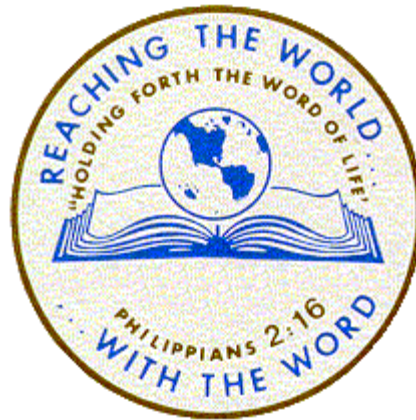


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Do We Need Another Battle?

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Number 1

Beloved:

Is it time for ANOTHER BATTLE? ...With Southern Baptist Conservatives still in the "MOPPING UP" process from our Victory in what was called THE BATTLE FOR THE BIBLE (The Battle for Biblical INERRANCY), one wonders if there is ANOTHER BATTLE on the horizon for The Southern Baptist Convention. This BATTLE, if and when it should take place, will this time be among the Conservatives in the Denomination. The Battle-weary CONSERVATIVES will find themselves facing one another in the coming BATTLE.

And just what is this possible BATTLE of which I make reference? It is THE BATTLE FOR THE CHURCH. Do you realize that we can no longer speak of THE CHURCH without having to identify what CHURCH we are talking about? Is it the CONTEMPORARY CHURCH or the TRADITIONAL CHURCH of which we speak? You see we are NOW living in a time in BAPTIST life that we must place a DESCRIPTIVE ADJECTIVE (Contemporary or Traditional) in front of the word CHURCH to IDENTIFY the CHURCH.

As I write, very little, if anything, is being said by THE CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP of Southern Baptists concerning this potential BATTLE FOR THE CHURCH. Battle Fatigue seems to have set in on these men. For Leadership to attempt to lead as though there is no CONFLICT between these TWO views of THE CHURCH is ALARMING to say the least.

The CONTEMPORARY CHURCH is GREATLY FLAWED. Her GLARING SIN is CONFUSION (the mixing of TRUTH with ERROR... Please read **I Corinthians 14:8** and **14:33**). I personally believe there would be no such HERESY as THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH if the TRADITIONAL CHURCH was not drowning in THE SIN OF SILENCE. History teaches us that when those who have THE TRUTH are SILENT, then ERROR leaps from THE PIT OF HELL to do its DAMNING WORK... Yes, even in THE CHURCH!

What is to prevent THE BATTLE FOR THE CHURCH coming to a LOCAL CHURCH in Your Neighborhood? ONLY A HEAVEN-SENT REVIVAL from our SOVEREIGN, HOLY GOD!!!

As we are now in the New Year of 2003 please know that YOU are Greatly Loved and Deeply Appreciated. I could not be in this Ministry of REVIVAL-EVANGELISM without YOUR HELP. TOGETHER, lets make this 26th year of the B.C.E.A. one that is PLEASING ONLY TO OUR LORD JESUS.

Now a word from His WORD... **Isaiah 58:1**.

"From"

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Number 2

Beloved:

The word FROM in our English language is a PREPOSITION (a word that combines with a noun or pronoun to form a phrase). The Definition of the word FROM states the word has three usages:

1. It is used to show a Starting point (e.g., a letter from home).
2. It is used to show Separation (e.g., subtract 3 from 6).
3. It is used to show Cause (e.g., suffering from heart trouble).

The FIRST time the word FROM is used in Scripture is found in **Genesis 1:4**. This verse pictures FROM as a word of Separation as "God divided (separated) the light FROM darkness." This is the way the word FROM is used (to show separation) in many, many passages throughout God's Word. Some of these passages are WONDERFUL, such as is found in **Matthew 1:21**: "...*And thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people FROM their sins.*" Other passages are DREADFUL, such as is found in **Matthew 7:23**, where Jesus said: "...*I never knew you: depart FROM me, ye that work iniquity.*"

The word FROM is many times associated with the word TO. We address our mailing packages ...FROM: "So and So" ...TO: "So and So". The FIRST time we find these two words together in scripture is in **Genesis 3:23**: "...*The Lord God sent him (Adam) forth FROM the garden of Eden, TO till the ground from whence he was taken.*" It is a DREADFUL picture!

