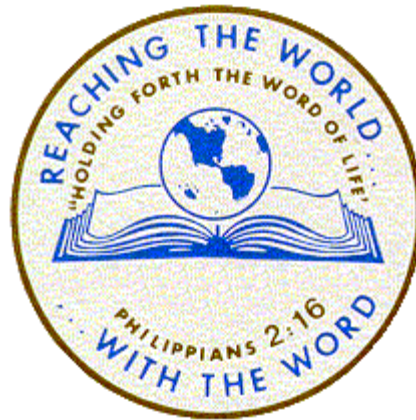


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Been There...Done That!

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Beloved:

NOW THAT...The "Been There - Done That" Generation has, like a meteorite, burned itself out on entering the Atmosphere of "THE REAL WORLD":

NOW THAT... The BABY BOOMERS are finding out the FIRES OF INSTANT GRATIFICATION will not provide warmth to those clothed in SELF and SIN:

NOW THAT... Those who bought into the "ME, MYSELF, and I" life-style are slowly but surely beginning to realize THE TRIP is not worth THE COST:

NOW THAT... The twin Philosophies of "DON'T KNOCK IT UNTIL YOU'VE TRIED IT" and "TRY IT, YOU WILL LIKE IT" have left those who are INTOXICATED on SENSUAL PLEASURES to choke on their own "MY WAY or NO WAY" vomit:

NOW THAT... The Landscape along the EXPRESSWAY OF MATERIALISM is littered with both THINGS and DAMAGED LIVES:

NOW THAT... Many BABY BOOMERS are looking for the NEXT EXIT off the EXPRESSWAY OF MATERIALISM:

NOW THAT... Even UNBELIEVERS are beginning to realize THE THEOLOGICAL TRUTH that the FLESH of Man has a ONE WORD Vocabulary--and that word is MORE--and therefore THE FLESH can NEVER be SATISFIED!

NOW WHAT?

It is only natural that the World is FULL OF HURTING PEOPLE simply because the World is FULL OF SINFUL PEOPLE. That PERSON is an ENEMY OF MANKIND that does not track the HURTS OF MAN to the HOUSE OF SIN!! And because SIN is responsible for ALL of the ABOVE, we MUST Proclaim to the "Been There - Done That" Generation there is yet ONE more PLACE for Them to go (i.e., THE CROSS) and ONE more THING for them to do (i.e., REPENT AND BELIEVE)! What a GLORIOUS DAY TO PROCLAIM THE SAVING GOSPEL OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!! PRAY.... PRAY.... PRAY that the Church will awake from Her SLEEP, get out of the BED of BACKSLIDING and SEEK ONLY the PRESENCE and POWER of HER LORD! BELOVED, ONLY THEN will THE CHURCH be ABLE to Proclaim HIS GOSPEL to a SPIRITUALLY BANKRUPT GENERATION.

PRAISE HIM as we begin our 20th Year TOGETHER in this Ministry of REVIVAL - EVANGELISM. Know that YOUR HELP is VITAL! Thank YOU Thank YOU! I love YOU dearly in our Lord Jesus.

Now a Word from HIS WORD: **Romans 13:11-14.**

Focus on the Church

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Ephesians 5:21-23

Beloved:

Without a doubt in TODAY'S WORLD the FOCUS is on BEING FOCUSED. In Business, Government, Athletics, etc. there is strong emphasis on being focused. And because THE CHURCH, in our day, is found SLAVISHLY following THE WORLD, She too is caught up in the present FAD of BEING FOCUSED. In fact, one of the most POPULAR Religious Ministries in America today and CERTAINLY THE MOST POPULAR Religious Radio Broadcast is FOCUS ON THE FAMILY with Dr. James Dobson.

While it would NEVER be my intention in a PROCLAIMER message to MINIMIZE the MOUNTAINS OF FAMILY PROBLEMS in America, I MUST nevertheless ask THIS QUESTION: DOES NOT THE NEW TESTAMENT place its FOCUS on THE CHURCH rather than on THE FAMILY? Is not THE FOCUS ON THE CHURCH the BENCHMARK (i.e., Point of Reference) in **Ephesians 5:21-33** (Verses normally used as a TEXT on FAMILY LIFE.)? YES, it speaks of FAMILY RELATIONS but THE PATTERN IS DIVINE... Christ and His Church!

In light of this BIBLICAL TRUTH, COULD IT BE...

