

"Except ye be converted ... ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven"



A Converted Life

Biblical 'salvation' is a 'conversion' experience that changes the life. It is life from the dead; it is the blind seeing and the deaf hearing. Every salvation recorded in the New Testament involves a life-changing conversion experience (e.g., the woman at the well, Zacchaeus, the Jews on day of Pentecost, the Ethiopian eunuch, Lydia, the Philippian jailer). "The Great Awakenings in America focused on salvation with evidence. "[T]he most important practical idea which then received increased prominence and power ... was the idea of the 'new birth' ... [This is] the doctrine, that in order to be saved, a man must undergo a change in his principles of moral action, which will be either accompanied or succeeded by exercises of which he is conscious, and can give an account; so that those who have been thus changed, may ordinarily be distinguished from those who have not; from which it follows that all who exhibit no evidence of such a change, ought to be considered and treated as *unregenerate*, and on the road to perdition, and therefore *not* admitted to the communion of the churches." (Joseph Tracy, *The Great Awakening*)

"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

The 'Need'

"Today's world does *not* need more entertainment and 'positive' messages assuring the 'hurting' that God loves, forgives, 'accepts them as they are', 'heals their inner child', and has an exciting plan for their lives. Mankind needs the changeless convicting truth that leads sinners to repentance and salvation. God's holy character has *not* changed: the separation between man and God caused by sin - and the judgment to come - have not changed; nor has God's remedy in Christ been outdated and revised.

On these basic facts the Bible is clear and uncompromising."
- Dave Hunt, *The Vanishing Gospel*, 2/1/04

taxes:

"There is no child so bad that he/she can't be used as an income tax deduction."
"Do you realize that some tax forms ask you to check a box if you are Blind?"

"I hold in my hand 1,379 pages of tax simplification."

"There is one thing I can promise you about the outer space program: your tax dollars will go farther." (Werner Von Braun, 1912-1977)

"The Income Tax has made more liars out of people than has golf."

"The Eiffel Tower is the Empire State Building after taxes."

"I'm proud to be paying taxes in the United States. The only problem is I would be just as proud for half the money."

"The hardest thing in the world to understand is income taxes." (Albert Einstein, 1962)

"The power to tax is the power to control."

"The Power to tax is the power to destroy."
(John Marshall, 1755-1835)

"People are more afraid of the I.R.S. than they are of God!"

"Taxes are a transfer of wealth."

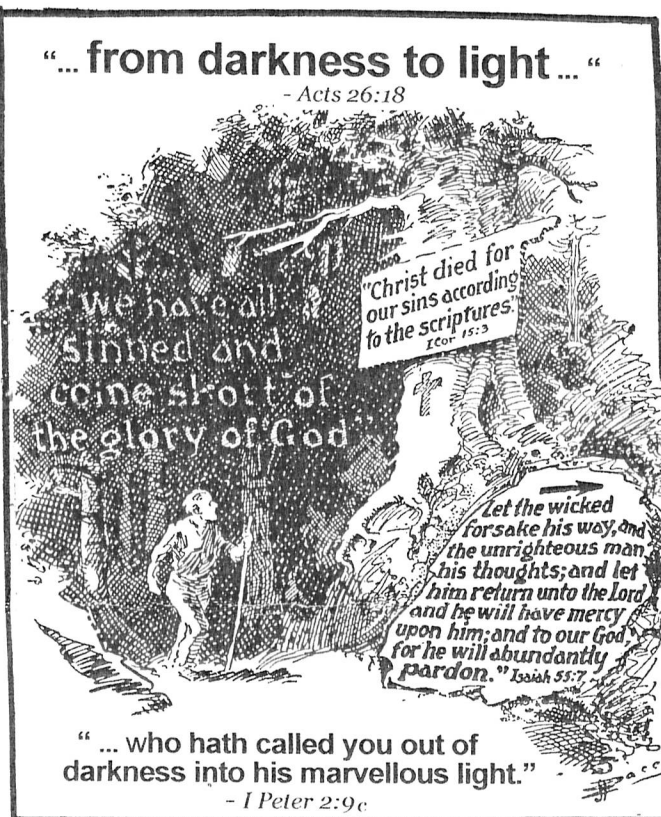
"There is, perhaps, no one power conferred on the Federal Government so liable to abuse as the taxing power."
(Andrew Jackson, President, 'Farewell Address', 1837)

"There are 74,000 pages in the tax code."

"It seems a little ridiculous now, but this country was originally founded as a protest against taxation."

"Tax more the thing you want less of, and tax less the thing you want more of."

"If 10% is good enough for God, it should be good enough for government."



"... who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."
- I Peter 2:9c

Holiness ...

must punish sin - *not* to punish sin and sinners, is to allow sin - there is no other option
"JUSTICE just as much binds God to punish, as it binds the sinner to be punished!"

Seek First

"To a man who 'seeks first the kingdom of God and his righteousness', (Matt 6:33) his house is a temple, his meals are sacraments, his garments are vestments, every day is a holy day, and he himself is a priest and a king unto God."

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Being Merry without Music

"It was said of old, 'Philosophers can be merry without music;' and so can the saints of God; but the ungodly, as a rule, cannot enjoy themselves without external objects to raise their spirits." - copied

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

April 20, Nat'l 'Carry Your BIBLE' Day

May 2, Church's 42nd Anniversary!

Quotes

Don't be wrong too long or right too late.

"It is not enough to know the truth; we must also have a zeal for it."

Very little is done right when it is left to other people.

"Church-making is heartbreaking; Church-mending is never ending."

"A life lived without forgiveness soon becomes an angry life."

"How many people are in hell today who thought they were going to heaven?"

"The world does not see Christians as God sees them."