Arthur W. Pink, a modern-day PURITAN, who departed FROM the earth TO be with his Lord in 1952, observed: "Multitudes desire to be saved FROM hell who are quite unwilling to be saved FROM sin." This is a DREADFUL statement for the Multitudes of which Pink writes. This is because...there is NO forgiveness for sin on God's part WITHOUT the forsaking of sin on our part.

The Bible Way is ALWAYS FROM Sin TO Salvation. **I Thessalonians 1:9** states it this way: "'How ye turned TO God FROM idols to serve the Living and True God.'" WONDERFUL! WONDERFUL!

Beloved, God met with us in our meeting with Pastor Bill Hohenstreet and the dear people of Post Falls Baptist Church in Post Falls, Idaho. PRAISE HIM! Thank YOU for all YOUR HELP! YOU are loved by this Preacher. Pray for our Nation as we go to war.

Now a Word from his WORD...**Titus 2:11-15**.

About God

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Number 3

Beloved:

A. W. Tozer HAD IT RIGHT when he said years ago: "What comes into our minds when ... we think ABOUT GOD is the MOST IMPORTANT thing ABOUT US."

John MacArthur HAS IT RIGHT when he states: "If we're not ACCURATELY Proclaiming the GOD OF SCRIPTURE, then EVERYTHING else we say is utterly IN VAIN."

R. Albert Mohler, President of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky HAS IT RIGHT when he states: "A BIBLICAL understanding of God is ABSOLUELY ESSENTIAL to a PROPER understanding of ourselves, of the Gospel and of Life itself." Dr. Mohler continues, "The ANEMIC view of God held by MANY Church Members is EVIDENT in doctrinal confusion, corrupted worship, compromised evangelism and SPIRITUAL deadness."

Steven J. Lawson, former Pastor of the Dauphin Way Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama, HAS IT RIGHT when he writes: "I believe that what is needed these days more than anything else is a HEAVEN-SENT REVIVAL of the TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD." Lawson goes on to say: "To think of God in any way OTHER THAN how HE has disclosed Himself in the FULL COUNSEL OF SCRIPTURE is to be GUILTY of the Sin of IDOLATRY."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon HAD IT RIGHT when he said: "IDOLATRY is the GREATEST INSULT the Creature can offer the CREATOR."

Arthur W. Pink HAD IT RIGHT when he wrote: "Divine Sovereignty simply means that GOD IS GOD."

J.I. Packer HAS IT RIGHT when he writes: "God's Wrath is His Righteousness REACTING against unrighteousness."

Martin Luther HAD IT RIGHT when he wrote: "God does not love us because we are valuable, but we are VALUABLE because GOD LOVES US."

R. Bruce Bickel HAS IT RIGHT when he states: "The Basis of EVANGELISM in PURITAN PREACHING was a VIGOROUS BIBLICAL THEISM. The Puritans made NO ASSUMPTION that people knew the God of John 3:16. Thus, Their evangelism began with the PROCLAMATION of THE DOCTRINE OF GOD."

Jonathan Edwards HAD IT RIGHT when he wrote: "ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY is what I love to ascribe to God It has often been my delight to approach God, and ADORE HIM as a SOVEREIGN GOD."

Beloved, we are living in a Day of BIG MAN and small god. Years ago J.B. Phillips wrote a book he entitled, "YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL". I am fearful that the TITLE of Phillips' book is the SAD STORY of TODAY'S CHURCH.

Thank you dear ones for YOUR HELP. I love YOU dearly in our Wonderful SOVEREIGN LORD.

Now a Word from HIS WORD... **Isaiah 6:1-8**.

From the Microscope to the Telescope

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Beloved:

What lies BETWEEN the MICROSCOPE and the TELESCOPE?... The ANSWER is that which can be SEEN with THE NAKED EYE... The Naked Eye being the eye of the NATURAL MAN of **I Corinthians 2:14**. The Naked Eye MUST have the MICROSCOPE to view the wonders of the MICRO WORLD and MUST have the TELESCOPE to SEE the Regions Beyond known as OUTER SPACE. The Naked Eye MUST have the AID of these two Instruments to probe the UNSEEN PHYSICAL WORLDS of the NATURAL MAN. Mankind has PROFITED GREATLY because of these two GREAT INSTRUMENTS.

