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“... ask for the old paths ...” - Jeremiah 6:16

With all this attention on the ‘new’ year and ‘new’ things, let’s not forget the blessings of the old ways.
“Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls ...” - Jeremiah 6:16

Life is Preparatory

“(E)very human life moves through *present* probation to *future* purpose. Men are born, not merely for to-day, but for God’s to-morrow. Issue and consummation are out of (our) sight, and are perfectly known to the Creator alone. The trouble is that so many live as though the whole purpose of life were realized in the little day on earth. Yet men know that it is not so, that this passing life is preparatory and probationary. To-day men sow, to-morrow they reap.”

- G. Campbell Morgan,
“The Ten Commandments”, p 9

Half-Truths

*‘No matter what you’ve done,
God still loves you.’*

I recently heard this on the radio and I do have problems with it. This will be misunderstood by many as meaning, *God will still love you, so you can keep on doing wrong!* It is an example of a half-truth. Will God always love you no matter what?

Is it alright to keep on doing wrong, and sinning, because God will continue to love you?

Is there no point where God says enough is enough?

Is there no time when people are obligated to repent, obey and submit?

This half-truth gives a false feeling of peace when the Bible teaches that *“God is angry with the wicked every day”*. - Psalm 7:11

“Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”, Lk 13:3-5; 17:3, Eze 33:11)

Saying, *‘God still loves you’*, is a half-truth – and a half truth is a whole lie!

God *does* love people, but don’t mistake His love for His acceptance or forgiveness. God forgives only those who sincerely have *‘repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.’*

(Acts 20:21)



(This Month’s Little Economics Lesson)

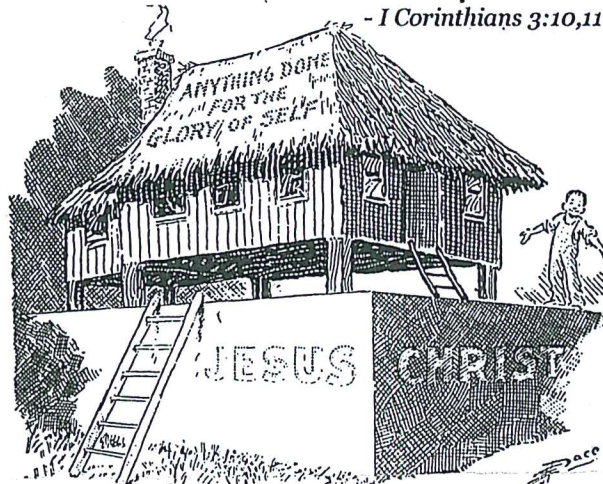
EQUALITY & FREEDOM

“A society that puts equality – in the sense of equality of outcome – ahead of freedom – will end up with neither equality nor freedom. *The use of force to achieve equality will destroy freedom*, and the force introduced for good purposes, will end up in the hands of people who use it to promote their own interests.”

(Milton Friedman)

Christian Builders
Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.”

- I Corinthians 3:10,11



“Now if any man build upon this foundation...wood, hay, stubble...it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is.” I Cor. 3:12,13

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

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

Quotes

“A FAITH that demands nothing and costs nothing, is worth nothing.”

“The Love of someone else’s money is the root of all evil.”

“Where death finds you, eternity binds you.”

“It is madness for sheep to talk peace with a wolf.”

A Faith that is not strong enough to get you to church, won’t be strong enough to get you into heaven.”

“God has created time to always move forward.”

“One sin, one lie, makes the next easier and worse.”

“Satan’s two tactics are Infiltration and Imitation.”

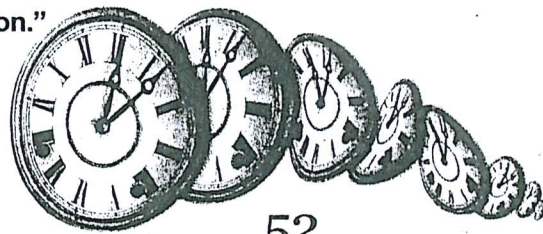
“We are tomorrow’s past.”

“A compromised Christian is the devil’s ally.”

“The line between serious and fun is being blurred.”

“Life is a one-way street and there’s no reverse gear.”

“Since you can’t change the past, change your response to the past.”



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“The New Year offers you fifty-two special Lord’s Day appointments with God – will you keep them?”

The Power of Truth

“When the daughter of the mayor of Baune had lost her canary bird, her wise parent gave orders that all the gates of the town should be shut, that the creature might not escape. The bird was soon over the hills and far away, despite the locking of the gates. When a truth is once known, no human power can prevent its spreading; attempts to hinder its progress will be as ineffectual as the mayor’s proclamation. As a bird of the air, truth flies abroad on swift wings; as a ray of light it enters palaces and cottages; as the unfettered wind it laughs at laws and prohibitions. Walls cannot confine it, nor iron bars imprison it; it is free, and maketh free. Let every freeman be upon its side, and being so, let him never allow a doubt of its ultimate success to darken his soul.”

- Charles Spurgeon

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17

Worship

“Every man needs a ‘god’. There is no man who has not, somewhere in his heart, in his life, in the essentials of his being, a shrine in which is a deity whom he worships.

It is impossible for a man to live without having an object of worship ... All life is worship. The question is whether the life and powers of man are devoted to the worship of the true God or to that of a false one. It has been said that when man dethrones God, he deifies and worships himself.”

