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"It is High TIME to Awake" (Romans 13:11,12)

"When to awake? Now is the time to awake, to awake out of the sleep of sin, for a sinful condition is a sleeping condition; out of the sleep of carnal security, sloth, and negligence; out of the sleep of spiritual death, and out of the sleep of spiritual deadness; both the wise and the foolish virgins slumbered and slept (Matthew 25:5).

We need to be often excited and stirred up to awake.

The word of command to all Christ's disciples is, 'Watch'. 'Awake', be concerned about your souls and your eternal interest; take heed of sin, be ready to, and serious in, that which is good, and live in a constant expectation of the coming of the Lord ...
"The night is far spent, the day is at hand." (Matthew Henry)

ARGUMENT Against ATHEISM

"On of the strongest arguments by Christians against atheism is that atheism provides no foundation for decent and moral living. If God does not exist, then no final authority exists which can arbitrate between right and wrong. Additionally there is no final judgment facing those who do evil. In the light of these ideas Christians often assume that atheists will ultimately and consistently live out the conclusions of their beliefs - resulting in nihilism ('nihilism' - "the denial of the existence of any basis for knowledge or truth; the doctrine that all social, political, and economic institutions must be completely destroyed in order to make way for new institutions) and anarchy ... 'How do we define 'good' if we don't believe in God? If we are each ourselves defining what's 'good', it's going to be a crazy world ... Nietzsche knew, however, that with the loss of an absolute would come nihilism and despair. Without God where would humans find their reason to live, their purpose, their foundation for morals and values?"

- Gary E. Gilley

SOCIALISM

"Socialism is a philosophy of failure; the creed of ignorance; and the gospel of envy. Its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery."

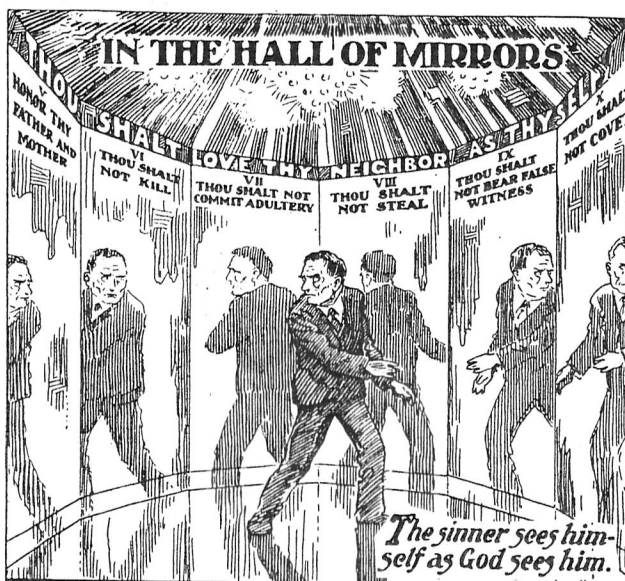
- Winston Churchill

The 'Good Cause Syndrome' Mistake

"I have often referred to the 'good cause' syndrome. This is the feeling that it is proper to join hands with unbelievers if the cause is good enough ... The forgetting of Separation is obvious here. Christians have been and always will be, a minority. Men mistakenly think they need a majority to do the job.

Desiring a majority to be built, (they think) it must be much broader than the circle of just the brethren."

- John E. Ashbrook (slightly edited)
"New Neutralism II", Exposing the Gray of Compromise



"But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe ... " - Romans 3:21,22

"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." - Romans 8:3

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

Quotes

"We live by a Clock and a Calendar"

"If you pretend it ain't broke, you don't have to fix it."

"Nothing so hardens the heart of a man as a barren familiarity with sacred things."

"Spiritual men freely obey God as if there were no law."

"If we are traitors to the truth of God to-day, what will become of the next generation, and the next, and the next?"

"Some folks hate evil, but have no real love for the good; some love the good, but have no hatred for the evil."

"There is no greater mistake than to suppose that Christians can impress the world by compromising with it."

"Anyone that confuses Rock 'n Roll with Godly spiritual excitement is far too blind to lead God's people."

"No earthly reward compares to heavenly rewards."

"When the Bible says, 'The heart is deceitful', it means people do not see themselves as they really are!"

The "LORD"

"The angelic declaration sums up the person of our Redeemer, "A SAVIOUR, which is CHRIST THE LORD." Luke 2:11

In the New Testament the word Saviour occurs twenty-four times, eight of which refer to God the Father as our Saviour. The word Lord occurs five hundred and twenty eight times, Lord Jesus thirty times, and the Lord Jesus Christ eighty-one times. In the book of The Acts our precious Redeemer is called Saviour only twice, "Him hath God exalted ... to be a Prince and a Saviour." Acts 5:31; and, "Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus." Acts 13:23.

On the other hand it is amazing to notice that the title "Lord" is mentioned ninety-two times; "Lord Jesus" thirteen times; and the "Lord Jesus Christ" six times, in the same book. "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." Acts 2:32-36.

We note that the emphasis is not so much on ... His Saviourhood as on his Lordship."

- James A. Stewart
"The Lordship of Christ"

The Power of the Gospel

"If the power of the Gospel is not felt through the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness will reign without mitigation or end."

