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# Our Great Need

In a shocking new survey, George Barna is reporting that less than 1% of all Americans between the ages of 18 and 23 have a Biblical worldview.<sup>(1)</sup> I'm hoping that something is really wrong with the methodology of his survey, but even if his margin of error is +/- 10% (an extremely unlikely possibility for such a reputable pollster), it is alarming evidence that the youngest adults in America are rejecting Biblical Christianity.

Furthermore, 61% of today's young adults who were church-ed as teens are now disengaged from the Church (they do not actively attend Church, read the Bible, or pray). Only 20% of the twenty-somethings have maintained a level of spiritual activity that is consistent with their high school experiences.

We who contend for Scriptural holiness may be quick to criticize Churches that are failing to win their young people, but we too have witnessed our own "falling away."

During the 19th Century, Methodist circuit-riders, Camp meeting Evangelists, and holiness writers were the predominant religious force in our nation. Today, many of our congregations are struggling, several of our schools are finding it increasingly difficult to attract students, and the message of holiness has been relegated to a historical footnote.

Why? One thoughtful observer concludes:

"We Evangelicals have failed to pass on to our young people an orthodox form of faith that can take root and survive the secular onslaught. Ironically, the billions of dollars we've spent on youth ministers, Christian music, publishing, and media has produced a culture of young Christians who know next to nothing about their own faith except how they feel about it. Our young people have deep beliefs about the culture war but do not know why they should obey scripture, the essentials of theology, or the experience of spiritual discipline and community. Coming generations of Christians are going to be monumentally ignorant and unprepared for culture-wide pressures."

Michael Spencer's diagnosis of our plight is right, but it is incomplete.

We believe with John Wesley that, "A man may be orthodox in every point, he may not only espouse right opinions, but zealously defend them...and yet it is possible that he may have no religion at all. He may be almost as orthodox as the devil, and may be a great stranger to the religion of the heart!" (52 Standard Sermons, Number 7: The Way to the Kingdom).

We need more than enlightened minds. Our greatest need is for the heart-pu-

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rifying, life-changing, mighty baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire. (Matthew 3:11, Luke 3:16). We need flaming hearts.

The inspired Apostle Paul tells us, “*God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind [or self-discipline].*” (2nd Timothy 1:7). Indeed it is this power, this love, and this self-discipline, that is our most pressing need.

*Enlightened minds &  
inflamed hearts will  
not deny or dilute  
the faith, they will  
deliver the faith!*

Without a personal Pentecost and the frequent fresh outpourings of God's Holy Spirit into our lives—our Christ will not be exalted, the cause of Holiness will not be advanced, and our Churches will never be that winsome force God intended for us to be.

We need apologists who will defend our faith against the onslaught of heresy...but we need more. We need leaders who will strategize and organize God's people ...but we need more. We need pastors and teachers who will minister and teach ...but we need more.

We need writers, composers, and musicians who will communicate the Gospel to the masses...but we need more.

We need workers and supporters who

will man their posts and finance the work...but we need more.

More than anything else, we need Christians who are so “*filled with all the fullness of God,*” (Ephesians 3:19) that the fruit of the Spirit, (“*love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance*” Galatians 5:22ff) is existent in their hearts and evident in their lives.

We need Christians who “*are Christ's.*” We need Christians who “*have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts*” and who are “*quickened by the Spirit,*” (1st Peter 3:18) “*filled with the Spirit,*” (Ephesians 5:18), “*sanctified by the Spirit,*” (1st Corinthians 6:11), “*walk in the Spirit,*” (Galatians 5:25), and are “*led by the Spirit.*” (Romans 8:14).

It is our conviction that Spirit-filled men of God are the only ones who will “*earnestly contend for the faith*” with the kind of power that can triumph over the onslaught of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Enlightened minds and inflamed hearts will not dilute, nor deny the faith. They will deliver the faith!

We invite you, and all of like heart and mind, to join with us for this year's FOUNDERS' WEEK in Urbana, Illinois. Our speakers are men of God. Our singers are anointed by God. Our services will be ordered by God. And it is our fervent prayer and anxious expectation that everyone attending will be blessed by God. Without Him we can do nothing. But “*with God, all things are possible.*” (Matthew 19:26).

