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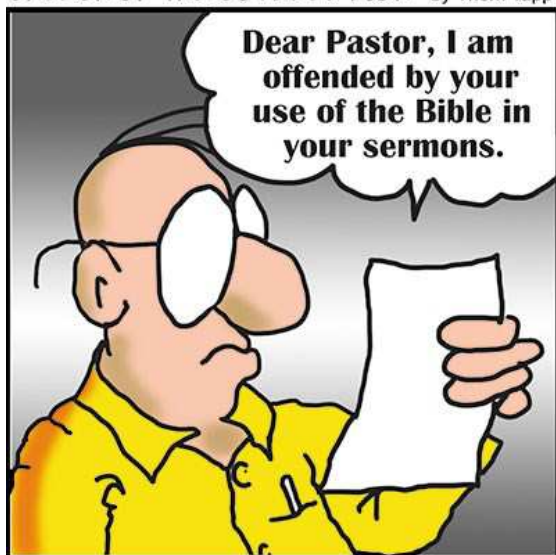
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And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. Ephesians 5:11

**Reprove Them - To Avoid Them Is Not Enough**

**CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH** by Thom Tapp**Cousin Leroy**

On his way home from work one afternoon ole Leroy had a flat tire. He pulled off on the side of the road, jumped out of his car, walked down the hillside and picked a bunch of wildflowers. He then proceeded to put one bouquet of the flowers in front of the truck and one behind it. Then he got back in the truck to wait. A passerby studied the scene as he drove by and was so curious, he turned around and went back. He asked Leroy what the problem was. He replied, "I have a flat tarr." In response the passerby asked, "But what's with the flowers"? Leroy responded, "When you break down, they tell you to put flares in the front and flares in the back! I never did understand it neither."

**Fight Like a Man**

Bubba and a couple of guys were talking at break time. Two of them were talking about the amount of control they have over their wives, while Bubba remained quiet. After a while one of the first two turned to Bubba and said, "Well, what about you, what sort of control do you have over your wife?" Ole Bubba rared back and said, "I'll tell you. Just the other night my wife came to me on her hands and knees." The first two guys were amazed. "Wow! What happened then?" they asked. Bubba took a healthy swallow of his cup of coffee, sighed and said, "She said, 'Bubba get out from under the bed and fight like a man!'"

**Math Problem**

Danny was being questioned by his teacher during an arithmetic lesson. 'If you had ten dollars,' said the teacher, 'and I asked you for a loan of eight dollars, how much would you have left?' 'Ten,' said Danny firmly. 'Ten?' the teacher said 'How do you make it ten?' 'Well,' replied Danny 'You can ask for a loan of eight dollars all you want, but that doesn't mean you'll get it!'

**YOU KNOW YOU'RE A BAD COOK WHEN...**

- You use the smoke alarm as a cooking timer.
- You consider it a culinary success if the pop-tart stays in one piece.
- Your dog goes to the neighbors' to eat.
- When you barbecue, two of your kids hold water guns and the third stands ready by the phone with 911 on speed-dial.
- Your family automatically heads for the dinner table every time they hear a fire truck siren.
- Your two best recipes are meatloaf and apple pie, but your dinner guests can't tell which is which.
- You've used three boxes of scouring pads, a bottle of Drano, and a crowbar, and that macaroni and cheese still won't let go of the pan.
- You make tuna noodle surprise and the surprise is that it glows in the dark and melts the silverware.

**Help Wanted**

Customer: "Excuse me, but are you looking to hire any help at present?"

Manager: "No, we already have all the staff we need."

Customer: "Then would you mind getting someone to wait on me?"



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*From the Pastor's Desk*

Pastor Billy R. Douglas

### **The Old Mans Smile**

Today as I walked my path of life  
I saw an old man that caught my eye.  
His face was wrinkled his hair past gray  
He looked so disgruntled but what could I say?  
I tried to think of a way to bring him some cheer  
By the look that he wore his need was so dear.  
And then all at once it came to my mind  
I should share a smile I know that would be kind.  
And sure nuff as I smiled the old man did too  
He looked so much better his face almost new.  
Then I noticed something that hit me like brass  
The old man was me...in a looking glass.  
So now as I walk my path of life  
In a world that is full of trouble and strife.  
I always make sure in good days or trial  
To help someone else by sharing a smile.