- G. Campbell Morgan,
“The Ten Commandments”, p 18-19

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.” - I John 5:4

Christ Jesus is Lord

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." (II Corinthians 4:5)

"Here is the key to the sad state of many Christians and churches. There is a cheap, easy believe-ism that does not believe and a receive-ism that does not receive.

There is no real confession of Christ Jesus as Lord. It is significant that the word 'Saviour' occurs only twenty-four times in the New Testament, while the word 'Lord' is found 433 times. (Since that is a one-to-eighteen difference, does that mean that every time Jesus is mentioned as Saviour, He should then be mentioned eighteen times as Lord?)

A Christian is a believer, a disciple and a witness. He should be all three at the same time and be all three all the time. The believers were called disciples before they were called Christians. The Great Commission bids us make disciples. God is not out just to save sinners but to make saints out of sinners. (John 8:31). The crisis is followed by continuance, 'If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed.' ... Evangelism is thrilling business but it is only the beginning ... The Word of God knows nothing of that strange variety of Christian willing to take Christ as Saviour, but unwilling to confess Him as Lord. He is not only Saviour of the soul, He is Lord of the life ... *The Lordship of Christ will be the ultimate confession of creation!* We are told that one day every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil 2:10,11). Is He your Lord?

Is He Lord of your body, your thoughts, your tongue, your temper, your spare time, your life plans, your pocketbook, your church life, your recreation ... His Lordship covers everything ...

But it is not bondage, it is freedom for, 'where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.' The heart of revival, of the deeper Christian life of Christianity, is making Jesus Lord. Have you done it?" - copied, Vance Havner

THIS & THAT

From HERE & THERE

"San Francisco and Abortion

"San Francisco bans city employees from traveling to twenty-two states that are Pro-Life on abortion."

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Second Coming

"The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is mentioned 318 times in the two-hundred-sixty chapters of the New Testament - average one in every twenty-five verses."

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Jesus First Recorded Words in the Bible

"Jesus' first recorded words were to correct Mary when she said that His 'father' (Joseph) and her 'have sought thee sorrowing'.

His answer was a terse correction, 'Wist ye not that I must be about my father's business?'

Luke 2:48-49

Transsexuals

"Biological women who have transitioned into men are coming out in droves to detransition."

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The Nature, Cause & Consequences of Sin

"Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts." (Jeremiah 2:11)

"(1) ... it is forsaking the Lord as our God; it is the soul's alienation from Him, and aversion to Him. Cleaving to sin is leaving God. (2) The cause of sin; it is because His fear is not in us. It is for want ('lack') of the fear of God; this is at the bottom of our apostasy from Him; therefore men forsake their duty to God, because they stand in no awe of Him, nor have any dread of His displeasure. (3) The malignity of sin; it is an evil thing and bitter. Sin is an evil thing, an evil that has no good in it, an evil that is the root and cause of all other evil; it is evil indeed, for it is not only the greatest contrariety to the Divine nature, but the greatest corruption of the human nature. It is bitter; a state of sin is the gall of bitterness, and every sinful way will be bitterness in the latter end; the wages of sin is death, and death is bitter. (4) The fatal consequences of sin; as it is in itself evil and bitter, so it has a direct tendency to make us miserable; 'Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee;' not only destroy and ruin thee hereafter, but correct and reprove thee now; they will certainly bring trouble upon thee; the punishment will so inevitably follow the sin, that the sin itself shall be said to punish thee. Nay, the punishment, in its kind and circumstances, shall so directly answer to the sin, that thou mayest read the sin in the punishment; and the justice of the punishment shall be so plain, that thou shalt not have a word to say for thyself, thy own wickedness shall convince thee and stop thy mouth for ever, and thou shalt be forced to own that the Lord is righteous. (5) The use and application of all this, 'Know, therefore, and see it, and Repent of thy sin, that so the iniquity which is thy correction, shall not be your ruin.'

(Ezekiel 18:30)" - Matthew Henry

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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.

Happy New Year!



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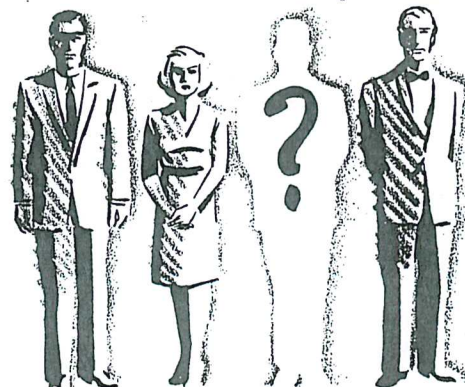


And ... Many of the
recent monthly NewsLetters
and bulletins are available
to see and read

"The Church is not formed to be a social club, to produce society for itself; not to be a political association, to be a power in politics; not even to be a religious confederacy, promoting its own opinions: it is a body created of the Lord to answer His own ends and purposes, and it exists for nothing else ... A church that does not exist to reclaim heathenism, to fight with evil, to destroy error, to put down falsehood, a church that does not exist to take the side of the poor, to denounce injustice and to hold up righteousness, is a church that has no right to be."

- copied, Charles Spurgeon

"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."

"HARDEN NOT
YOUR HEART"
HEB 4:7

JAS. 4:14