However, even with these Instruments THE NATURAL MAN (The UNSAVED MAN) cannot SEE SPIRITUAL THINGS! The Lord Jesus says in **John 3:3,7** that in order for a man to SEE the Kingdom of God, that man MUST be BORN AGAIN. John the Baptist says in **John 3:36**: "And he that believeth NOT the SON [the Lord Jesus] shall NOT SEE LIFE [Everlasting life]."

Just as the NATURAL MAN HAS The NAKED EYE... The SPIRITUAL MAN (THE SAVED MAN) has the EYE Of FAITH (See **Hebrews 11:1-40**). Just as the Natural Eye of the Natural Man is AIDED by the Microscope and Telescope... The EYE OF FAITH of the SPIRITUAL MAN is AIDED by THE SCRIPTURES and THE SPIRIT enabling him to see "The DEEP THINGS OF GOD" (**I Corinthians 2:9-10**). Make no mistake about it... Whenever and Wherever THE WORD OF GOD is PREACHED... FAITH will ALWAYS show up! (**Romans 10:17**).

Beloved, the MORE we BELIEVERS are INVOLVED with THE SCRIPTURES and THE SPIRIT (FACTS and FIRE) the MORE we are able to SEE that which our SOVEREIGN GOD has for us! How FAR can YOU SEE by the EYE OF FAITH? The ANSWER to that question depends on YOUR commitment to GOD'S WORD and GOD'S SPIRIT.

My PRAYER for YOU is **II Peter 3:18**. Deeply Appreciated are YOUR Love, Prayers and Gifts. YOU are dearly Loved by this Preacher.

Now a Word from HIS WORD... **Hebrews 11:6**.

The Greatest Truth

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Number 5

Beloved:

What is THE GREATEST TRUTH found in the Bible? With the whole of Scripture being a BOOK OF TRUTHS, what would YOU consider to be the GREATEST OF ALL TRUTHS found in God's INERRANT-INFALLIBLE Word? As for me... I am THOROUGHLY CONVINCED the Greatest Truth found in The Word of God is... THE PRESENCE OF GOD!

Theologians and Bible Scholars have through the years told God's People the Bible NEVER attempts to PROVE the EXISTENCE of God. I understand what they are saying, however, the Bible Truth of the Presence of God does indeed PROVE the Existence of God... There could be no Presence of God if God does not exist! In the Bible GOD's PRESENCE is revealed in two ways:

1. The OMNIPRESENCE of God: God is EVERYWHERE (**Jeremiah 23:23-24**).
2. The MANIFESTED PRESENCE of GOD: Overwhelming Awareness of God (**II Chronicles 7:1-3**).

In times of TRUE REVIVAL and SPIRITUAL AWAKENING there has been WITHOUT EXCEPTION the MANIFESTED PRESENCE OF GOD. When God REVEALS Himself in "THIS FASHION" (**Mark 2: 12**), these things always happen:

1. The UNUSUAL is Displayed: "Business as usual" is drowned in the Sea of THE UNUSUAL in times of TRUE REVIVAL (**Exodus 3:1-5**).
2. The UNIQUENESS of God is Revealed: It is NATURAL for God to be SUPERNATURAL... "This was the Lord's doing, and it is MARVELOUS in our eyes." (**Mark 12: 11**).
3. The NON-EXPENDABLE POWER of God is Demonstrated: It is IMPOSSIBLE for God to go anywhere WITHOUT His Power (**Isaiah 64:1-3**).

In a day when the Church is FILLED with MARKETING TECHNIQUES and CEO's (Chief Executive Officers instead of Pastors) we attempt to DISGUISE our FAILURE (Powerlessness) with MAN MADE DEVICES, Plans, Programs, Processes, and Strategies. Regardless of how NOBLE our Religious Leaders' Efforts may be... Still the REAL QUESTION is...But WHERE IS GOD? While it may have been true of the Church of the Laodiceans (**Revelation 3:14-22**) that they THOUGHT they "have need of NOTHING" (v. 17), they had indeed need of SOMEONE. (v.20). May GOD HELP US to take MOSES' ADVICE as found in **Exodus 33: 15**. You see THE GREATEST TRUTH (The Presence of God) is also our GREATEST NEED.