**Pastor Richard M. Jones, Editor**

# It Is Not Grievous

By Eugene O. Jack Jones, Founding Bishop Crusaders USA

*For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*

*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

1 JOHN 5 : 3 , 4

**S**TRICTLY SPEAKING we as Christians are not bound by laws. We are under grace! And it may be noted that the first Christians had hoped that, if one's heart was right with God, his conduct would also of necessity be right.

But it was early discovered that, while this might hold from a strictly moral point of view, yet a person might be involved in quite ungodly conduct, for example, fornication, not fully aware that his conduct was offensive and destructive of his spiritual life.

And so began the necessary instruction that would enable Christians, however pure in motive, also to conform their lives to the life of Christ. Right motives do not automatically produce right acts. The conscience will prompt one to do right, but the Holy Spirit must bring light!

The starting point for any such instruction is, of course, the moral law as revealed in the Decalogue. It is brought to the Christian in a new form. It is not just a fulfillment of the letter that will be acceptable. Now it must reach the heart, and the decisions must be truly moral!

Adultery, murder, thievery—all the commandments have an inward content in the mind of Christ and will need to be fulfilled in the new heart, where God writes His laws!

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...That the atonement through Jesus

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And from the very beginning the Christians have been made aware of the voice of the Holy Spirit prompting one as to the suitability of everyday actions. In this area have been the suggestions concerning adornment which is becoming people professing godliness or holiness, entertainments which are suitable, and personal habits such as drinking and smoking and their advisability.

*From the very beginning Christians have been aware of the voice of the Holy Spirit prompting them to adornment which is becoming to people professing godliness, entertainments which are suitable, and habits that are advisable.*

The Church has never equated “Thou shalt not patronize the theater” with “*Thou shalt not kill.*” She has simply discovered that the theater has a generally corrupting influence, that there is little there to enhance one’s spirituality. It tends to hinder the effort to keep oneself unspotted by the world.

Nor is this some innovation by our Church! It is the historic position of the Christian Church! So often we have seemed embarrassed when called to defend the separated life as taught by the Church. There is no reason to do so. We are simply sustaining the positions the Church held down through its history.

It was the Roman Catholic church that first saw the moral hazard of the theater. The subject of suitable appearance for a Christian is not very new. The indulgence of pride and any form of ostentation have always been considered unfitting for the Christian. Some of these things have not been condemned in the life of the Christian as intrinsically wrong, nor has the threat of damnation been held over the head of a Christian to force uniformity. It has just been, “*If any man seem to be contentious, you may tell him we do not practice it that way in any of the churches of God*” (cf. I Cor. 11:16).

Let us look again at the discipline of our Church. Let us understand the nature of it. It is designed to make mature Christians of us. It will protect us from hazards that do not so appear in our early Christian lives. As the parent takes care for the child, and forbids the ingestion

of harmful substances, so men of great intelligence and great spirituality have hoped to help us to the heights of spiritual endeavor by marking out a path.

You are aware, of course, that most of our code of conduct is directly from John Wesley's "Directions Given to the Band Societies." He began by saying: "You are supposed to have the faith that 'overcometh the world.' To you, therefore, it is not grievous. . . ." Then follows the instruction.

Yet to many it seems to be very grievous. It must surely be that we have misapprehended the meaning and purpose of these spiritual advices.

To get a proper perspective of John Wesley's thinking, we need to remember the instructions given him by a godly mother: "Whatsoever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things, whatever increases the authority of your body over mind, that thing for you is sin."

So we should understand that in these directions he asked Methodists to discover a larger dimension of spiritual life. How different this approach from the typical "carnal Christian" who constantly plays the "What's wrong with?" game! \*

The approach of those made perfect in love is much more likely to be, "What's right with?" So let us understand our heritage. It is difficult to be at our best in love and unity while we disregard every spiritual advice with which we may disagree. We are supposed to have the faith that "overcometh the world." To us, therefore, spiritual advice is not grievous.

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Susanna Wesley*

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\*The descriptive "Carnal Christian" is troublesome at best. The Apostle Paul teaches in Romans 8, "To be carnally minded is death," "The carnal mind is enmity against God," and "Ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit."

# What God Joins Together... LET *Not* MAN DIVIDE!

*By Richard M. Jones, Pastor*

**J**ESUS said, “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” (Mark 10:9). The disciples had asked the Lord about marriage. Christ was clear. It is not possible for a man to divide what God has joined together.