After the LORD gave me this poem I walked away with two different aspects from what he had given me. The first is what a difference it makes in our witness and the light that we can be if we go through life with a smile on our face instead of a frown. Sadly many Christians walk around looking like they fell into a barrel of pickle juice! I know none of us are super Christians and we all go through trials and struggles BUT I also know that no matter what we are facing we can choose to smile!! And when we do so we testify without even opening our mouth. When others who know the pain or loss we may be facing and yet they see a smile on our face instead of a frown what a sermon that is! Your smile in the midst of your trial may be the very thing that causes the lost person to ask himself "What do they have that I don't?"!! The Bible says in 1 Peter 3:15 "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" Trust me when I say that the world is not going to ask you the "reason" you have hope if you walk around with your face longer than a two mile dirt road in the middle of August! So even if it hurts, choose to smile, even if you don't feel like it, choose to smile knowing that someone's spiritual life could depend upon it! The second thing is how "contagious" our attitudes or moods can be! Did you ever get up in a good mood...you were really feeling good...UNTIL you happened upon Sister (or brother) Sour Puss in the grocery store? And from the time she (or he) opened their mouth until the time they walked away it was WOE IS ME!! And you walked away feeling almost as defeated as they were!! On the other hand have you ever just felt down? In the mulligrubs? And you happened upon Brother (or sister) Joyful Noise in the grocery store? And from the time you saw him (or her) turn the corner with that smile on their face all they did was talk about JESUS!!! And before you know it yall done had church in Wal-Mart and you left with a completely different attitude then you had going in!! Which would you rather be? Sister Sour Puss? Or Brother Joyful Noise? Most of the time before we leave the house we make sure we fix our hair, put on our shoes and some of the ladies even say they "put on their face". Let us all pray LORD help me each day to put on my shoes and put on MY SMILE before I leave the house so that I can be a light...a witness...an encouragement to others instead of a discouragement! Until next time, Pastor Billy R Douglas



## **Is Christ Divided? Part 01**

By: Evangelist Mike Heltsley

\*\*\*By the leading of the Lord, we are putting this article back in the Trumpet again for the readers. Division is at an all time high. The answer is Christ and what He did at the Cross. - Evangelist Mike Heltsley

1st Corinthians 1:10 - Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Sadly, many who call themselves Christians see no problem with the situation the Apostle Paul condemned. They see no problem with speaking different things, having divisions, and having differences in mind and judgment. In fact, many seem to thrive on the strife and the confusion that results from division in the church. 1st Corinthians 1:11-13 - For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. 12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. 13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? Do you realize that most differences in what we know as Christianity stem from people following the doctrines and commandments of men, and those traditions that get handed down as gospel truth? In discussing a difference of understanding on a particular subject recently, a brother told me that I needed a good book on hermeneutics. After I looked the word up—it means “interpretive”—I realized that I already had a Good Book—the good ole 1611 KJV Bible, and it tells me in: 2nd Peter 1:16-20 - For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye-witnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. 19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. Maybe we ought to concentrate a little harder on the KJV Bible and a little less on hermeneutics, a Western philosophy named after the Greek god Hermes. It might leave less open to private interpretation. 1st Corinthians 1:13-17 - Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; 15 Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name. 16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. 17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. A division crops up right here because some of my friends following man-made religions quote this verse as proof that Paul was “not in the baptizing business”. Taken in context, Paul was saying that he was glad that folks didn’t follow him instead of Christ, as they might have done had he himself done all the baptizing personally. It wasn’t that baptism wasn’t occurring, it’s just that Paul left it to the other brethren to do it. 1st Corinthians 1:18-21 - For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. 20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. We see in our culture today a denial of Christianity. The liberal folks in our culture say that God is dead, Jesus is a myth, and that we are all just soul-less human animals. Man’s wisdom says that the universe started with a big bang, and man evolved from a group of chemicals that got struck by lightning. 1st Timothy 6:20-21 - O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: 21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen. Acts 17:20-21 - For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. 21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.) Hermeneutics is described as based upon science and logic. Yet these Greek based processes are the very things that Paul said we must not use. 1st Corinthians 1:22-25 - For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: 23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. Division fades when we stick with God’s truth! 1st Corinthians 1:26 - For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: Why is that? The wise think that their knowledge will save them. The strong think that their strength will save them. The powerful and rich think that their power and riches will save them. So they don’t need God to save them! 1st Corinthians 1:27-31 - But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.