- The REASON we must FOCUS on the FAMILY is because of the LITTLE or NO FOCUS on the CHURCH?
- There is a RELATIONSHIP between DEADBEAT DADS and PRAYERLESS, therefore POWERLESS ,PREACHERS.
- There is more concern for QUALITY TIME than for QUIET TIME?
- The REASON we have so many DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES in America is because we have so many DYSFUNCTIONAL CHURCHES in the Nation?
- That we are more concerned for SINGLE PARENTS than for SINFUL PREACHERS?

As WE FOCUS ON THE CHURCH in the Text of **Ephesians 5:21-33**, we find that THE CHURCH IS:

1. HEADED by Christ (Verse 23)
2. SAVED by Christ (Verse 23)
3. SUBJECT to Christ (Verse 24)
4. LOVED by Christ (Verse 25)
5. SANCTIFIED by Christ (Verse 26)
6. CLEANSED by Christ (Verse 26-27)

7. PRESENTED BY and TO Christ (Verse 27)

May God help us to place THE FOCUS where GOD would have it to be... ON THE CHURCH!...and HER GREAT NEED OF REVIVAL.

YOU are a TRUE BLESSING to this Preacher. Thank YOU for all that YOU do in behalf of this Revival Ministry. I love YOU dearly in our Wonderful Lord Jesus.

Now a Word from HIS WORD: **Revelation 2:7; 2:11; 2:17; 2:29; 3:6; 3:13; 3:22.**

The World or the Word

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Beloved:

John Calvin wrote, "A dog barks when his master is attacked. I would be a COWARD if I saw that GOD's TRUTH is attacked and yet would remain silent without giving a sound."

Without a doubt WORLDLINESS has made the church a LAP DOG instead of a WATCH DOG in this generation. WORLDLINESS is nothing more than "the spirit of the age." In his book *Flirting With The World*, John White says on page 9: "Worldliness is the greatest threat to the Church today." I Believe it! He continues to be correct when he says, "The painful truth today is that the Church is GUILTY of massive accommodation (COMPROMISE) to the world."

Religious Leaders, in their ZEAL to be RELEVANT have confused CULTURE with "the spirit of the age" (WORLDLINESS). The so called CONTEMPORARY CHURCH and her leadership have SOLD OUT (knowingly or unknowingly) to "the spirit of the age." An example of this is seen in her YOUNG PEOPLE as they are allowed to SLOUCH into her Pews wearing shorts, shabby clothes, pants 4 sizes to large, adorned with rings in their ears, noses, eyebrows, tongues, navels and who knows where else. They are soon "IN TOUCH WITH THEIR FEELINGS" VIA Christian (?) ROCK and RAP! Gone from THE PULPIT is the "CRY ALOUD... SPARE NOT" (**Isaiah 58:1**) MESSAGE only to be replaced with THE JOKE A LOT...FEEL YOUR PAIN MASSAGE by a COMMUNICATOR instead of a PREACHER. All one has to do today is park the word CHRISTIAN in front of anything THE WORLD is presently doing and drive it right in the Front Door of THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH. I am sure somewhere in this Country there must be a CHRISTIAN(?) TATTOO PARLOR! (Ask Pat Boone where he got his!!)

I have preached for years...What you REACH people with, you KEEP people with. When you REACH people with THE WORLD, you must KEEP them with THE WORLD. If you REACH people with THE WORD you will KEEP people with THE WORD. Oh Yes, Yes, Yes, METHODS (contrary to these Contemporary Church and Church Growth EXPERTS(?)) do MATTER!! LOST somewhere between Christian(?) Rock-Rap singing(?) and Felt Need Sermons(?) is a Generation that knows NOT the HOLY GOD OF SCRIPTURE.

There are two GREAT TRUTHS concerning a TRUE BIBLICAL BELIEVER:

1. He or She is DELIVERED from the "spirit of the age," and
2. Therefore He or She is DIFFERENT from "the spirit of the age."

KNOW that YOU are a True Blessing to this Preacher and Revival Ministry. YOUR Love, Prayers and Gifts are needed and greatly appreciated. I love YOU dearly in our WONDERFUL LORD JESUS.

Now a word from HIS WORD: **Philippians 2:15**.

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The Pursuit of Pleasure

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Beloved:

The PURSUIT OF PLEASURE in all its varied forms is America's current obsession. The old adage "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow ye die," is contemporary enough to be written tomorrow morning. If we believe our Peers, then Marriage is for pleasure, work is for pleasure, food and drink are for pleasure, and time is for pleasure, as are health, strength, opportunity and wealth.