I have been thinking about other things that God has joined together that carnal men are trying to “put asunder” and divide.

## REPENTANCE AND FAITH

Until there is sincere repentance there can be no saving faith. It is impossible to believe that God has truly forgiven us until we have fully repented—literally changed our minds about sin.

Jesus preached, “Repent and believe the Gospel.” (John 1:15).

In Acts 20, the Apostle Paul tell the Ephesian Elders, “I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying to the Jews and Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Acts 20:20,21). See also Hebrews 6:1.

It is our conviction that the reason so few possess the full assurance of faith, is that so few have failed to thoroughly repent of sin—wilful dis-

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obedience against the known law of God. Consequently many “profess that they know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.” (Titus 1:16).

## **SALVATION AND SANCTIFICATION**

In his second letter to the Church at Thessalonica, the Apostle Paul declares, “God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth.” (2 Thessalonians 2:13).

To the Corinthians, Paul wrote, “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

While we contend that sanctifying grace is able to cleanse away our natural inclination to sin and renew our heart in love, the Scriptures clearly teach that saved men are initially sanctified. In nearly every case that sanctification is not entire, but it is begun in the heart of the regenerated. God can only call a man righteous He has made righteous. He cannot lie.

## **HOLY HEARTS AND HOLY LIVES**

There are some who have confused the effect of holiness (separation from the world, the flesh, and the devil) with the cause of holiness, and in so doing they have entirely missed the heart of holiness (i.e. righteousness, joy, peace, and love). Their bitter, censorious, and harsh critique of those who do not live “by the book” (that book usually being the Church Manual) has turned many away from the highway of holiness.

In reaction against those who have accented separation from the world (especially in entertainments, adornments, and lifestyle), there has risen a large contingent of “Anti-Pharisees” who believe themselves to be “Super Saints.” Like the Gnostics of the First Century they suppose that they know the real truth, and so how they live their lives is not important. They criticize their critics and unwittingly fall into the same bitter attitude as those they despise.

Indeed “legalism has slain its thousands, while liberalism has slain its tens of thousands.” Sadly, both make shipwreck of their faith.

If God’s Word is inspired (and it is!), and if God’s Word reveals God’s will

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(and it does!), then God's People will take seriously the spirit and the letter of God's will as it is revealed in God's Word and by God's Spirit.

To neglect separation from the world is folly, but to reject separation from the world is rebellion.

God has joined Holiness of Heart and Holiness of Life together. The Bible says that those who are "made free from sin," [holy in heart] are "become servants to God." [holy in life], and they have "fruit unto holiness." (Romans 6:22).

## **DOCTRINE AND DISCIPLINE**

There are many who suppose that they can divide the doctrines of Christianity from the disciplines of Christian living. It is an error as old as the Gnostics of the First Century. The Apostle John confronted this heresy directly, "If ye know that He is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him." (1 John 2:29). The Bible nowhere teaches us that those who perfectly understand and believe Christian dogma will be saved. (That would only fuel pride--"we understand it all!" and exalt a Pharisaic legalism--"we determine what God requires."). But it does say, "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever." (1 John 2:17).

Right doctrine (orthodoxy) and right practice (orthopraxy) are in God's word inseparable. But some are attempting to divide what God has joined together. Right hearts (orthocardia) love to know the will of God and love to do the will of God.

## **PURITY AND POWER**

Jesus instructed his disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the "promise of the Father." He told them that when the Holy Ghost was given they would "receive power." On the day of Pentecost, as the disciples were in one accord in one place, they were filled with the Holy Ghost.

Peter would later described Pentecost as the day the disciples were "purified by faith." (Acts 15:8,9).

Was it Power that they were given at Pentecost? Or was it Purity of heart that came with the Spirit? It was both. Christ came to "purify the people with his own blood." And, He came to empower his people to victory over the world, the flesh, and devil. Where there is no purity, God's power will be absent. And wherever you discover God's power working, you will see God purifying His people from all sin.

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## **JOHN WESLEY ON ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION**

**22. By what "fruit of the Spirit" may we "know that we are of God," even in the highest sense?**

By love, joy, peace, always abiding; by invariable long-suffering, patience, resignation; by gentleness, triumphing over all provocation; by goodness, mildness, sweetness, tenderness of spirit; by fidelity, simplicity, godly sincerity; by meekness, calmness, evenness of spirit; by temperance, not only in food and sleep, but in all things natural and spiritual.