## What Stirs You?

Pastor Steve Huston

Acts 17:16 "Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry."

What does the word "stirred" mean? One old holiness commentator put it this way: "his soul was sharpened or whetted. He felt an indignation burn within him to see human beings given to the worship of idols. So he alone, single-handed like little David attacked the whole system." There are times that we are so stirred in our spirits that we must do something...write, talk, act...something. It's like the example of Jeremiah from the Old Testament where he said that he would be quiet and not speak anymore except it would burn him up—friends, HE WAS STIRRED! What Stirred Paul? Athens was recognized as the center of intellect, culture, and religion. In this setting it was also "wholly given over to idolatry." It was said that there were more gods than men in this great Greek city called Athens. This is what stirred Paul. He knew God—he experienced Jesus—he knew that all glory, honor, praise, and worship belong to God, and God alone! He was stirred by the sin of wrongful worship. He was stirred that God wasn't given His rightful place in this place. Worshipful adoration was given to inanimate objects made by the hands of men. As a Pharisee that would bother Paul; but as a man of God, that stirred him to his core. That's much like America today. Most in America don't worship crude idols of wood, stone, silver or gold; but there are many who worship nature—the woods and water, sun and stars, or the soil and stones. Some worship stones of quartz and other types for various reasons and others worship being stoned, whether by marijuana, alcohol, or other drugs. A great many people worship silver, gold, or other forms of currency. Also, as in Athens, there are many who worship knowledge, culture, science, art, religion, and the list goes on and on. The list of American idols is as deep and wide as man's mind can invent and imagine. America has her idols! Men and women are idolized—from athletes to actors, from politicians to pundits, from singers to social warriors, multitudes of mere men or women are raised to demi-god status, being worshiped and praised while the One True God receives leftovers if anything at all. While Jehovah, the Creator of the universe, is said to be found upon the mercy seat, America's idols are all found on the altar of self! Whether the seat of this altar is self-gratification, self-adulation, self-preservation, self-worship, or selfish ambition, all of our idols sit upon the altar of self, demanding sacrifice, worship, and expect the dethronement of God in our mind, words, or deeds. Yes, America has her idols, which has led to much brokenness; and it would seem that this country is "wholly given over to idolatry." Does that stir you? Are our spirits stirred out of selfishness or hurt? Are we stirred by lost souls headed for hell? Are we stirred by a holy God not receiving the glory, honor, and praise due His name? What are we stirred by? --Does it stir us that alcohol abuse kills 3 million a year--Does it stir us that politicians and actors threaten the life of our president with no disciplinary action taken, thereby encouraging lawlessness and undermining respect for authority? Or that those in high positions would call Christian conservatives "deplorables" (Clinton) and "dregs" (Biden) recognizing that it lays the groundwork for Christians to be persecuted since we are made to be seen as sub human and of little to no worth? Again, look to where the road leads! If these things stir you it should be that it is an attack upon God and His righteous ways, not because it is an attack upon us. --Does it stir you that there are 125,000 abortions worldwide DAILY and in the U.S. over 300 souls depart from their mother's womb into the hands of Jesus every single day? --Does it stir you that each month pornography sites receive more regular traffic than Netflix, Amazon, and Twitter combined? That 64% of young people ages 13-24 actively seek pornography weekly or more often? That 1 in 5 youth pastors and 1 in 7 senior pastors use pornography regularly? --What about the National Debt, child abuse, indoctrination in the public schools, human trafficking, Islamism in America and in our schools, or socialists, communists, and Islamists running for congress—do these things stir you? Why do these things stir you? Does it have anything to do with the glory of God and does it have anything to do with holy compassion? In other words, are you stirred because the people of this nation are like sheep without a shepherd? What was Paul's Response? Paul's response was to show a holy compassion by preaching the truth; to share the gospel with those who were blind and lost. He spoke to the lost sheep about the Good Shepherd. He met them where they were at and brought them along to the truth of who God is, what God has done, and what our reasonable response should be—repentance and holy living. Our response must be the Gospel! Only the Gospel will set men free; only the Gospel will change lives. There aren't enough steps in any program to make a permanent change that doesn't include steps to the cross where Jesus died. Oh that God's Holy Spirit would stir our spirit, just as He did Paul's. Oh that we would be stirred to action—preaching the Gospel and calling for men everywhere to repent and live holy lives. Press on being stirred and sharing the Gospel with all who need to break free from the chains of idolatry—both within the church and without.



