

II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is...

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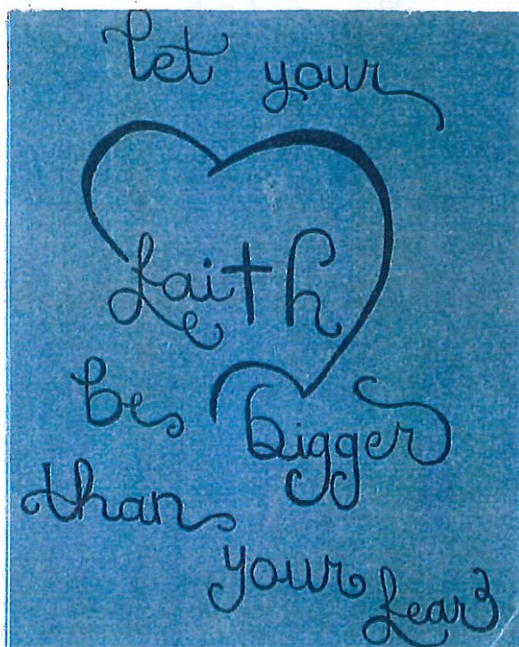
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CHRISTIANS ARE PEOPLE OF FAITH



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Romans 5:1-2 - Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

I Corinthians 2:5 - That your faith shall not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

I John 5:4 - For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith

Cheap Christianity Betrays the Savior!

With each passing day the sellout of genuine Christianity seems to escalate. The culture—unregenerate, rebellious and egotistically self-willed—objects to the demands of repentance, faithfulness and holy living.

With all their passion for pleasure, prosperity and personal privilege, their faces are turned away from God. They mock the Bible and chide the claims of the crucified and risen Savior.

—Dr. Shelton Smith

In Days Gone By

On Jan. 4, 1896, Utah became a state.

Marriage in Eden?

It has been suggested that Adam and Eve had an ideal situation in their marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married and she didn't have to hear about his mother's cooking.

He could honestly say to her, "You are the prettiest woman I ever saw."

She could honestly say to him, "There's not another man on earth to compare with you."

THE BILL OF NO RIGHTS



We, the sensible people of the United States, in an attempt to help everyone get along, restore some semblance of justice, avoid any more riots, keep our nation safe, promote positive behavior and secure the blessings of debt-free liberty to ourselves and our great-great-grandchildren, hereby try one more time to ordain and establish some common sense guidelines for the terminally whiny, guilt-ridden, delusional, and other liberal bed-wetters. -

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that a whole lot of people were confused by the Bill of Rights, and are so dim that they require a *Bill of No Rights*.

ARTICLE I: You do not have the right to a new car, big screen TV or any other form of wealth. More power to you if you can legally acquire them, but no one is guaranteeing anything.

ARTICLE II: You do not have the right to never be offended. This country is based on freedom, and that means freedom for everyone, not just you! You may leave the room, turn the channel, express a different opinion, etc., but the world is full of idiots, and probably always will be.

ARTICLE III: You do not have the right to be free from harm. If you stick a screwdriver in your eye, learn to be more careful, do not expect the tool manufacturer to make you and all your relatives independently wealthy.

ARTICLE IV: You do not have the right to free food and housing. Americans are the most charitable people to be found, and will gladly help anyone in need, but we are quickly growing weary of subsidizing generation after generation of professional couch potatoes who achieve nothing more than the creation of another generation of professional couch potatoes.

ARTICLE V: You do not have the right to free health care. That would be nice, but from the looks of public housing, we're just not interested in public health care.

ARTICLE VI: You do not have the right to physically harm

other people. If you kidnap, rape, intentionally maim or kill someone, don't be surprised if the rest of us want to see you fry in the electric chair.

ARTICLE VII: You do not have the right to the possessions of others. If you rob, cheat or coerce away the goods or services of other citizens, don't be surprised if the rest of us get together and lock you away in a place where you still won't have the right to a big-screen color TV or a life of leisure.

ARTICLE VIII: You don't have the right to demand that our children risk their lives in foreign wars that the politicians won't let our military win. We hate oppressive governments and won't lift a finger to stop you from going to fight if you'd like; however, we do not enjoy parenting the entire world, and do not want to spend so much of our time battling each and every little tyrant wearing a military uniform and a funny hat.

