

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

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## Why People Go To Church

An unknown writer offered the following analysis of why some people attend church:

- Some go to church to take a walk; Some go there to laugh and talk.
- Some go there to meet a friend; Some go there their time to spend.
- Some go to church to meet another; Some go there a fault to cover.
- Some go there for speculation; Some go there for observations.
- Some go there to doze and nod; The wise go there to worship God.



It's  
Time  
To  
*Spring*  
Into Action  
For  
The Lord

## In Days Gone By

On March 13, 1462, the first Bible was printed by type.

On March 15, 1879, Albert Einstein was born.

God never alters the robe of righteousness to fit the man, but He alters the man to fit the robe.

## IMPORTANT PUNCTUATION MARKS

Someone in the congregation sent a note to the pulpit. The note read, "Bill Jones having gone to sea, his wife desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety." The preacher was somewhat nearsighted and he did not observe the punctuation. He read the notice, but he read it in this way, "Bill Jones, having gone to see his wife, desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety."

## WILL YOUR CHILDREN GO TO HEAVEN?

Elders all over the nation are concerned about the dropout rate of our young people. And well they ought to be. It is a tragic thing to see these precious boys and girls, who are so thrilled with Bible study as little people, grow cold and uninterested in the Lord's work as they grow older.

Lately, several congregations have made in-depth studies of all the factors available concerning all their young people, with an eye to learning what might be done to help solve this problem. What do we need? More youth programs? More rallies? Special teachers?

From the material that has been published on these studies it seems to me that one great central truth has begun to emerge. Faithfulness of the young person to Jesus does not have anything to do with special programs or teachers. It is not dependent on whether they are

members of a large congregation or a small one. The single most important value is their own immediate family.

One congregation found that where both parents were faithful to the Lord, and that includes active interest in the local congregation's programs, 93 percent of the kids remained faithful. On the other hand, if only one of the parents was faithful, that figure dropped to 73 percent. Where the parents were only what we would call reasonably active in the Lord's work, only 53 percent of the young people maintained their faith.

Now here comes the shocker: In those cases where both parents attended only infrequently, the percentage of their children who remained faithful to the Lord dropped to 6 percent. Want your children to go to heaven? Then make certain you are leading them. That is the only way they are going to make it.

## ROMANS 8:28 IS NOT THE VERSE TO EXPLAIN TRAGEDY

Check its context (a novel idea for getting at the truth). The context of Romans 8 is not about tragedy or anything close to it. The "all things" of verse 28 are the things mentioned in the chapter. By my count, there are thirty-five specific "things" in chapter 8 which the Lord has 'working together for our good.' Check it out! Read the chapter carefully, and I think you'll see that Romans 8:28 cannot be understood properly if lifted out of context and arbitrarily applied to every tragic event in the headlines.

-Dr. Curtis Hutson

## The Great Harvest

The fields are white unto harvest  
And the laborers are very few.  
There are millions of souls now waiting  
To hear of the gospel so true.  
When will the message reach them?  
Who will the story tell  
Of God's great love and mercy,  
Snatch them from the pits of hell?  
Millions are groping in the darkness,  
Searching vainly for the light.  
Who will go to help them?  
Lift them from sin's sad plight.  
Take them the Gospel message;  
Heed to His tender call.  
Lead them from the paths of darkness;  
Tell them He died for all.  
Who will make the sacrifice  
That others may forever live  
And bask in God's heavenly glory  
As His all to us He did give?  
Christ died on the cross to save them;  
He shed His blood for everyone,  
So pray, fast and give freely;  
Then He'll say, "My child, well done."

By Imogene Landers  
Pennville, In.

## I VOTED TO CLOSE THE CHURCH

Last Sunday I voted to close the church—not maliciously but thoughtlessly.

I voted to close its doors so its witness and testimony would be stopped. I voted to close the Bible on the pulpit—the Bible given to us by the blood of martyrs. I voted for our minister to stop preaching the truths of the gospel. I voted that children no longer be taught the stories of the Bible and the songs of salvation and God's love.

I voted that the voice of the choir and congregation be hushed, no more to sing the great hymns of the church. I voted for every missionary to be called home. I voted for the darkness of superstition, the degrading influence of sin, the blight of ignorance, and the curse of selfishness.

I could have gone to church last Sunday, but I didn't. I stayed away. By my laxity and indifference, I voted to close the church.

## I KNOW A NAME

*I know a soul that is steeped in sin,  
That no man's art can cure;  
But I know a Name, a Name, a Name  
That can make that soul all pure.*

*I know a life that is lost to God,  
Bound down by the things of earth;  
But I know a Name, a Name, a Name  
That can bring that soul new birth.*

*I know of lands that are sunk in shame,  
Of hearts that faint and tire;  
But I know a Name, a Name, a Name  
That can set those lands on fire.*

*Its sound is a brand, its letters flame,  
Like glowing tongues of fire.  
I know a Name, a Name, a Name  
Of which the world ne'er tires.*



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# Miscellaneous.

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## YOUNG IN FAITH or OLD IN DOUBT

Nobody grows old by living a certain number of years. Rather, people grow old by deserting their ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, fear and despair—these are the experiences that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubts; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fears; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

## THE IMPORTANCE AND MEANING OF REPENTANCE

Repentance is the translation of a Greek word (*metanoia*—*metaneo*) meaning "to have another mind," or "to change the mind," and is used in the New Testament to indicate a change of mind in respect of sin, of God, and of self. This change of mind may, especially in the case of Christians who have fallen into sin, be preceded by sorrow, (II Cor. 7:8-11), but sorrow for sin, though it may "work" repentance, is not repentance. The son in Matthew 21:28-29 illustrates true repentance. Saying faith (Heb. 11:39) includes and implies that change of mind which is called repentance.

C. I. SCOFIELD.

## WILL YOU FIGHT FOR RIGHT WHEN YOU CAN?

If you will not fight for right when you can easily win without bloodshed, if you will not fight when your victory is sure and not too costly, you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival. There may even be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves.

-Winston Churchill

*Praise Him when the sun is shining, when the winds of trouble blow,  
When you see no silver lining on the clouds that hang so low.  
Praise Him when your load is heavy and the day no comfort brings.  
Then your burden God will carry, bear you as on eagles' wings.  
Praise illumines clouds of sorrow, turns the gray skies into gold,  
Giving promise of a morrow bright with blessings manifold.  
God delights to have us praise Him and believe His holy Word;  
And He knoweth them who trust Him, for they always praise the Lord.*