### Bacon & Cream Cheese Stuffed Mushrooms

8 oz bacon  
1/2 cup finely minced sweet onion  
1 clove garlic, minced  
16 oz white button mushrooms  
4 oz cream cheese  
1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese  
salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 350F degrees. Using scissors or a sharp knife, cut raw bacon into small pieces. In a large saute pan, over medium heat, cook bacon until crispy.

While bacon is cooking, remove mushroom stems from caps and chop stems into small pieces. When bacon is done, remove from pan and set aside; reserve 2 tablespoons of bacon grease and pour the rest from pan. Saute onion until soft about 5 minutes, scraping up any brown bits on bottom of pan. Add chopped mushrooms stems and garlic and cook a few minutes longer. Reduce heat to low. Add cream cheese and parmesan cheese and stir until cheeses are melted. Add reserved chopped bacon and season to taste with salt and pepper. Remove mixture from heat and stuff each mushroom cap with mixture. Bake at 350F for about 20 minutes or until mushrooms are soft and filling is hot.

### Pineapple Salad

1 lb small curd cottage cheese  
8 ounces Cool Whip  
1 (3 ounce) box jello regular raspberry gelatin powder  
1 (20 ounce) can crushed pineapple in syrup

Mix the dry gelatin powder with the thawed cool whip. Add the cottage cheese to the mixture and mix well. Drain the pineapple well and add to the mixture and chill.

### Chocolate Chip Pecan Pie

4 Eggs  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup brown  
1 Cup Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips  
6 oz Pecan Halves or Pieces  
1 Cup Corn Syrup  
1 Stick Melted Butter  
1 Tsp Vanilla  
1/4 Tsp Salt  
2 Frozen deep dish pie shells

Preheat the oven to 350. In a medium glass mixing bowl, melt the butter in the microwave. Use hand mixer to beat in eggs, corn syrup, sugar, vanilla and salt. Add the chocolate chips and pecans to the mixture and stir with a spoon. Pour half of the pie mixture into each pie shell. Bake for 45 minutes. Move them to the bottom rack about halfway through so the top edge of the crust does not get too crispy. At the end of the baking time, open the oven and jiggle the rack a little. The center of the pies should have just the slightest wiggle, too much wiggle and you'll want to leave them in for an extra 10 or 15 minutes.

### Stuffed Pepper Soup

1 lb extra-lean ground beef  
1 c onion diced  
14-1/2 oz can Red Gold diced tomatoes with Roasted Garlic and Onions  
2 c green peppers and/or red peppers chopped  
15 oz can Red Gold tomato sauce  
3 c beef broth  
1/2 t dried basil  
1/2 t dried oregano  
1 c cooked rice

Brown your beef with your onion in a skillet over medium heat. Drain your beef and onions and place in your 6-quart slow cooker. Add your Red Gold tomatoes (juice and all) and the rest of your ingredients. Cover and cook on low for 6-8 hours.