ARTICLE IX: You don't have the right to a job. All of us sure want all of you to have one, and will gladly help you along in hard times, but we expect you to take advantage of the opportunities of education and vocational training laid before you to make yourself useful.

ARTICLE X: You do not have the right to happiness. Being an American means that you have the right to pursue happiness, which by the way, is a lot easier if you are unencumbered by an overabundance of idiotic laws created by those of you who were confused by the original, REAL, Bill of Rights!

Spilled hot coffee in your lap while driving? Sue McDonalds. Smoked cigarettes for 40 years and developed lung cancer? Sue the tobacco company and receive \$3 billion. Don't like your health care? Sue your HMO. Depressed? Drown your children. God help us. We have become a nation of excuses. - Doug Patton, The Citizen Review, 6/29/00

THE MAN IN THE GLASS

If you get what you want in your struggle for self,
And the world makes you king for a day,
Just go to a mirror and look at yourself,
And see what that man has to say.



For it isn't your father or mother or wife,
Whose judgment upon you must pass,
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life,
Is the one staring back from the glass.

Some people may think you're a straight shootin' chum,
And call you a wonderful guy,
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum,
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest,
For he's with you clean up to the end,
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult task,
If the man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of life,
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reward will be heartache and tears,
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

A LIAR WILL NOT
BE BELIEVED
EVEN WHEN SHE
SPEAKS THE
TRUTH.

One writer tells of an old lady who always began her testimony at prayer meeting by saying, "Forty years ago..." The writer says, "I felt like asking her, 'Lady, hasn't anything happened since?'"

We thank God for the happy day that fixed our choice on Him our Saviour and our God, but there should be more happy days all along. Christian lives sometimes become like some married lives that get to where there is nothing left but anniversaries.

Serve Him Regardless



I stood by the side of an anxious father, watching his critically ill child. The father whispered, "O God, spare my baby, and I will serve You as long as I live."

As tactfully as I knew how, I said, "Why not pray earnestly, 'O God, I now surrender my life and my will completely to You. Regardless of what may come or go, I want to serve You with all my heart as long as I live,' and then I will join you in praying that if it is best, according to God's will, He will heal your baby."

I find too many people want to bargain with God. They promise to do the right thing, provided God will do what they think He ought to do. I am persuaded that God doesn't operate on those terms.

Miscellaneous.

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LOVE GIFTS ARE NOT CHARITY

A socially prominent woman of Boston went out one day to see a poor widow who at one time performed some domestic service in her home, but who now was seriously ill. The caller was shocked at the evidences of poverty apparent on all sides, and she said, "I will ask a charitable organization to come and help you."

But the widow said, Thank you, ma'am! Although I am poor I cannot take charity."

"But," said the rich woman, "you have just told me that your neighbors have been helping you. You take things from them."

"Yes," she answered, "but that is not charity. They are my friends. They love me and care for me. they know that if they needed help I would do the same for them." Gifts from a loving heart are welcome; from a cold heart they mean nothing.

-Sunday School Times

WHERE TO START AS A MISSIONARY

A young man told the pastor of his church that his ambition was to be a missionary. "Are you saved?" asked the pastor.

"Yes," came the reply.

"Then you are a missionary now," said the pastor. "The field is the world, and where you live after you are saved, there is where you have to be a missionary. Don't expect God to make you a missionary somewhere else," he added, "till you are a missionary for Him where you are."

-Joseph E. Harris

KILLER BISCUITS WANTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER

Linda Burnett, 23, a resident of San Diego, was visiting her in-laws and while they went to a nearby supermarket to pick up some groceries several people noticed her sitting in her car with the windows rolled up and her eyes closed, with both hands behind the back of her head.

One customer who had been at the store for a while became concerned and walked over to the car. He noticed that Linda's eyes were now open, and she looked very strange. He asked her if she was okay, and Linda replied that she'd been shot in the back of the head, and had been holding her brain in for over an hour.

The man called the paramedics, who

broke into the car because the doors were locked and Linda refused to remove her hands from her head. When they finally got in, they found that Linda had a wad of bread stuck to the back of her head.

A Pillsbury biscuit canister had exploded from the heat, making a loud noise that sounded like a gunshot, and the wad of dough hit her in the back of her head. When she reached back to find out what it was, she felt the dough and thought it was her brains. She initially passed out, but quickly recovered and tried to hold her brains in for over an hour until someone noticed and came to her aid.