**23. But what great matter is there in this? Have we not all this when we are justified?**

What! Total resignation to the will of God, without any mixture of self-will? Gentleness, without any touch of anger, even the moment we are provoked? Love to God, without the least love to the creature, but in and for God, excluding all pride? Love to man, excluding all envy, all jealousy, and rash judging? Meekness, keeping the whole soul inviolably calm? And temperance in all things? Deny that any ever came up to this, if you please; but do not say all who are justified do.

**25. But is not this the case of all that are justified? Do they not gradually die to sin and grow in grace, till at, or perhaps a little before death, God perfects them in love?**

I believe this is the case of most, but not all. God usually gives a considerable time for men to receive light, to grow in grace, to do and suffer His will before they are either justified or sanctified; but He does not invariably adhere to this; sometimes He "cuts short His work"; He does the work of many years in a few weeks; perhaps in a week, a day, an hour. He justifies or sanctifies both those who have done or suffered nothing, and who have not had time for a gradual growth either in light or grace.

It need not, therefore, be affirmed over and over and proved by forty texts of Scripture, either that most men are perfected in love at last, that there is a gradual work of God in the soul, or that, generally speaking, it is a long time, even many years, before sin is destroyed. All this we know: but we know likewise, that God may, with man's good leave, "cut short his work," in whatever degree He pleases, and do the usual work of many years in a moment. He does so in many instances; and yet there is a gradual work, both before and after that moment; so that one may affirm the work is gradual; another, it is instantaneous, without any manner of contradiction.

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*The "Emergent Church" is a force to be reckoned with by the orthodox holiness movement. They have made significant inroads into the seminaries, colleges, and denominations of Wesleyan heritage.*

## **AN EMERGENT VIEW OF HELL, THE CROSS, & CHRIST**

**THE CROSS IS A DISTRACTION:** This is, one of the huge problems is the traditional understanding of hell. Because if the cross is in line with Jesus' teaching then—I won't say, the only, and I certainly won't say even the primary—but a primary meaning of the cross is that the kingdom of God doesn't come like the kingdoms of the this world, by inflicting violence and coercing people. But that the kingdom of God comes through suffering and willing, voluntary sacrifice. But in an ironic way, the doctrine of hell basically says, no, that that's not really true. That in the end, God gets His way through coercion and violence and intimidation and domination, just like every other kingdom does. The cross isn't the center then. The cross is almost a distraction and false advertising for God....

**JESUS IS ONE AMONG MANY:** Look, we

could look at Ghandi's live as an example of self sacrificial love or Martin Luther King Junior's life. There would be a lot of people we could look at. And so wouldn't it be better to just talk about Jesus as one among many, rather than lift Him up as some extraordinary example. Because by doing that we create, we perpetuate this Christian elitism and exclusivism, et cetera, et cetera.

**THE INSANITY OF HELL:** And I think anybody who would sit for five minutes and ponder the reality of hell as it's commonly understood would either—I can say, lose their minds. I think if you actually faced it and what is really being said, I think you would—any person who faced it, really opened themselves up to it and the horror of it for five minutes would come out mentally damaged. And the result of that would either be that they, I think, would hate God—And I've met a lot of people who have this—the fundamentalists are right in their understanding of hell and so they, as a result, hate God. Or they become an atheist. They just say it's better to not believe in God than to have to believe in that kind of God. Or they become a raving fundamentalist who'd be grabbing people on the street and shaking them and you know, saying you better repent.



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## HOLINESS AND PEACE

The writer to the Hebrews urges, "Follow (pursue) peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:14). In Romans we read, "to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." (Romans 8:6). "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." (Romans 14:17). Indeed without holiness there can be no peace.

## HOLINESS AND HEAVEN

Finally, we know that Holiness and Heaven are inseparable. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." (Matthew 5:8). In writing of Heaven, the exiled Apostle John declares, "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie, but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." (Revelation 21:27).

## CONCLUSION

We are fooling ourselves if we suppose that we can divide without consequence that which God has joined together. Every attempt to do so will be met with certain judgment. Lay it to heart my dear reader. Let us not resist the law of God, but rest in the comfort of doing God's will. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." (Hebrews 10:21).