## **Be Ye Holy For I Am Holy**

Pastor Lewis Taylor

The Bible clearly states in I Peter 1:16 "Be ye Holy; for I am Holy". God desires that His people be a sanctified people. The word "sanctification" has the definition of being "set apart". We as Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ must continually set apart ourselves for the service of the Lord. We must be a people separated from the ways of this world. II Corinthians 6:17 says "wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord". We do this continuously by identifying our ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ thru Faith. Jesus the Savior said in John 15:4 "abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me". Our desire should be to be conformed to the image of the Son of God (The Lord Jesus Christ) (Romans 8:29). We must understand that Holiness and Righteousness is still important (Hebrews 12:14).

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## **Celebration of Evil**

Pastor Jamie Morgan

Many Christians celebrate Halloween. Some churches and pastors even do. I recently saw a church advertising they were having a Zombie Run. Seriously? God's House? This pastor does not celebrate Halloween and neither does her church. In a spirit of full disclosure, when I was a brand-new believer, I allowed my son to go trick-or-treating. Part of the reason was because my husband was not yet saved and insisted we do. The other part was because I didn't see the harm in it. After all, many Christians I respected did it, so as a new Christian I justified that it must be OK. Right? Wrong! As I grew closer to the Lord and gained more knowledge of His Word, I began to feel convicted about Halloween. I had thoughts like: God is a God of life, but Halloween focuses on death. Should I celebrate a holiday where people decorate their front yards with tombstones? The Scriptures tell us to put away deeds of darkness (Rom.13:12) and that light has nothing in common with darkness (2 Cor. 6:14). Is celebrating a dark holiday something a child of the light should be doing? I had been delivered from fear and panic attacks and knew that fear comes from the enemy. Should I participate in a holiday that has fear as its very foundation? Witchcraft is clearly detestable to the Lord (Deut 18:10-13). Shouldn't something that glorifies witchcraft (just take a walk through the Halloween store) be detestable to me as well?" Halloween is a sacred, high holiday for Wiccans (the official religion of witchcraft). Is this a holiday Christians should celebrate alongside Wiccans? Is it cute when we dress our kids like the devil (or witches, ghouls, scary characters, etc.)? Isn't it, well, demonic? What if my child dresses in a wholesome fireman costume? Romans 16:19 says that we need to be wise to what is good and innocent of evil. If I let him participate in Halloween, even while dressed as a fireman, aren't I sending him a mixed message by allowing him to participate in a celebration of evil? The Lord said in 2 Cor. 6:17, "Come out from them and be separate ... Touch no unclean thing ..." Doesn't God want His children to be set apart from the world and from sin and evil? Aren't we supposed to be peculiar people? My extended family thinks it's ridiculous that we not allow our son to dress up for Halloween. Should their opinions matter to me more than God's? Shouldn't pleasing God be my utmost concern? If there is even a question in my heart and mind that it might be wrong, shouldn't that be my first clue? Why would I continue to do so with even a lingering thought that it is wrong? Does Halloween bring glory to God? No! It glorifies the devil! Nuff said. So as a new believer, saved only two years, I responded to the conviction of the Holy Spirit, repented of displeasing the Lord and put a stop to Halloween. And as a pastor, after observing firsthand the amount of destruction that the enemy brings into peoples' lives when they give him a foothold, I am even more convinced I made the right decision to close the door to the enemy and on this evil holiday. Setting aside a day to celebrate evil, darkness, witchcraft, fear, death and the demonic brings disdain to God. Period. A Christian celebrating Halloween would be like a Satan worshiper putting up a nativity scene at Christmas while singing, "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" The two just don't go together. Jesus has nothing in common with Satan (2 Cor. 6:14), and neither should we. So stop justifying why it is fine to celebrate this demonic, worldly, evil holiday. There are no muddled lines or gray areas about it. A committed follower of Jesus Christ should not celebrate Halloween.

