

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

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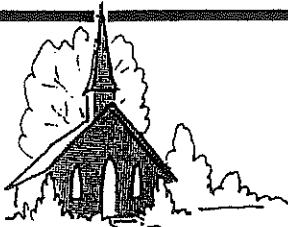
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## THAT'S MY CHURCH

Give me a church  
Where the Bible's read,  
Where my soul can feed  
On the Living Bread:  
And where mercy flows  
From the Fountain Head—  
That's my church.

Give me a church  
Where they preach the word  
Of the grace of God,  
And your soul gets stirred,  
Where the Spirit works  
And His voice is heard—  
That's my church.

Give me a church  
Where the saints can meet,  
And where wealth and fame  
Cannot buy a seat;  
And where no one's judged  
By the house and street—  
That's my church.

Give me a church  
Where God's dearest Son,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
And the risen one;  
And where Heav'n is home  
When the day is done—  
That's my church.

— Walt Huntley

A policeman found himself driving behind a car with four white-haired "l'l ol' ladies" going awfully slowly. He flashed his lights, and the car pulled over. When he walked up to it, the driver asked, "Was I doing anything wrong, officer?"

"No," he replied. "But driving too slow is as dangerous as driving too fast, and you were going very slowly."

"But the sign says 22," she answered.

"Oh, ma'am, that's the route sign, not the speed limit."

By this time he'd noticed the other three ladies were sitting very stiff and still, each one staring straight ahead. "Ladies, are you all right?" he asked. No answer; no one even moved.

He asked again, and finally the lady in the passenger seat said, "We just came off of Route 119."

—from *One More Time*.

## In Days Gone By

On April 30, 1945, Adolf Hitler committed suicide.



"I'm sorry, dear, but your remote control doesn't work in church!"

## TRUTHS ABOUT THE BIBLE

THE BIBLE contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, Heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed.

CHRIST is its grand subject, our good the design, and the glory of God its end.

It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you a life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

## THE MOST PRICELESS GIFT

Among the priceless gifts, dear God,  
That you have given me,  
Is one I treasure in my heart,  
The gift of memory!

That's all I need to stroll along,  
The corridor of time,  
With dreams of happy days when You,  
Made life and love sublime.

In memory I see old friends,  
As they pass in review;  
And from the mists of yesterday,  
A whisper says, "I do."

It is my magic carpet that  
Rolls back the years and seems,  
The absolute fulfillment of  
My most endearing dreams.

That's why as days pass into months,  
And months slip into years,  
I thank You for this priceless gift,  
With all its smiles and tears.

—Bill McMorrow

## MINORITY POPULATIONS OVERSTATED

Polling data from YouGov (Jan. 14-20, 2022) reveals that Americans seriously miscalculate the size of demographic groups within the United States—overestimating minority population figures and underestimating the majority. This is likely due to media portrayal of society, helping to drive certain narratives and agendas. Some of the estimates follow, along with true proportions drawn from the U.S. Census Bureau and other sources. No doubt this happens in other countries as well.

- Native American: estimated 27%; actual 1%
- Jewish: estimated 30%; actual 2%
- Black: estimated 41%; actual 12%
- Hispanic: estimated 39%; actual 17%
- Asian: estimated 29%; actual 6%
- White: estimated 59%; actual 64%
- Household income over \$500,000: estimated 26%; actual 1%
- Left-handed: estimated 34%; actual 11%
- Vegan or vegetarian: estimated 30%; actual 5%
- Transgender: estimated 21%; actual 0.6%
- Gay or lesbian: estimated 30%; actual 3%
- Bisexual: estimated 29%; actual 4%
- Atheist: estimated 33%; actual 3%
- Muslim: estimated 27%; actual 1%
- Christian: estimated 58%; actual 70%
- Live in New York City: estimated 30%; actual 3%
- Live in California: estimated 32%; actual 12%

Source: "From millionaires to Muslims, small subgroups of the population seem much larger to many Americans"

## MY RECORD WILL BE THERE

† In a day that is not far,  
At the blazing judgment bar,  
Even now the awful summons I can hear;  
I must meet the mighty God,  
I must face His Holy Word,  
I must stand before the judgment bar.

† I must meet each broken vow,  
That I hold so lightly now,  
Every heartache I have caused, each  
sigh, each tear;  
Things that time cannot erase,  
I must meet them face to face  
When I stand before the judgment bar.

† I must meet my cankered gold,  
For whose greed my life was sold,  
It shall mock me in the judgment's  
lurid glare,  
Saying ye have sold for nought,  
All the Saviour's blood had bought,  
And you stand before the judgment bar.

† Let me turn and seek the Lord,  
Let me trust His Holy Word,  
Let me bow and call upon Him while He's  
near;  
Then when I my record face,  
He will answer in my place.  
When I stand before the judgment bar.

—J.A. Brown



# Miscellaneous.

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\*STORIES  
\*EVENTS  
\*VIEWS  
\*NEWS



## THE PRAYER OF A TRUE SERVANT

Make me a servant Lord.

Give me a servant's eye, able to see the slightest needs of those around me.

Let me have a servant's ear, tuned to detect the slightest cry.

Give me a servant's voice, one which speaks words of comfort and cheer to those in despair.

Give me a servant's hand, let them be tough enough for hard work and tender enough to touch a crying child.

Make my back a servant's back, strong enough to bear both my own and the burdens of others.

Let me have a servant's knees; let them be flexible enough to bend to the lowliest task and pray.

Give me a servant's feet, let them be quick to take me where I can do the greatest good for the weary pilgrim, my lowly brother, and my broken hearted sister.

And Lord, most of all give me a servant's heart, because with that, Lord, the rest will come in due time.

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The Bible class teacher was asking the 5-year-old's questions, and asked one specific question to little Suzie: "And why is it important for us to be quiet when we're listening to the sermon, Suzie?" To which she replied, "Because the old people are sleeping."

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- History could not forget Him.
- Temptation could not distract Him.
- Circumstances could not deter Him.
- His enemies could not prevent Him.
- Death could not contain Him.
- Satan could not defeat Him.
- Modern thinking cannot cancel Him.
- And when it comes time for Jesus to come again, nothing will be able to stop Him. Are you ready?

**JESUS  
IS  
COMING  
AGAIN!**