## **PRAYING FOR FOUNDER'S WEEK**

Shall we rise to this hour in the power of the Holy Ghost, and see the Heavens open, and the glory fall? Shall we hear the weeping of those convicted by the Holy Ghost for sins and sin? Shall we behold the fountain opened for sin and uncleanness, sought, and found by a multitude? Shall the singing and the shouting of those whose names have been newly written in the Book of Life be heard in our midst? Shall we behold once more the Heavens shine on faces long dark? Shall the mighty, rushing wind from Heaven fall on the assembled till men cry with astonishment and awe, "We never saw it in this fashion, what meaneth this?" And the answer shall ring from earth and sky, "This is the coming of God, the Holy Ghost!" To have such scenes there must be spiritual preparation, and we must needs begin without delay to pour out INSISTENT, PERSISTENT, PREVAILING, MIDNIGHT PRAYER! Who will come and join this praying band. Will you enlist today? Will you bow the knee and bend the Heavens?

*(Excerpts from The Olivet Vision, April 1921).*



## THE UNITED STATES & CHRISTIANITY

Not only has God joined together moral principles which cannot be divided, our Nation was firmly established on the principles of God's Word. Christian principles are written into the DNA of the USA!

We would observe that our great nation was founded on the principles of the Judeo-Christian ethic, with a firm reliance upon the God of Scripture and our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Declaration of Independence reads, "All men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Our first President, George Washington said, "It is impossible to rightly govern without God and the Bible."

John Adams wrote, "The general principles upon which the Fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity... I will avow that I believed and now believe that those general principles of Christianity are as immutable as the existence and attributes of God."

In his plan for education, Benjamin Franklin insisted that schools should teach, "the excellency of the Christian religion above all others, ancient or modern."

Patrick Henry declared, "It cannot be emphasized too clearly and too often that this nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason, peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here."

The United States Supreme Court ruled, "America is a Christian nation," at the end of the 19th century. (*Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States of America*, 1892)

Yet at the dawn of the twentieth century, voices began to be heard, seeking to divide that which "God had joined together." Now liberty has been uncoupled from morality. Rights have been separated from Right. And Privilege is no longer dependent upon Responsibility. What God has joined together we put asunder at our own risk. Unless there is a great awakening, our liberty, our property, even our very existence is at risk.

# Great Commission Camp 2010

*By Andrew Owen Durst, Pastor*

**F**or the first time since its inception, Great Commission Camp came full circle. The core group of campers from the Crusaders Churches was all a result of door to door calling. From the driver's seat on the big orange bus I watched with joy as those campers disembarked to seek out others through the method in which they had been sought. It was then that I thought how blessed I was to be a part of a group that really cares for and seeks out the lost in the cities of our great nation.

With that vision in mind I continue to think how crucial it is that we become a people of action. No longer can we sit and wait for others to do the work of soul-winning. We ALL need to be involved with the PRIMARY OBJECTIVE of the gospel- SOUL-WINNING. As a church militant, we cannot let our vision and passion dwindle. I am reminded of the songwriter's words:

*Revive us again;  
Fill each heart with Thy love;  
May each soul be rekindled  
with fire from above.  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory!  
Hallelujah! Amen!*

Oh that God would revive the hearts of the His people again. Oh that we would be willing to be revived. I am stirred when I read the words - Fill each heart with Thy love. May it be that we would

be filled with the Love of Christ who gave Himself for us. The very least and yet the most important thing we can do in return is live and die with LOVE for the lost and allow that love to move us into action.

There needs to be a great paradigm shift in our idea of what embodies the church's mission. I am afraid that for too many years we have been weighed and found our commitment to the GREAT COMMISSION lacking. I fear that we have been content to simply exist in our churches and, for fear of compromise, have built walls about ourselves and our churches to be sure we are pure.

We must take the biblical position at all times. The Bible is very clear about the corrupting nature of sin and that no sin may enter heaven. We must warn people and let them know that if they die in their sins they are going to hell. We can minister to people and love them while letting them know about their sins.

Which road have we taken? Have we ignored the great commission completely, or have we taken advantage of it and allowed compromise to rule and reign in a sort of "come as you are" religion. Come as you are, but DO NOT STAY AS YOU ARE!