Beloved, as long as The Church remains in Her condition of the Conspicuously Absent MANIFESTED Presence of God, NO EFFORT on the part of Her Leadership will meet with SPIRITUAL Success regardless of how NOBLE the Effort may be. The

STRATEGIES of men are NO answers for the TRAGEDY of a SIN-LADEN Church. As Roger Ellsworth states in his book, COME DOWN LORD, "we MUST realize that God can do more in a minute with HIS POWER than we can in a LIFETIME with our STRATEGIES!" Amen and Amen!

Thanks Dear Ones for all YOU are doing to HELP US in this REVIVAL MINISTRY. I love YOU dearly in our Lord Jesus.

Now a Word HIS WORD... **Acts 3:19**.

That's What Christians Do Now

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Number 6

Excerpt by Don Wildmon, (American Family Association Founder/Chairman)
American Family Journal, June 2003, Volume 27, No.6

Beloved:

"In 1973 the Supreme Court said it was okay to kill unborn babies. Since then, we have killed more than the entire population of Canada. And it continues. A woman's choice? Half of those who have died in their mother's wombs have been women. They didn't have a choice. It is called ABORTION.

Me? I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now. First it was in dingy, dirty theaters. Then, convenience stores. Then, grocery stores. Then on television. Now it is in the homes of millions via the Internet. It is called PORNOGRAPHY.

Me? I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now. They call it no-fault. Why should we blame anyone when something so tragic happens? Haven't they already suffered enough? Half of the marriages in America end this way. The children suffer. The family breaks down. It is called DIVORCE.

Me? I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now. At one time it was a perversion. We kept it secret. We secured help and hope for those who practiced it. Now it is praised. We have parades celebrating it, and elected officials give it their blessing. Now it is endowed with special privileges and protected by special laws. Even some Christian leaders and denominations praise it. It is called HOMOSEXUALITY.

Me? I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now. It used to be an embarrassment. A shame. Now a third of all births are to mothers who aren't married. Two-thirds of all African-American children are born into a home without a father. The state usually pays the tab. That is why we pay our taxes, so that the government can take the place of parents. After all, government bureaucrats know much better how to raise children than parents do. It is called ILLEGITIMACY.

Me? I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now. Not long ago, Christians were the good guys. But now any positive image of Christians in movies or on TV is gone. We are now depicted as the bad guys--greedy, narrow-minded hypocrites. The teacher can't have a Bible on her desk, but can have Playboy. We don't have Christmas and Easter holidays--just winter and spring break. We can't pray in school, but can use foul language. It's called being TOLERANT.

Me? I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now. Yes, all these things came to pass within 30 years. Where were the Christians? Why, they were in church. All these things were for someone else to deal with. Times have changed. Involvement has been replaced with APATHY.

But don't blame me. I didn't do anything. **I go to church, the minister preaches, I go home. That's what Christians do now.**"

Thank YOU dear Ones for YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT. I love YOU dearly in our Wonderful Lord Jesus.

Now a Word from HIS WORD...**Acts16:20; 17:6.**

From Saturday Night Live to Sunday Morning Dead!

Volume 26**July 2003****Number 7**

Beloved:

The above title to this PROCLAIMER ARTICLE is the TESTIMONY of MOST Church Members in this SINFUL NATION. Is it any wonder then the BUZZ around the Office Water Cooler on Monday Morning is about the JOKES of Saturday Night Live RATHER THAN the Church Happenings of Sunday Morning Dead? Religious Leaders are doing EVERYTHING IMAGINABLE to STOP this Present Tragic Condition in the CHURCH. The SUGGESTED REMEDIES by these DR. DUFLUNKIES have proven to be nothing more than RECIPES FOR RUIN. In their FEVERISH RUSH for the Church to COME UP WITH SOMETHING, they have FAILED TO REALIZE that in REALITY the Church has NO NEED TO Come Up With SOMETHING, but rather GO BACK TO SOMEONE--The Living God of Scripture.