Pastor Jamie Morgan - Life Church AOG Williamstown, NJ



### Seducing Spirits

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 1 Timothy 4:1

The above passage of scripture speaks of "seducing" spirits and doctrines of devils. The word seduce means to deceive, to "lure" away from the truth softly or little by little. John Wesley once said..."What one generation tolerates the next generation accepts." America did not get in the shape she is in today over night and neither did the church. When we see the things of darkness being so widely accepted by the church we see a people that have been seduced away from the truth unto doctrines of devils. The truth of the matter is that the occult and witchcraft are so widely accepted by Christian and non-Christian alike because our nation has been fed "candy coated" witchcraft to the point where most of the church is so spiritually blind that they cant see the evil that sets right before our eyes. While walking through the store the other day seeing the Halloween decorations and costumes I couldn't help but ask myself "I wonder just how wicked and evil something has to look before the church realizes that it is against God's Word?" Sadly it stands to reason that the more you feed upon the things of the devil the easier it gets to swallow the things that he serves up. The Bible plainly teaches us to beware of "wolves in sheep's clothing" and to watch out for "the little foxes" for when evil is clothed in the disguise of that which looks fun and harmless that is when it is most deadly. As the years have passed our nation, and the church for that matter have accepted the lie of the devil that the occult and witchcraft and harmless and fun. Through television as children we were taught that there was a good side of evil. With programs like "Bewitched" and "I Dream Of Jeannie" we were taught these lies of the devil. Cartoons made it even easier to reach the minds of our children seducing a generation with doctrines of devils and the occult through cartoons such as Scooby Doo, Casper The Friendly Ghost, The Smurfs and dare we leave out Barney and his bag of magic just to name a few. Little by little the seeds of the occult and Satanism planted in the minds of a generation that now thinks that you can play with fire and not get burnt and will even go as far to accept things as wicked as Harry Potter, Zombies, Vampires and more. And as if television and movies weren't enough the devil leaves no stone unturned he uses advertisements, toys, books, games and of course the internet! Now I know just mentioning some of these things will cause some Christians to roll their eyes at me BUT in doing so you only help me to prove my point. The point that the devil, witchcraft and the occult have been made nothing more than cartoon characters in a struggle with darkness that is all too real! What does all of this have to do with Halloween? More than you think. The callusing of our hearts and minds to the occult through the few things that I have made mention of in this article and trust me there are many many more that have conditioned our society to the place where they cannot even recognize Satan for the deceiver that he is. Saddest of all is "the church", it is one thing to see the world deceived by this and taking part in this darkness but the church follows right along with them. Allowing their children to feed upon the things of the occult, taking part in Halloween which is no more than a satanic ritual. Having fall festivals, hallelujah parties and more, trying to make holy that which stinks in the nostrils of God. And let us not stop with the celebration of Halloween but we are seeing more and more New Age and occultic things and teachings make their way into our churches across this land. This is not just about Halloween this is about the powers of darkness and wickedness in high places that are determined to destroy anyone and everyone that will open the door to let them in. We as the body of Christ should be praying and coming against the forces of wickedness in high places and taking a stand against that which is unholy and demonic instead of stumbling around spiritually blind playing with the things of the devil. I cannot tell you the times that I have heard "Christians" talking about how much they enjoy shows like The Walking Dead...SHAME on the church for being so spiritually ignorant that they not only do not take a stand against evil but they sup with devils from the same table. The church has been seduced by the enemy and it is time...HIGH TIME for the church to wake up and stand for truth! Souls hang in the balance and we have been commissioned to reach them! Reach them with the only message that destroys the chains of evil that have them bound. The only message that still sets the sinner free and puts the devil on the run!! The message of the finished work of the Cross of Christ!! It is time for the church to repent of any past involvement in the occult and witchcraft whether knowingly or in ignorance and be the light that we are suppose to be! Let the world see Jesus in you, forsake the things of darkness! The words of this old song still ring true today...*Souls are crying, men are dying, Won't you lead them to the cross. Go and find them, Please help to win them Win the lost at any cost!!*"

Until next time may the LORD bless and keep you is my prayer.