The CHURCH must take an offensive position. We must understand that Satan is at war with the church, battling for the hearts of our young people and at all costs, through all means possible, attempting to utterly destroy souls on every hand. We must take our young people, and teach them to be First Century Christians. They must learn to avoid evil at all costs, but hear the calls of the lost and dying around them and charge forward with the message of the gospel as good soldiers of Christ Jesus.

We are at WAR. If that seems too strong a statement for a Christian position then I ask you to take a close look at the enemies of the Church. They do not apologize for their continual battling against all that is Holy and all that we hold sacred. Look at the ruins of morality in our nation, states, and cities. The CHURCH must begin to MARCH – It is no coincidence that Paul tells Timothy to be a good soldier. We have our MARCHING ORDERS! – GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE!

We must be certain of one thing. Our CAPTAIN is CHRIST and under his banner will we continue to battle for the souls of our young people! I have been challenging my young people, and at our Bible colleges, to join a FIRST CENTURY CHURCH CAMP. GREAT COMMISSION CAMP (GCC) continues to grow and build momentum.

GCC is a camp that impacts not just history but eternity. We want our campers to see that their mission during camp will not just be a week filled with games, but rather filled with soul-winning, door to door calling, and glory-filled revival.

At GCC Indianapolis we had wonderful callers in attendance! On Wednes-

day there were over fifty callers on the big orange bus – passing out tracts and going door to door.

Union Bible College's Sounds of Praise started our Tuesday morning devotional singing about God's boundless love and then the Men's Quartet, as well as Sister Sylvia and Sister Elisabeth (the pianist) hit the streets! Matthew Linko – delivered a great message on building our house on the ROCK on Wednesday morning. During our Friday morning devotional, Jeremy English from Allegheny Wesleyan Bible College shared a message about how he came to the Lord. During our week of operations, over 150 doors requested a call back and over 5000 flyers were distributed! In each of our revival services in the evening, souls were saved and rededicated, people the callers had met while calling attended, and the Glory of revival filled the place.

GCC would like to give a special thanks to our speakers: Curtis Going, Maurice Roll, Dr. Steven Gibson, and Rick Jones. Our interns were especially helpful serving in a supervisory way, but also being excellent Godly examples for our young people. We send our esteemed thanks to LaCrista Bennett, Meghan Durst, Jeremy English, Ken Anderson, and Charles Durst. I would also like to personally thank Dustin Brown, my assistant, Jennifer Knight, Stephanie Gibson, Bishop Marsh Jones, and the countless others whose monetary donations and prayers made this camp possible. Lastly, to my first convert and wife, Sarah, and the youngest camper in attendance, my 11 month old daughter, Ada Claire, thank you. GCC is what it is because you stand firmly behind and believe in the vision.

Only heaven knows the impact of this great week. May God receive all the Glory, Honor, and Praise.

# Pressing Toward The Mark of THE HIGH CALLING of GOD

By Tom Myers, Pastor

*Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

PHILIPPIANS 3:13,14

I HAVE A MENTAL PICTURE of the Apostle Paul that comes from Philippians 3:14. I imagine him as he presses toward the mark.

I can picture him as being the captain in a painting who stands at the wheel of his ship, the wind blowing so fiercely that it looks like his hat and rain coat are about to take flight. They seem attached to his body about as securely as the man who hangs from the edge of a cliff in those last seconds before he can no longer hold on. But he stands, against the wind, almost against gravity itself. He presses on!

I see myself more like the Frank and Ernest cartoon that has them together on a road that is marked by an arrow, "Road to success." But up ahead is another sign, "Be prepared to stop." It is probably a lot more typical of our age.

Our Lord calls us to reach forth and

press on even in this age, in spite of the road blocks that Satan and the world throw up against us. And there will be road blocks.

It won't seem fair that we meet such opposition when what we are reaching and pressing for is as noble and precious as the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

But expecting that there will not be obstacles to our faith is like supposing that the world will treat you fairly just because you are a good person. As one man noted, "that is like thinking that you are not in danger of a charging bull because you are a vegetarian." You may not see the world as a real and immediate danger, but the world is always a present danger in spite of, or perhaps because of the fact that the life of the redeemed is always a challenge, a red flag if you will, to Satan.

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We have our own challenges to face as we commit ourselves to ministering to this generation. Just as the story of Ruth and Naomi has become a type or symbol of marriage, it is a fitting sign of our commitment to this generation.