Most, if not ALL of these RECIPES FOR RUIN, provided by these Religious GURUS, have three Major FLESH APPEALING INGREDIENTS; namely 1) ENTERTAINMENT, 2) EXCITEMENT, and 3) EXPERIENCE. Thus far the SNAKE (the serpent) OIL REMEDIES of the latest RELIGIOUS MEDICINE SHOW have produced CROWDS, but are FAILING TRAGICALLY in building BIBLICAL CHURCHES. BEWARE of the Churches that are BINGE DRINKING the DEVIL'S BREW of ENTERTAINMENT, EXCITEMENT, and EXPERIENCE as it will draw CROWDS but NEVER, NEVER Build BIBLICAL CHURCHES.

Dear Ones, the ANSWER to the Sunday Morning Dead Problem IS NOT to attempt to REPRODUCE Saturday Night Live on Sunday Morning. Rather the ANSWER is for a GOD-SENT REVIVAL in the LOCAL CHURCHES of this Land. More on this MATTER in next month's PROCLAIMER.

I can NEVER thank YOU enough for YOUR Love, Prayers, and Gifts. Bless YOU, Bless YOU for ALL YOUR Support. I love YOU dearly in our Wonderful Lord Jesus.

Now a word from HIS WORD...**Proverbs 16:25**.

Recipes for Ruin

Volume 26

August 2003

Number 8

Beloved:

In our last month's PROCLAIMER, I stated I would say more concerning the RECIPES FOR RUIN provided by the DR. DUFLUNKIES in their SUGGESTED REMEDIES for THE SUNDAY MORNING DEAD PROBLEM in MOST of the Local Churches of this Nation. You may recall I said these Recipes for Ruin have Three Major FLESH APPEALING INGREDIENTS; namely (1) ENTERTAINMENT, (2) EXCITEMENT, and (3) EXPERIENCE. These Three SATAN'S SUBSTITUTES are not NEW as they have been DOGGING The Church for years. They are, however, MORE PREVALENT than ever before.

Just as the Ancient Roman Government used THE CIRCUS (Roman Chariot Racing beginning with an elaborate Procession of Musicians, Dancers and Priests carrying the statues of their gods and goddesses) to DIVERT the ENERGIES and ATTENTION of the Roman Citizenry away from SERIOUS MATTERS, even so it seems the Present Day RELIGIOUS GURUS are attempting to OVERDOSE God's Church with MEGA DOSES of these FLESH-APPEALING DRUGS, thus DIVERTING THE ENERGIES and ATTENTION of God's People from THE SERIOUS MATTER of our MOST PRESSING NEED; namely, TRUE REVIVAL and SPIRITUAL AWAKENING.

It seems as long as the ENTERTAINMENT is labeled CHRISTIAN anything flies in the Church. Just look at the so-called Christian Rock Groups. One word describes them--WEIRD!! It seems as long as WORSHIP LEADERS (new name for Ministers of Music) are EXCITED we conclude the church is 'ON THE MOVE' (whatever that means). Many times the FIRST WORDS from the Worship Leader (?) are, "I am EXCITED." Friend, if you are EXCITED people will know it; you will not need to tell them. When is the last time you heard a Worship Leader jump to the mike to say, "I am holy"? WAKEUP CHURCH! HUMAN ENTHUSIASM is NO Substitute for GOD'S EMPOWERMENT!

It seems that MUCH of the so-called CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP is EXPERIENCE ORIENTED to produce a Religious 'WARM FUZZY' feeling (i.e., an EMOTIONAL HIGH).

Beloved, the Church is paying a GREAT PRICE for our INDULGENCE in these RECIPES FOR RUIN. Dear Lord, WAKE UP YOUR CHURCH!

This Month we begin the Eleventh year of our Television Ministry...UNTO THE CHURCHES. Curtis Lambert, my right arm (Video Engineer and Producer) has filmed EVERY Program these past ten years. I could not do without this young man. Thank YOU, dear Brother!

And Thank ALL of YOU who have and are SUPPORTING this Ministry with Your Love, Prayers, and Gifts. I love YOU in Jesus.

Now a word from HIS WORD...**John 4:24**.

