe that our government was designed to mend men's souls.

It was designed to allow citizens to live free.

We cannot force citizens to do what Washington advises - learn and be guided by Scripture.

What's the alternative?

One is to forget it and let people do what they want.

Let women fend for themselves when beastly predators with money and power threaten them.

Few will accept this option. Alternatively, we can have politicians design our rules. But can this work?

Without guidelines of Scripture, how do we discern right and wrong, acceptable and forbidden?

This is the trend that has been going on for years.

The less we self-govern through eternal Biblical truths (learned at home and at school), the more we grow government to control our lives."

- Star Parker, 'George Washington's Solution'

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January 2018

- Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Studies 7:00 p.m.



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- Thursday Evenings @ 8:00 pm
- Friday Afternoons @ 2:00 pm
- Saturday Mornings @ 10:00 am
- Sunday Mornings @ 7:00 am

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Jesus is God

"With a Saviour less than divine you have a religion less than saving. Deity is not to be explained, but to be adored; and the Sonship of Christ is to be accepted as a truth of revelation, If Christ was not God, we are not Christians; we are deceived dupes, we are idolaters, as bad as the heathen whom we now pity. It is making a man into a God, if Christ be not God.

I never care to read any arguments about the Deity of Christ; I should as soon think of reading a book which sought to prove the existence of my mother.

Depend upon it, my hearer, you never will go to heaven unless you are prepared to worship Jesus Christ as God."

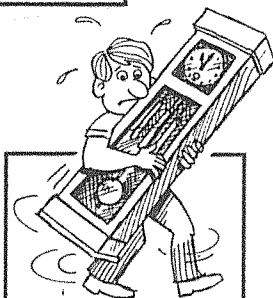
- Miscellaneous Quotes, Charles Spurgeon

"In the beginning was the Word ... and the Word was God ... and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us ..." (John 1:1,14)

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"So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

- Psalm 90:12