- Daniel Webster

FREEDOM & Popularity

"Do you make an idol of other people's opinion of you? The poor galley slave, who is flogged at every stroke of the laborious oar, is free in comparison with the man who lives upon the breath of popularity, who craves the esteem of his fellow-men, and is afraid and trembles if they censure him." (copied)

"... and the LORD said ... While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." - Genesis 8:21,22

Personal Appearance

"People judge you by **THREE** things: how you *Look*, how you *Talk* and how you *Act*. And the majority of those judgments or opinions are *based solely* on your appearance. Of all the people who see you, only a few have the opportunity to hear you talk, and still fewer get to observe the way you act. Therefore, most opinions formed are based solely on your appearance. A man charged with a crime is usually instructed by a wise lawyer to make the best possible appearance in the courtroom. He doesn't want to come before the jury looking like a criminal but rather like a quiet, nice, decent citizen. Therefore, he usually comes to court wearing a conservative suit and a matching tie and speaks in polite tones. Why? Because appearance is important ... Some people have two strikes against them before they ever say a word because of a poor personal appearance." - copied

"...for man looketh on the outward appearance..."
- I Samuel 16:7c



The **FOUR 'B's** that *Change* when a Person Becomes a Christian:

1. What he **BELIEVES**,
2. How he **BEHAVES**,
3. Where he **BELONGS**,
4. Who he **BEFRIENDS**!

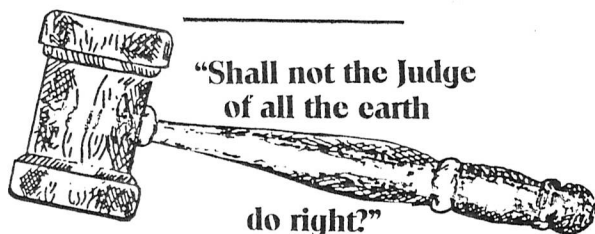
"Therefore IF any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."
- II Corinthians 5:17

"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; ... and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."
- Ephesians 4:22, 24

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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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THIS & THAT
From **HERE & THERE**
HILLSONG Pastor
Fired for Adultery
"Prominent *Hillsong* Pastor Carl Lentz, who has been called the 'Apostle of Cool,' was fired on Nov 4 for adultery. 'Hillsong' is a megachurch in Sydney, Australia."

The Great Barrington Declaration
"... has now been signed by more than 50,000 medical doctors, scientists, and practitioners ... to call for a new approach to dealing with COVID-19."
gbdeclaration.org

Conservative Clergy of Color
demand that **NIKE** stop supporting 'Black Lives Matter'. President John Donahoe demanding that his company drop its support for 'Black Lives Matter' and condemning the company's silence in the face of China's oppression of Uighurs. The letter to Nike stated, "We the leaders of Conservative Clergy of Color have watched with sadness and frustration as the country we love has been torn apart by violence."
conservativeclergyofcolor.org

Repentance Necessary

"Repentance is not arbitrary. It is not left to our choice whether or not we will repent, but it is an indispensable command. God has enacted a law in the High Court of heaven that no sinner shall be saved except the repenting sinner ... Though all the angels should stand before God and beg the life of an un-repenting person, God would not grant it. *The LORD God, merciful and gracious, ... Keeping mercy for thousands, ... and that by no means clear the guilty.*' (Exodus 34:6-7). Though God is more full of mercy than the sun is of light: *'He will by no means clear the guilty!'* Till a sinner repents, God and he cannot be friends: *"what communion hath light with darkness?"* (II Corinthians 6:14). How can the righteous God indulge him that goes on still in his trespasses? *"I will not justify the wicked"* (Exodus 23:7). If God should be at peace with a sinner before he repents, God would seem to like and approve of all that he has done. He would go against His own Holiness. It is inconsistent with the sanctity of God's nature to pardon a sinner while he is in the act of rebellion. ... If God should save men without repentance, making no discrimination, then by this rule He must save all, not only men, but devils ... " - Thomas Watson, *'The Doctrine of Repentance'*, p 59-60

Families, Friends & Government

"The trend we are seeing of ripping families, friendships, and other relationships (churches) apart because of disagreements over the direction of government is perhaps the best proof that more government entanglement in our lives is not a good thing. If (when) we get to the point where government matters more than the people who should matter most, then it matters too much." - Laura Hollis

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The Pony Express was a thrilling part of early American history. It ran from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California - a distance of 1,900 miles. The trip was made in ten days. Forty men, each riding 50 miles a day, dashed along the trail on 500 of the best horses the West could provide. To conserve weight, clothing was very light, saddles were extremely small and thin, and no weapons were carried. The horses wore small shoes or none at all. The mail pouches were flat and very conservative in size. Letters had to be written on thin paper, and postage was \$5 an ounce (a tremendous sum those days). Yet, each rider carried a full-sized Bible!"
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"Worry in a Christian is always due ultimately to a lack of faith, or to little faith." Matthew 6:30. (Lloyd Jones), It manifests a lack of faith in His (God's) wise and glorious providence ... it betrays doubt of our Father's love. Thus anxiety needs condemning."
- John G. Butler

'unholy rewards'

"The world's people cringe at the thought of being called anything that speaks of holiness. The more honorable the reward, the less the ungodly like it. They prefer the unholy rewards such as the 'Oscars' of Hollywood and other like recognitions."
- John G. Butler