Accept No Substitutes

Volume 26

September 2003

Number 9

With excerpt from *Daily Remembrances*, by James Smith

Beloved:

"My presence shall go with thee" (Exodus 33:14). "So the Lord promised ... Moses, and so He has promised us. Let us never venture anywhere, if we have reason to think the Lord will not favor us with His presence there. The Lord's presence produces holiness, imparts power, fires with zeal, brings into union, and often fills with comfort, joy and peace. His presence is our glory, and it will yield us support under losses, crosses, and bereavements. Let us plead for the Lord's presence to go with us; let us expect it; let us not be satisfied with anything else. He went with Moses, and he persevered; with Joshua, and he conquered; with David, and he reached the throne; with Paul, and he was more than a conqueror.

Nothing can be a substitute for the Lord's presence; and as it is so graciously promised, let us not attempt to find a substitute, but daily cry, 'IF THY PRESENCE GO NOT WITH ME, CARRY ME NOT UP HENCE' (Exodus 33:15). Jesus has said, 'If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and WE will come unto him, and make our abode with him' (John 14:23).

Dear Ones, Fall is on the way here in the Mountains of Western North Carolina. What a Beautiful Time of the year! 'LEAF LOOKERS' from the world over will soon be in the area to view God's Wonderful Handiwork.

Please know we here at the B.C.E.A. are blessed by YOUR love, prayers, and gifts. Thank YOU, Thank YOU! I love YOU dearly in HIM who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Now a word from HIS WORD...**Psalm 113:3**.

Conform or Transform

Volume 26**October 2003****Number 10**

Beloved:

In a recent issue (September 27, 2003) of *WORLD Magazine* we are reminded that October 5, 2003, "marks the 300th birthday of Jonathan Edwards, America's greatest Theologian." Edwards was a Theologian, Philosopher, Preacher, Missionary, and, for a short time before his death (Edwards died at age 55), the third President of Princeton University. The article in *WORLD Magazine* states:

"He (Edwards) upheld a CONSERVATIVE CHRISTIANITY centered upon THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE. HE took on the various LIBERALISMS and HERESIES of his day, always REFUSING TO COMPROMISE DOCTRINE IN ANY WAY."

I am certain all who have studied the Life and Works of Edwards would agree that HE WAS A NONCONFORMIST of the first degree. His most famous Work (i.e., SERMON) is *SINNERS IN THE HANDS OF AN ANGRY GOD*.

Well, here we are three hundred years past the Birthday of this Great MAN OF GOD. Would you say THE CHURCH in America, at this PRESENT HOUR, is known for her NONCONFORMIST STANCE in regard to 'THIS WORLD' (age)? (Romans 12:2). Hardly! Hardly! Romans 12:2 says, "And be NOT CONFORMED to THIS WORLD (age)." WHY? Because the CULTURE OF THIS WORLD (age) is purely PAGAN (some would call it SECULAR).

In Romans 12:2, there are but TWO CHOICES...CONFORM OR TRANSFORM. There can be NO MIXING of these choices that is ACCEPTABLE TO HOLY GOD. YET...that seems to be what many Christians and Churches are attempting to do as THE BUZZ WORD in Seminars and Conferences on WORSHIP is BLEND (to mix). In the areas of Worship Music, we are instructed to BLEND (mix) TRADITIONAL HYMNS with CONTEMPORARY CHORUSES. This Music Blend is an effort to ACCOMMODATE (compromise)...It is 'THE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE' Strategy. It is an attempt to please both THE AARP GENERATION and THE RAISED (Reared) ON ROCK GENERATION.

Beloved, BIBLICAL WORSHIP MUSIC is NOT about attempting to PLEASE the two Generations, but rather to PLEASE HOLY GOD. Any attempt to please man rather than HOLY GOD is WORLDLY WORSHIP. And WORLDLY WORSHIP will produce a WORLD LOVING CHURCH (I John 2: 15).