Pastor Billy R. Douglas





# A Word for TODAY!



By Sister Michelle Deuling

**Verse for Today:** Proverbs 28:1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion  
**Additional passages for Today:** Matthew 13:24-43; Matthew 25:31-46; Proverbs 14:26

**Thought for Today:** If you are doing things right, there is no need to look over your shoulder all the time. However, if you are doing things wrong, you will not have peace, your conscience will allow the guilt to eat you up.

**Story for Today:** Malcolm cast a furtive glance over his shoulder as he rushed alongside the brick building. He could almost hear the foot beats of his pursuers. At least he thought he could. Grabbing the candy as he left the store hadn't been planned and he just knew the shopkeeper saw him and when the two men burst through the doors behind him he knew he had been made. At least that is what he thought was happening. As he rounded the corner and headed down yet another alley Malcolm ducked into a stoop and bent low to catch his breath. The only sound he could hear was that of his own heart beating out of his chest like a bass drum and the wheezing of his breathing that he was sure could be heard a mile away. As Malcolm struggled to get his breathing under control, his mind raced to seek a place of safety. He knew his grams would be very disappointed if she knew what he had done. She had raised him to be respectable and his recent actions were definitely not that. His Auntie would let him crash there, but, she would ask 1,000 questions and Malcolm knew he could not face that. She would see through him in a minute. Jerard, one of his buddies, lived close enough, maybe he would go there. He peeked around the corner and quickly drew back. He had seen shadows at the end of the alley. He knew he was a sitting duck if he stayed here. He had to go. He decided to make a mad dash for it after peering out one more time. This time the alley was clear. Malcolm flew from his hiding place and sprinted toward the next corner. Every noise warning him that he was not alone. Every shadow leading him to believe it was just a matter of time before he was caught. He ran on, stopping every few minutes to catch his breath. The candy bars inside his jacket felt like rocks and he decided it was best to get rid of them. He pitched them behind a dumpster as he stopped one more time. He was almost to Jerard's house when he spotted a police car cruising down the alley coming toward him. He panicked and began running the other way. He had no way of knowing if they were looking for him or not, but, he ran just in case. After zigzagging back and forth between houses and apartments, he realized the police car was no where to be seen and so he headed towards Jerard's again. He finally arrived at Jerard's. Jerard knew instantly that something was wrong. Malcolm's eyes kept darting back and forth and he kept peering over his shoulder until he was ushered inside the home. Even then he couldn't help but glance out the window every few seconds. It wasn't long before Malcolm had spilled the whole story out to his friend. Jerard knew that it was wrong for Malcolm to be running and that he couldn't shelter his friend. He boldly spoke of the options that Malcolm had and encouraged his friend to turn himself in. Malcolm explained that he had thrown the candy away and couldn't return it. Jerard suggested that he go back and pay for it. Malcolm realized that he would never be able to go to that store again until he made things right. Swallowing his pride, Malcolm took Jerard's advise and headed home. He would confess first to his Gram. Maybe she would loan him the money to pay the shopkeeper. He would offer to do extra chores to pay her back. Then he would go make things right. He would apologize and never steal again. Malcolm entered the store and went straight to the man he was sure had seen his infraction. The name tag read Gary. Malcolm held the money out as he neared Gary. His apology was quick but heart felt. The surprise on Gary's face told Malcolm that the man had NOT actually seen him. He realized that he had imagined everything today because of his guilty conscience. He was still glad that he had made things right and he was sure he would never steal again!

**Questions for Today:** Sometimes it takes great courage to speak the truth to those that are doing wrong. What would you have done if you were in Jerard's place? Have you ever felt like Malcolm? To have peace, we must be right with God.

**Prayer for today:** Lord, Please help us to keep short accounts with you. Help us to listen when you convict. In Jesus' Name we Pray AMEN



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