

Bible Baptist Temple NEWSLETTER

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August!

The Christian 'Difference'

There are many things in this world that are bad and getting worse and it can be discouraging – in families, society, schools, politics and even in Christianity. But if a person continues to dwell on these problems and failures of mankind, and keeps on getting disappointed when things don't improve, it can affect them.

But the Christian life brings a completely different outlook. It will encourage and give joy in spite of all the fears and disappointments in this world! The Bible answers the profound questions of life – *where did I come from, why am I here, and where am I going.*

A real Christian has been 'born again' by a spiritual birth, where now the convert has a new nature and the Holy Spirit of God Himself indwelling him.

They've personally experienced God's forgiveness and love.

They rejoice in promises from the *God who cannot lie* that they will be with the Lord forever in an eternal and glorious heaven! *What a difference!*

(see I Corinthians 2:9; II Corinthians 5:17)

"Western civilization was founded on a set of philosophies that focused strongly on the sanctity of individuals and their power of logic and reason.

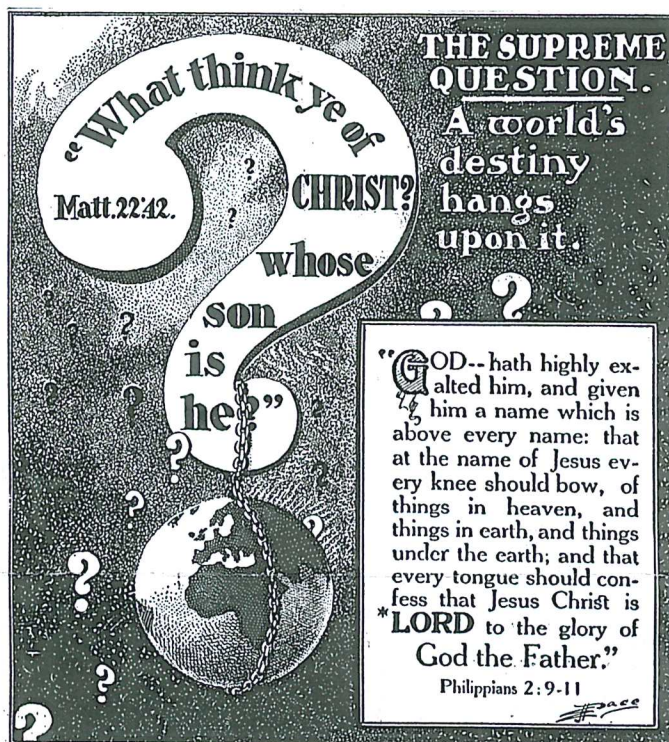
This belief led to a desire to trust things that could be proven to be true or legitimate, from government to science.

Judeo-Christian morality has formed the basis of most Western notions of ethics and behavioral standards. Thus, the attack on Western civilization must begin with the attack on the church and Christian values, and, just as important, the family unit must be undermined.

The reason why the church, Christian values and family are targets of the left is they want people's loyalty and allegiance to be to the state. The church, Christianity and the family stand in the way."

- Walter Williams,

The Assault on Western Civilization'



CHURCH CALENDAR

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

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

September 21/22 - Missions' Weekend

Quotes

"It's not what you are that's important but what you are becoming."

"There are no benign sins, they are all malignant."

*If your 'religion' and politics don't mix.
There's something wrong with your politics."*

"If seeing were more effective than believing, the Lord would have put pictures in the Bible."

"TRUTH is directed towards the will as well as the intellect."

"There are many people in the world who are God's creation but not God's children."

"How many people have been vaccinated with a mild case of Christianity which prevents them from getting the real thing?"

LITTLE BARBARIANS

"Each new generation born is in effect an invasion of civilization by little barbarians, who must be civilized before it is too late."

- Thomas Sowell (included in article by Rich Lowry)

Grace & Works

"We are so afraid that we will reflect upon the all-sufficiency of grace that we dare not tell Christians that they must live right. Paul wrote his epistles in the Holy Ghost, and he laid down holy, inward ethics, moral rules for the inward Christian ... He does expect His people to be clean and pure and right.

We are never saved by our good works, but we are not saved apart from good works.

Out of our saving faith in Jesus Christ, there springs immediately goodness and righteousness ... The man who is not ready to live right is not saved, and he will not be saved ... The grace of God that bringeth salvation teaches the heart that we should deny ungodliness and worldly lusts and live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world (Titus 2:12); '... that he might

... purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.' (Titus 2:14).

We ought not to make the mistake of thinking that we can be spiritual and not be good."

- copied, A.W. Tozer, 'Discipleship'

Speaking of ISRAEL

"... and what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemest to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?"

For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God." - II Samuel 7:23,24

A Relationship with God

NOWHERE do we find the apostles proclaiming the gospel as an invitation to have a personal relationship with God.

After all, they presupposed that everyone has a personal relationship with God already.

In fact, our major problem is that we do have a relationship with God: the relationship of a guilty defendant before a just Judge."

- Michael Horton *'The Gospel-Driven Life'*, p 91



"Many employers motivate workers with bonuses; some offer gym memberships; a few even supply day care for their working mothers and fathers. One boss went a step further. A sign posted in the break room read; *'New Incentive Plan - Work or Get Fired!'*"

"Most people work just hard enough not to get fired; and are paid just enough not to quit."