Ruth gave her total commitment; she followed her mother-in-law Naomi expecting poverty and obscurity, but in doing what was right, she found the blessing which made her rich. She left her Moabite kin, but she found a heritage among God's chosen people.

Some of us have known the experience of leaving the security of our family and friends to obey, to reach out, to press on.

I would encourage each one to know that your efforts, your prayers for the pastors, and your faithfulness to the Lord have not gone unnoticed. We have learned that God calls us to obedience, the results are up to Him. For who can tell the significance of the time and effort spent on the lives of those touched by the ministry of God's people.

I spoke with a man who left the ministry because he could not support himself by the ministry alone. He made the choice, as he explained it, to take care of his family. He spoke as if to warn me of the danger, though I felt he spoke with a sadness and perhaps a regret.

I have already thought about that dilemma and I settled it long ago. As a matter of fact, I settled it when God called me to preach. I didn't dictate the terms, and I didn't control the circumstance of the call or my service.

But I will tell you this, that obey-

ing the Lord can assure you this one thing, you will have no regrets. You will have the difficulty of trial, and you will even know the embarrassment of learning by trial and error. But when you know the blessings of God in your marriage, and you know the joy of a Christian home, and you know the unfailing love of Christ, you have no regrets.

God is always there, we are never strangers to his grace. The end will be even more blessed than the beginning when we seek His Kingdom, and His righteousness first and foremost.

We will continue to reach out because His call upon our lives makes

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it a High Calling. And the God who calls us is always there to answer us—no matter which of his children calls, and no matter what the problem.

I view the work of God as a work in progress. And because I know the God who began it, and the reason for it's beginning, I am sure that it will continue in the same spirit of purpose and grace that it began. Our motto speaks of our purpose, "*All the Bible without compromise, for All the People without prejudice.*" We began by trusting and seeking his kingdom and righteousness and that makes us heir to the Lord's promise that He will take care of our future.

*A Remarkable Prophecy:*  
**DANIEL ON THE  
2ND COMING**  
*Dr. Adam Clarke's Amazing Find*

We have Bible reasons to believe that the Second Coming of Christ could be relatively soon. The disciples asked Jesus privately, “*When shall these things be? What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?*” (Matthew 24:3).

In answer our Lord spoke of deceivers, wars, and rumors of wars, iniquity abounding, and love for God growing cold, the Gospel being preached around the world, signs predicted by the Prophet Daniel being fulfilled, that except those days would be shortened that there would be no flesh left, the sun being darkened, the moon not giving her light, and the “powers of the heavens shall be shaken.”

Then, Jesus said “*And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*” (Matthew 24:30).

The next reference is to the “*budding of the fig tree.*” Bible Scholars are agreed that this is a figure of the return of Israel as a nation, and Jesus said this would signal that His second coming was near, even at the doors. According to Matthew 24:34, the generation that sees the return of Israel as a nation shall not die “*till all these things be fulfilled.*” We are the generation that saw that happen.

In 1825, Adam Clarke, noted Methodist Bible scholar, studied the Book of Daniel and made certain predictions. In commenting on Daniel 12:11,12 he suggested that verse 11 was a reference to the rise of the heathen Islam religion in AD 612, and that the 1,335 days of verse 12 were to be taken to mean 1,335 years. This would bring us to the year 1947, the exact year that the United Nations partitioned Palestine and created the sovereign state of Israel.

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 \text{AD 612 (The rise of Islam)} \\
 + 1,335 \text{ (Prophetic Days equal years)} \\
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In his comments on Daniel 8, Clarke understood the Great He Goat with the notable horn to be a reference to the rise of Greece under Alexander the Great in B.C. 334. In Daniel 8:14 there is a reference to 2,300 days. Adam Clarke predicted that the place of the Temple would be liberated from the enemies of Jehovah in 1966.

In June of 1967 the Jews took control of the Temple area, the location of the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa mosque. In computing the calendar we now use, only one year was allowed for the dividing of B.C. (Before Christ) from A.D. (Anno Domini—In the Year of our Lord).

Our calendar reads: 4 BC, 3 BC, 2 BC, 1 BC, AD 2, AD 3, AD 4. We are missing AD 1! When that missing year is added we come to 1967, and this generation saw this Scripture fulfilled.