Where are we today in CHURCH LIFE? Let us return for a moment to remember Edward's Famous Sermon...*SINNERS IN THE HANDS OF AN ANGRY GOD*. Because of the seeming desire on the part of THE CHURCH to CONFORM to THIS WORLD with it's PAGAN CULTURE, FASHIONS and TASTES, we have gone from *SINNERS IN THE HANDS OF AN ANGRY GOD* to *SEEKERS IN THE HANDS OF A NONJUDGMENTAL god*. HOW SAD! Dear Ones, "And be not CONFORMED to this WORLD" (Romans 12:2) is in

the IMPERATIVE mood in the Greek language. Therefore it is a COMMAND and not a SUGGESTION!

YOUR HELP, as always, is GREATLY APPRECIATED. I love YOU dearly in our Lord Jesus.

Now a Word from HIS WORD...**1 Timothy 1:17**.

At All Times...In Every Thing

Volume 26

November 2003

Number 11

Beloved:

The Scriptures teach us as BELIEVERS to GIVE THANKS..."AT ALL TIMES" (Psalm 34:1) and "IN EVERY THING" (I Thessalonians 5:18). The Apostle Paul states it this way as he writes the Church at Corinth in I Corinthians 15:57: "But THANKS BE TO GOD, which giveth us THE VICTORY through our LORD JESUS CHRIST."

IN CHRIST WE HAVE...

- A LOVE that cannot be FATHOMED.
- A HOPE that cannot be DISAPPOINTED.
- A LIFE that cannot be TERMINATED.
- A PEACE that cannot be COMPREHENDED.
- A REST that cannot be DISTURBED.
- A JOY that cannot be DIMINISHED.
- A GLORY that cannot be CLOUDED.
- A LIGHT that cannot be DARKENED.
- A STRENGTH that cannot be DEFEATED.
- A PURITY that cannot be DEFILED.
- A BEAUTY that cannot be SURPASSED.
- A WISDOM that cannot be BAFFLED.
- A RESOURCE that cannot be EXHAUSTED.
- A RIGHTEOUSNESS that cannot be TARNISHED.

LITTLE WONDER THAT WE CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE THE MOST THANKFUL PEOPLE ON EARTH!

Beloved, at this THANKSGIVING SEASON, Please, Please KNOW that this Preacher is SO VERY THANKFUL for YOU and ALL that YOU mean to this REVIVAL MINISTRY. YOU and YOUR Love, Prayers, and Gifts are VITAL. I love YOU dearly in our Blessed Lord Jesus.

Now a Word from HIS WORD...**Psalm 107:1-2.**

Can It Be

Volume 26

December 2003

Number 12

Beloved:

CAN IT BE that another year is about to pass into what is known as HISTORY? Many years ago I placed a Plaque outside my front door with this well known and very truthful thought:

'ONLY ONE LIFE TWILL SOON BE PAST,
ONLY WHAT'S DONE FOR CHRIST WILL LAST.'

The longer I live the more I realize the TRUTHFULNESS of this statement. These past twenty-six years of REVIVAL-EVANGELISM Ministry have passed so swiftly.

So in this 26th year...I say, THANK YOU for allowing me to share my HEART'S Burden for Revival with YOU these past twelve months. YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT of LOVE, PRAYERS, and GIFTS continue to overwhelm me. Month after Month I have witnessed OUR WONDERFUL LORD JESUS at work through YOUR FAITHFULNESS...HIS AMAZING PROVISION and YOUR FAITHFULNESS sustain this REVIVAL-EVANGELISM Ministry. Please, Please, know Dear One, you play a VITAL ROLE in ALL that is accomplished for HIS GLORY in this MINISTRY.

In the coming year of 2004, my long standing FIRM CONVICTION MUST continue to be at the FOREFRONT of ALL that we do here at the B.C.E.A. And what is this Long Standing CONVICTION? Simply this...THAT EVANGELISM'S BEST FRIEND IS A REVIVED CHURCH.

Once again Peggy and I use THE PROCLAIMER for our CHRISTMAS GREETING to YOU and YOURS. Our GREETING is really a PRAYER...That YOU may have an IMMANUEL-CENTERED Christmas and that YOU know THE PRESENCE and POWER of HIS PERSON in YOUR LIFE in the NEW YEAR.

I love YOU dearly in our BLESSED LORD JESUS.

Now a Word from HIS WORD...**Ephesians 3:14-21**.