Yes!

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Our Web Site
at

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see - pictures of our church

- previous NewsLetters

- over 100 messages are available to be listened to

Tell others about it!

"The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him ;"

- Psalm 25:14

The Highest Test: "GOD hates idleness. He brings up none of His children in luxurious idleness. To show how He *hates* idleness He has linked poverty to it. It is so in religion, too. The spiritual idler is ever a spiritual pauper, and can never possess the riches of religion. We must work before we can possess them. God blesses the hand of the diligent. There is much need of calling attention to this truth at the present day. The age is a luxurious one; ease and comfort seem to be the ends of life.

This spirit is creeping into our churches. It is difficult to get people to realize their responsibility, and to work for God.

They gauge everything by the amount of pleasure it gives, and not by the good it is calculated to do them. Men ought to have a higher ideal. God saves us that we might be His fellow-workers. God makes us soldiers before He makes us saints. *The highest test of religion is not enjoyment, but usefulness!*

There is joy in religion. It is the most joyous thing in the world; but then the joy is associated with work. There is no real pleasure in idleness. It is the working man, and not the skulking idler, that has the most physical enjoyment. So in spiritual things. There is no luxury like that of doing good. If any Christian lacks joy ... let him work more for God. He expects us all to be workers. None are exempt."

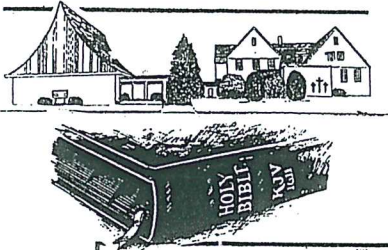
- "The Preacher's Homiletic Commentary"
Vol 3, Numbers 3:25-37, p 58

"God's people should live such holy lives that when they enter a room people will clean up their language and behave better."

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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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Yes!
We're on the
RADIO!

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

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Four Changes
when a Person becomes a Christian:
II Corinthians 5:7

1. What you BELIEVE, *Romans 6:17*
2. How you BEHAVE, *Ephesians 4:17, 24*
3. Where you BELONG, *Hebrews 10:25*
4. Who you BEFRIEND, *Psalms 1:1*



"For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God." - *Hebrews 3:4*

THIS & THAT
From HERE & THERE

7/11

"Seventeen years out from the September 11, 2001 Muslim terrorist attacks, nearly 10,000 first responders and others who were in the World Trade Center have been diagnosed with cancer." - copied

'Argumentum ad hominem'

"... is a Latin phrase which means arguing one's case by attacking the man representing your opposition, rather than the issues. Lawyers regularly use this method in court when the facts do not favor their case." - copied

Pastors Quitting

"1,500 pastors a month leave the ministry due to burnout, conflict or moral failure - that's 18,000 a year!" - copied, (Gallop Poll, 2014)

Pope & Grand

On February 4, Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of al-Azhar, Ahmed el-Tayeb signed the 'Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace' in Abu Dhabi.

It is based on the doctrine of the universal Fatherhood of God. The pope said the document 'is born of faith in God who is the Father of all ...' - copied

BENNY HINN'S NEPHEW

Renounces the Prosperity 'Gospel'

"Growing up in the Hinn family empire was like belonging to some hybrid of the royal family and the mafia. Our lifestyle was lavish, our loyalty was enforced, and our version of the gospel was big business. Though Jesus Christ was still a part of our gospel, he was more of a magic genie than the King of Kings. Rubbing him the right way—by giving money and having enough faith—would unlock your spiritual inheritance.

God's goal was not his glory but our gain. His grace was not to set us free from sin but to make us rich. The abundant life he offered wasn't eternal, it was now. We lived the prosperity gospel. ... We lived in a 10,000-square-foot mansion guarded by a private gate, drove two Mercedes Benz vehicles, vacationed in exotic destinations, and shopped at the most expensive stores. On top of that, we bought a \$2 million ocean-view home in Dana Point, California, where another Benz joined the fleet. ... doubts would surface.

What about unsuccessful healing attempts?

I learned that it was the sick person's fault for doubting God. Why would we speak in tongues without interpretation? 'Don't quench the Spirit,' I was told. 'He can do what he wants.'

Why did many of our prophecies contradict the Bible?

'Don't put God in a box.' Despite the questions, I trusted my family because we were so successful.

... After graduating college and returning home, I met my wife, Christyne. I had no idea that God would use her in bringing about my salvation.

In fact, my family and I were nervous because she didn't speak in tongues. ... one day she pointed to a verse I had never seen: 1 Corinthians 12:30

Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

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There it was plain as day—not everybody has to speak in tongues. Soon, the domino effect began. Other longstanding beliefs were failing the biblical test. No longer did I believe that God's purpose was to make me happy, healthy, and wealthy. Instead, I saw that he wanted me to live for him regardless of what I could get from him. ... I am thankful that my wife was willing to question my insistence on speaking in tongues and that my pastor loved me enough to disciple me out of prosperity gospel confusion."

'Benny Hinn Is My Uncle,' *Christianity Today*, 10/20/17
- Friday Church News Notes, 10/16/18

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you ... And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you."

- *II Peter 2:1-3*