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 \text{BC 334 (The rise of Alexander the Great)} \\
 + 2,300 \text{ (Prophetic Days equals years)} \\
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 + 1 \text{ (Adding the year missing year)} \\
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 1967
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And what of the sign of Daniel 12:4? The prophecy was to be a closed book until the time of the end. Who has understood it until now? And “many shall run to and fro.” In the past century we have moved from horse and buggy to rockets to the planets. How else might a prophet better describe our crowded highways and airways if he saw such unfamiliar sights in vision?

And “Knowledge shall be increased.” From the American Revolution in 1776 to 1900 the sum total of human knowledge is supposed to have doubled. From 1900 to 1950 it is believed to have doubled again. Then from 1950 to 1958 it is believed to have doubled again. In this computer age the sum total of human knowledge doubles every 4 years.

Jesus said, “*When ye see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. This generation shall not pass, until all these things be fulfilled.*” (Matthew 24:33,34).

In Matthew 24:38 the Lord said that the last days would be characterized by men who are concerned only with gratifying bodily appetites, and so would not be aware of the great spiritual significance of current history. If you are thinking that you do not believe Christ is coming, Jesus said this, “*Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh.*”

## How To Keep The Church DEEPLY SPIRITUAL

By E. O. Chalfant

**S**pirituality is God living in the hearts and minds and souls and bodies of a truly saved and sanctified people. To be deeply spiritual means that you are motivated by nothing but Divine Love and that you love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength, and that you love your neighbor as yourself.

Here are some Scriptural definitions: *"To be spiritually minded is life and peace."* *"I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."* Also the words of Jesus, *"I delight to do thy will, O God."* The deeply spiritual church will be noted for these eight basics:

1. **A sincere belief that the Bible is the Word of God.** It is our standard of belief, experience and devotion. It is the basis of ethics and regulates all activities and human relationships toward God and man and ourselves.
2. **The witness of God's Spirit that we are saved and sanctified wholly.** This comes when we genuinely repent, forsake all our sins, and become knowingly and consciously and genuinely converted and then go on and die out to this world to make a sincere, wholehearted consecration to God and by faith are genuinely sanctified wholly.
3. **If we are going to be genuinely spiritual, we must have a good, straight, clean life** that goes along with our profession of holiness. Genuine morality has ever been the basis of deep spirituality.
4. **We must be uncompromising in our stand for the doctrine, experience, life, literature, hymnology, propaganda, and organizational aspects of holiness.** These should be stressed with all the powers of our ransomed souls.
5. **We should stick to standards as they relate to separation from the world.** The standards we hold have been the standards of all deeply spiritual people through all the ages of the Church. To the world and to the ordinary church world, they appear radical. But with us, radical means deeply grounded in the fundamentals.

The Bible says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what

fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6:14); and "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (2 Corinthians 7:1). On the dress question, "For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands" (1 Peter 3:5). "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." (1 Peter 3:3,4). "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God." (Deuteronomy 22:5).

6. Then if we are going to be a deeply spiritual church we must take our stand against all kinds of sin—adultery, fornication, lasciviousness, murder, infanticide, stealing, lying, hypocrisy, duplicity, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, strife, sedition, heresies, envyings, drunkenness, revelings. And I suppose just to be specific right here, we should note one matter—the awful, hellish, devilish moving picture show and theater.

Somebody asks, "Are there not good things about the movies?" We all say, "yes," but the theater is like rat poison. Put the poison in meal or some other good thing to get the rat to eat what will kill him. Not only must we take our stand against all of what we might call the grosser things, but we must always stand by the preacher and person who stands against sin. Don't wink at wickedness.

7. If we are going to keep our church deeply spiritual we must relate our spirituality to the needs of people at home and abroad. We must discharge our responsibility toward those with whom we come in contact in all of life's relationships and wherever we may be providentially placed. Deep spirituality implies a vision and a passion for the lost of earth at home and abroad.

8. It is not enough to keep your nose in your Bible and read for devotional reasons. It is not enough to pray in the closet. We must learn that deep devotion springs not simply from these admitted sources, but from reacting with compassion to the needs around us. Jesus was moved to compassion when he saw the multitudes scattered abroad, their blind eyes, their deaf ears, and their diseased bodies. Deep spirituality is produced by acting and re-acting in a Christ-like way in the stress and strain, the crises and tragedies, the sorrows and reverses in life's everyday actions. If we would keep our Church deeply spiritual we must remain true to God, the doctrines of God's Word, and the experience and life of holiness.

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