The god of PLEASURE preaches a gospel which in essence says: WHATEVER IS NOT PLEASURABLE IS TO BE RUTHLESSLY ELIMINATED, AND WHATEVER IS PLEASURABLE IS TO BE GRASPED AT ANY COST.

By this SATANIC view of life, the ONLY laws that must be ultimately YIELDED to are the laws of: SELF-GRATIFICATION and SELF PRESERVATION. Any OTHER laws are made TO BEND before the SUPREME LAW OF PERSONAL PLEASURE.

Oh BELOVED, any PURSUIT OF PLEASURE apart from GOD who made us is a VIOLATION of GOD'S PURPOSE in the Creation of man and a TRAVESTY against man's own interest. ONLY SPIRITUAL AWAKENING (TRUE REVIVAL) can bring this generation to its senses and to realize that "MAN'S CHIEF END IS TO GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM FOR EVER."

Thank YOU for allowing me to share my heart with YOU each month. Please KNOW that I love YOU dearly in our WONDERFUL LORD JESUS. YOUR FAITHFUL support OVERWHELMS me! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Now a word from HIS WORD: **I Corinthians 10:31.**

The Church and Her God

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Beloved:

The late A. W. Tozer once said:

"The World is EVIL, the Times are waxing LATE and the GLORY OF GOD has DEPARTED from THE CHURCH as the fiery cloud once lifted from the door of the TEMPLE in the sight of EZEKIEL the prophet (**Ezekiel 10:18**). The GOD of Abraham has WITHDRAWN HIS CONSCIOUS PRESENCE from us and ANOTHER god whom our fathers KNEW NOT is making himself at HOME among us."

Beloved, the FIRST STEP down for any generation is taken when it surrenders its HIGH VIEW OF GOD. PERVERTED NOTIONS about GOD soon ROT the Generation in which they appear. The HEAVIEST OBLIGATION lying upon the LOCAL CHURCH today is to PURIFY and ELEVATE her CONCEPT OF GOD until it is once again WORTHY OF HIM...AND OF HER.

TOZER continued to say:

"Let us BEWARE lest we in our PRIDE accept the ERRONEOUS NOTION that IDOLATRY consists only in kneeling before VISIBLE objects of adoration, and that Civilized people are therefore free from IDOLATRY. In reality, the ESSENCE OF IDOLATRY is the entertainment of thoughts about GOD that are UNWORTHY OF HIM."

Amen and Amen!

Trust YOU are having a good Summer. Peggy and I celebrated our 40th Wedding Anniversary on June 21st. THANK YOU for your FAITHFUL SUPPORT. YOUR, Love, Prayers and Gifts keep us going for HIS GLORY. I love YOU dearly in HIM.

Now a word from HIS WORD: **Romans 11:36**.

Revival...When?

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Beloved:

Please consider the following traits of Revival:

- REVIVAL IS WHEN... One sees himself as GOD sees him.
- REVIVAL IS WHEN... Deep, soul-searching CONVICTION causes one to abhor sin!
- REVIVAL IS WHEN... There is intense, earnest seeking after GOD and HOLINESS.
- REVIVAL IS WHEN... There is a keen awareness of the awesome Presence and Power of GOD.
- REVIVAL IS WHEN... Repentance is deep and fervent, generally followed by sincere Restoration.
- REVIVAL IS WHEN... Every flaw of one's character is brought under the scrutiny of THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- REVIVAL IS WHEN... There is a complete turning from SIN with a TOTAL SURRENDER of one's will to GOD.
- REVIVAL IS WHEN... There is a consuming desire for PURITY OF HEART which supercedes all natural desire.
- REVIVAL IS WHEN... Sweet release follows the birth pangs of CONFESSION.
- REVIVAL IS WHEN... Joy flows like a river with unexplainable ecstasy.
- REVIVAL IS WHEN... The CHURCH is restored to her original purpose for which GOD planned, CHRIST died, and the HOLY SPIRIT descended!

THANK YOU for YOUR FAITHFUL HELP during these Summer Months. I love YOU dearly in our Wonderful LORD JESUS!

Now a word from HIS WORD: "Turn Thou US unto THEE, O Lord, and we shall be TURNED; RENEW our days as of old" (**Lamentations 5:21**).

No Forsaking...No Forgiveness

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Beloved:

The SUPERFICIALITY and SHALLOWNESS seen among GOD'S PEOPLE in these days of SPIRITUAL DECLINE surely calls for a THOROUGH EXAMINATION of the basic FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. An EASY-BELIEVISM allows the GROSSEST SIN, for apparently one has only to "CONFESS" it to the Lord to get off scot free. Such is the DEAD APOSTASY of present day EVANGELISM which seems to guarantee Salvation even to those who REFUSE to FORSAKE THEIR SIN in direct contrast to the challenge of the Apostle Paul, "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? GOD FORBID" (**Romans 6:1-2**).