"The MEEK man is not a human mouse afflicted with a sense of his own inferiority."
(A.W. Tozer)

"Some ideas are so stupid that only an intellectual could believe them."
(George Orwell)

The CHOICE

"The unsaved love the world. In contrast, Christians do not love the world; they love the Father.

We are citizens of heaven, 'from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body ...' (Phil 3:20-21).

Instead of trying to make our mark in this world and enjoying its benefits and pleasures, we seek to please the Father because we desire a heavenly and eternal reward.

The choice we face is *not*, as many imagine, between heaven and hell.

The choice is between heaven and this world.

Even a fool would exchange hell for heaven; but only the wise will exchange this world for heaven. You can't have both.

One can't live both for God and for self." - copied

"Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. ." - Psalm 33:8

JOY OR FRIVOLITY

The Scriptures are not geared to frivolity, and the tone of the Gospel, while it is indeed *Good News*, is *Good News* of a feast, not a frolic. No great revival ever started in fun-making, nor ran on such fuel. There is joy aplenty, but it is heavenly joy of the Spirit of God, and not the silly antics of human clowning under religious auspices." - Vance Havner, "Hearts Afire"

For Our Profit

"Turning to God makes for our profit. Our repentance is of no benefit to God, but to ourselves. If a man drinks of a fountain he benefits himself, not the fountain. If he beholds the light of the sun, he himself is refreshed by it, not the sun. If we turn from our sins to God, God is not advantaged by it. It is only we ourselves who reap the benefit."
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When Christians Quarrel,

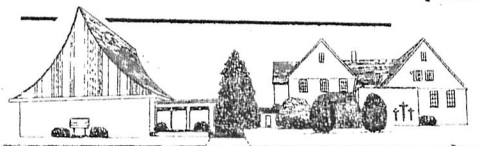
"Well doth the Devil know, that, if he can distort the Christian's face with envy and anger and revenge; if he can pervert the Christian's tongue to revilings and stormy rebuke; if he can arm him for quarrels and not for love; if he can substitute for the meekness of the Lamb of God, the venom of his own serpent malice; he has destroyed the attraction of Christianity, seduced his enemy to his own ground, and made the victory complete. The querulous irritability, to morose sulkiness, the gusty passions of crabbed Christians, under the provocations of the world, and, especially, the provocations of fellow Christians, do more for the Devil, than all their prayers and professions and moneyed gifts can do for God. When Christians quarrel, whoever seems to win, the Devil is the only gainer."

(George W. Bethune, 1839)

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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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'Christian' (?) Adoption

"Bethany Christian Services, the largest Christian adoption agency in America, has announced that it will now place children with same-sex parents." - copied

Civil War Casualties

"The estimated number of casualties in that Civil War about the great principle - that all men are created equal - is 750,000, nearly 70,000, more than all the casualties of all the other wars in which Americans have fought, combined."

- Star Parker

State 'church'

"The only state that did not have a state 'church' at the time of the American Revolution was Pennsylvania."

New Orleans

"New Orleans - Now the 'most Catholic city in America' ('Our Sunday Visitor', 10/15/95) is also its voodoo capital." - copied

Church 'Approach' & 'Style'

"After the Second World War, some well-meaning evangelistic organizations began to insist that Christians take a new approach in reaching people for the Lord, especially in reaching the young. The trappings and traditions of old-time revivalism were offensive to the current crop of Americans and had become obstacles to winning them to Christ. Evangelism must now take its cues from secular entertainment and modern advertising in order to be effective. Negatives must be replaced by positives. Preaching must not be preachy. One movement announced this slogan as its motto; 'Geared to the Times, Anchored to the Rock'. Although undue attachment to old-fashioned ways should not drag believers down, they must always be careful about being 'geared to the times'. We can see today where this approach has taken evangelicalism over time. Church music is modeled after the world (contrary to the command, 'be not conformed to this world', (Romans 12:2). The preaching takes its style and even its subjects from the secular world. The 'be-like-them-to-win-them' philosophy has made many churches not only worldly but also carnal, and although church attendance may be up, spiritual power is down!"

- Rich Flanders, 'Back to Normal, Understanding Revival', p 38

What Some People call 'Legalism' is really Biblical Separation and Sanctification!

"Legalism as a Badge of Honor"

"If anybody accuses you of being too strict and precise, do not grieve but try to deserve the charge. I cannot suppose that at the last great day our Lord Jesus Christ will say to anyone, 'You were not worldly enough. You were too jealous over your conduct, and did not sufficiently conform to the world.'"

- Charles Spurgeon, "Sword and Trowel"



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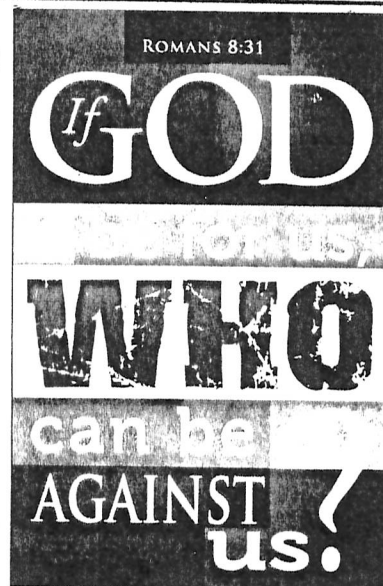
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"God has created all mankind with a yearning and hunger in the heart which can be filled and satisfied only with God Himself. Since the fall, however, man became the possessor of a depraved, perverted heart that imagines that its deepest yearning can be satisfied outside of God and His righteousness. Fallen man consistently and sinfully misdirects his own heart hunger to objects other than God for fulfillment ... Does your soul restlessly crave for satisfaction apart from God and His righteousness?" - copied



"And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him."

- Psalm 37:40