There MUST be an abhorrence of sin in EVERY testimony to the SAVING GRACE and POWER of our Lord Jesus Christ! The SAVED sinners will NEVER be perfect in this life (he knows that well enough) but he no longer makes EXCUSES or SEEKS PROVISION to fulfill his lust with the thought that he can always get away with it on the grounds of occasional "confession." HE MUST confess with the object of FORSAKING his sin that he might be cleansed from all unrighteousness (**I John 1:9**).

Make no mistake about it! THERE IS NO FORGIVENESS OF SIN...WITHOUT THE FORSAKING OF SIN!

I appreciate so much what YOU are doing for THIS MINISTRY of REVIVAL. YOUR Love, Prayers, and gifts keep us going. THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! I Love YOU dearly in our LORD JESUS.

We begin our FIFTH YEAR of T.V. MINISTRY this month. PRAISE HIM!!

Now a word from HIS WORD: **Psalm 70:4**

Dry Bones Can Live Again

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Beloved:

The Psalmist prayed, "WILT THOU NOT REVIVE US AGAIN: THAT THY PEOPLE MAY REJOICE IN THEE?" (**Psalm 5:6**).

It was the Prayer Cry of one who wanted GOD'S PEOPLE to come ALIVE to HIS GRACE and POWER. That is what REVIVAL is all about--The RESTORATION of God's CHURCH to her true NATURE and PURPOSE. Few will question the NEED for such an AWAKENING today. For many good people, even WITHIN THE CHURCH, life has LOST its meaning. As the church FLOUNDERS IN MEDIOCRITY, the WORLD plunges deeper into sin. Moral standards in public and private are a thing of the past. LAWLESSNESS ABOUND!! Make no mistake about it, a DAY OF RECKONING is sure to come. DEGENERATION HAS ITS LIMITS!! The POINT OF NO RETURN may be nearer than any of us imagine.

YET, there is HOPE!! DRY BONES CAN LIVE AGAIN!!! In days of Crisis past, GOD'S PEOPLE have RETURNED to the LORD. It's a FACT, our greatest SPIRITUAL AWAKENINGS have come during the DARKEST periods of CHURCH HISTORY. PERHAPS again the peril of the age may bring us to our SPIRITUAL SENSES. Despite the SUPERFICIALITY of much that goes on in the CHURCHES, there are THOSE, though FEW IN NUMBER, seeking the REAL. Ceremony and celebration, Pious clichés, however ORTHODOX, do not satisfy THE HEART. Nor does all the glitter of big programs, big budgets, big buildings answer the Cry of the soul for SPIRITUAL REALITY. BELOVED, REVIVAL IS THE ANSWER!!

THANK YOU for STANDING WITH THIS REVIVAL MINISTRY. I remind YOU again that TRUE Revival Ministry IS NOT POPULAR. We do NOT enjoy having our SINS EXPOSED. FEW PEOPLE support a ministry such as ours. YOUR PRAYERS and GIFTS are from the LORD! I love YOU dearly in HIM.

Now a word from HIS WORD: **Isaiah 59:12-19**.

Persecuted or Pampered?

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Number 10

Beloved:

The longer I live the more I am convinced there are but two kinds of Churches--THE PERSECUTED and THE PAMPERED. Both THE LORD JESUS and THE NEW TESTAMENT have much to say about PERSECUTION. The Apostle Paul writes Timothy, his son in the Ministry, these words concerning Persecution: "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (**II Timothy 3:12**).

On November 16th of this year THE PAMPERED CHURCH is being asked to have a DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH. Once again we seem to have it BACKWARDS!! Several years ago a gentleman from the Ministry UNDERGROUND EVANGELISM came to show a film on Sunday night at a church I was a member of at that time. The film showed CHRISTIANS meeting in secret, in a forest somewhere in the then Soviet Union. These BELIEVERS were being severely PERSECUTED for their FAITH IN CHRIST. At the conclusion of the film, the gentleman closed his remarks with a question, "WILL YOU PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH?" Then he closed in prayer. When the man concluded his prayer and opened his eyes I was standing in his face. I immediately said to him, "Sir can you get a message to the people you showed us in the film tonight?" He said he would try. I then said to him, "Sir would you ask the PERSECUTED CHURCH to PRAY FOR THE Playing, Pitiful, PAMPERED CHURCH?"

OH BELOVED, we DESPERATELY need the prayers of THE PERSECUTED! Can you imagine THE PAMPERED CHURCH who had RATHER Play than Pray, Feast than Fast, Workout than Worship, Get than Give, Compromise than Contend, Entertain than Evangelize, Sit than Stand, have Plays than Preaching, hear Songs than Sermons, be Popular than Powerful, have a Blast than be a Blessing, have Fun than Faith, Sleep than Weep, Withers than Witness, Ignore than Intercede?! No Dear Ones, THE PAMPERED CHURCH WILL NOT Intercede for THE PERSECUTED CHURCH, for you see she CANNOT!! She is simply TOO BUSY being TRENDY with Religious TRIVIA. GOD HELP US!!

Thank YOU for your HELP. I love YOU dearly in our Wonderful Lord Jesus.

Now a word from HIS WORD: **Philippians 1:29**.

Thanksgiving at Midnight

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Beloved:

King David said in **Psalm 119:62**: "At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee because of thy righteous judgments." What a wonderful TESTIMONY! Think about it...THANKSGIVING AT MIDNIGHT!!

Many Christians have a TESTIMONY of thanking GOD in the SUNSHINE OF LIFE. FEW, I am afraid, can say with King David, "I thank God in the Midnight hour." What we need more of and MUST have are what I call "ALL TIMES - EVERY THING CHRISTIANS."

Psalm 34:1 says: "I will bless the Lord at ALL TIMES: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." **I Thessalonians 5:18** says: "In EVERY THING give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Years ago, our youngest son, SCOTT (now 32 years of age) was learning the song "GIVE ME THAT OLD TIME RELIGION," but instead of singing it like that, he sang "GIVE ME THAT WHOLE TIME RELIGION." WRONG word, but RIGHT theology! What good is our religion if it's OLD TIME but not WHOLE TIME?

Dear Ones, during our journey here we are going to have some MIDNIGHT EXPERIENCES, i.e., sorrows, sickness, sins, setbacks, etc. May we join King David and get out of our Beds and THANK our WONDERFUL, RIGHTEOUS, HOLY AND SOVEREIGN LORD during those MIDNIGHT EXPERIENCES....THANKSGIVING AT MIDNIGHT! GLORY! GLORY! GLORY!

Beloved, Please once again accept OUR THANKS for YOUR GIVING during this wonderful time of the year. I love YOU dearly in our Blessed Lord Jesus.

Now a Word from HIS WORD: **Psalm 95:1-11**.

Twenty Wonderful Years Together

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Number 12

Beloved:

This MONTH concludes our 20th year of REVIVAL-EVANGELISM MINISTRY. How I wish I could sit down in YOUR PRESENCE and THANK YOU PERSONALLY for ALL that YOU mean to me and this MINISTRY. THANK YOU, THANK YOU! SO many of YOU have been with us from THE VERY BEGINNING. (Not many ministries can say after 20 years that the VERY FIRST couple that contributed to their Ministry STILL DOES!...WE CAN!...Bill & Betty Fox of Dania, Florida still pray daily, give monthly and love continuously). OTHER of YOU have joined us through the years. How BLESSED of our LORD I am to have such FAITHFUL PARTNERS IN MINISTRY. I PLEDGE to our LORD and to YOU my continued desire to KNOW and DO...HIS WILL ONLY!!

Closing the Old.....Opening the New

For the 19th straight year I will be preaching a Bible Conference at the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Auburn Kentucky. We begin the meeting every year the Sunday or Wednesday after Christmas. Pastor Gene Mathias and his dear people are like FAMILY to this Preacher.

Next month, on the 18th I will fly to Jamaica. I have been traveling to Jamaica for meetings since 1967.

January 24th I will fly to Port Falls, Idaho to begin a Bible Conference with Pastor Bill Hohenstreet and his precious Flock at the Post Falls Baptist Church. This will be my 5th time to be with this Wonderful Congregation. PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS!!!

To You and Yours!

CHRISTMAS!! Few words captivate the thinking of this nation's people as does the word CHRISTMAS. True, all in this country certainly DO NOT THINK alike on this Subject, Yet, to those of us who KNOW and LOVE HIM...CHRISTMAS means CHRIST! Peggy and I pray our VIRGIN BORN SAVIOUR'S BEST for YOU as YOU experience a CHRIST-CENTERED CHRISTMAS and A GLORIOUS NEW YEAR. I love YOU dearly in HIM.

Now a word from HIS WORD: **Galatians 4:4-5**.