

Jesus No Walls Ministries Newsletter

Today Is The Day

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Note: 'The Truth of Emptiness' is a great witnessing tool to hand out to people, and they can relate to it. Share with family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc...

Searching

The following I wrote back in 2012. The Lord has shown me over the years the many people searching and searching, driven to achieve a specific goal 'all to fill emptiness inside'. Jesus asked me to write down on paper this allegory as an example to show you (Christians) what so many that are lost are feeling.

The Truth of Emptiness

THE EMPTINESS

A beautiful day as I was walking through the shops of Park Avenue and noticed something in a store window and knew I had to have it. It was so beautiful and brought me joy. Wow, I thought, just maybe this could fill the void, this emptiness inside. Though a time later, I realized it not to be.

I began to ponder on why I felt it such a need only to find it a want. I look around and see many searching for the same things. So many we see smiling and laughing, yet deep down they too are empty and confused and are on the same path searching. What is this secret that we are all trying to find to fill this emptiness inside?

As life goes on, we do need family, friends and more, but even this does not fill the void. I too am searching, through the days, seasons and years, and realize it is all wants.

How is it that so many believe it is a person, a place, and things, but through time are discouraged to find that nothing fills this void, this never-ending emptiness.

What is it that I'm to do? What could it be? What is the secret to this never-ending search to fill this emptiness?

We have become a people and a nation of disappointment. What is the answer who knows this secret?

So if someone has found Truth, do they know to tell the rest of us? Oh please, oh please, share with us all, this Truth you know, to fill this void that is forever gnawing at our souls!

Do you know?

The Truth of Emptiness [continued]

THE TRUTH

In every person's heart, there is a void - an empty place that can only be filled by one thing. The Bible teaches that only the One who made man's heart can also fill it. Are you seeking fulfillment? Are you lacking inner peace? Not sure of your purpose or direction in life? Let Jesus Christ into your heart and know Him as your Lord and Savior. He is the ONLY WAY to truly fill the void and for you to fulfill his purpose for you.

Only through the true God Jesus Christ is the veil removed, blindness removed and will see the truth.

Job 15:31 Let them no longer fool themselves by trusting in empty riches, for emptiness will be their only reward.

John 14:6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

John 3:16-17 "For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

Why is there a void?

We will talk about the emptiness/void we face as a nation, and worldwide, but let's concentrate on America. Being that we are a Christian nation, we see people struggling with this emptiness all the time. What are they searching for; something or someone? All to fill a void?

Why is it so hard for so many to know that Jesus Christ is the Savior and the way to our Father? Jesus fills this void. Is it the Veil?

2 Corinthians 3:14 But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away.

2 Corinthians 3:18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 **3** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, **4** in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. **5** For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake.... **6** For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

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References Matthew 13:22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

John 1:18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Statistics

As we have studied previously, we have 300 million people in America. It seems in today's world everything is relative truths (your own perception); there are no absolute truths (inflexible reality)... So with a population in America of almost 300 million people, that means we have potentially:

- 300 million gods – each one of which 'must be true';
- 300 million laws made up by individuals – each one of which 'must be true';
- 300 million opinions of just about anything – all of which 'must be true'.

Again, what are they all searching for? I believe it is to fill a void, emptiness in their soul.

Recently I read some statistics on the fastest growing religions from an article:

Study: Mormonism is fastest-growing faith in half of USA

By Kevin Eckstrom, Religion News Service

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1. Mormons were the fastest-growing group in 26 states, expanding beyond their historic home in Utah to the heart of the Bible Belt and as far away as Maine.
2. Muslims came in second, with growth of 1 million adherents in 197 new counties, to a total of about 2.6 million.
3. Overall, non-Christian groups grew by 32 percent over the past decade.

Well, with so many searching to fill a void, Mormons and Muslims are growing at an alarming rate.

The study found that while upwards of 80 percent of Americans claim to be Christians, only about 49 percent are affiliated with a local congregation. WHAT???. Half are not attending church. Are half not Christians?

The largest group is 1st Catholics, 2nd is Baptist in America (but not in growth, just in size)

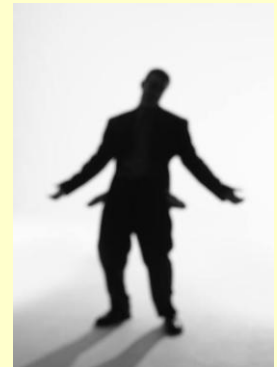
How many times have I asked someone if they were a Christian and said 'Yes'. But with a few other questions in regards to Jesus Christ the savior, well that is when I find out they believe very differently from a Christian view. So with the statistics of 80% Americans claiming to be Christians is really much lower than that (greatly lower). Many people that I have spoken with, claiming to be Christians were really embracing the new age beliefs

Definition: New Age a broad movement characterized by alternative approaches to traditional Western culture, with an interest in spirituality, mysticism, holism, and environmentalism. "The New Age movement"

In America, we are losing not just those we know and love, but we are losing an entire Nation that was once founded and formed by Christians with Christian values.

So we are really losing the battle. This discussion tonight is to really see what is happening in America, as a whole, and see how the enemy is working and taking ground. Now I know that many Christians have told me that God has the Victory, the Victory is already won. Yes this is true, absolutely true. But what people fail to understand is that it is you and I who write the pages of history. He works through people. We need to know what is happening in the world so we can be more prepared to fight.

I know God has the victory when all is said and done. But do you want to see a few make it into heaven or how about 5 billion people make it into heaven.



*Living with Emptiness.
A need to fill the void.*

The enemy always at work

Why do so many have to be lost. So many not receiving the truth but pursuing false religions. Pondering on this, a friend told me a story to help me understand more of what is going on in our country:

Islam in Uganda represents about 12% of the population and in Ghana about 15%. Uganda and Ghana are primarily Christian nations. However there are many cities where the divide in the cities is evident and like many nations, those of like minds tend to live in areas that reflect what they believe.

My church in Oz has missions in both nations, providing start up materials and funds to construct buildings for small businesses, primarily to be fitted out with sewing machines (the pedal type) to allow communities to make and sell clothes. Every couple of years we send teams to these countries to help locals construct the buildings and give advice on establishing and running these locally owned businesses.

Michael Tilley was a young High School graduate who was part of a young team from our church that spent several weeks in those countries helping build. In his report to the church on their return he explained that when they were in the Muslim controlled areas of each of the cities they noted stark differences from those areas that were predominantly Christian controlled areas.

He had a dilemma! Why Christian areas full of crime were: theft, rape, murder, graffiti and rubbish filled streets. Why were their broken marriages well above the city or country average in the Christian areas? Why were people who professed to be Christians, so angry? After listening to his presentation which included statistics on what he was saying and the images on his slide show and videos, I could not help but agree with his lack of understanding, but from a more mature Christian's perspective.

I spent some time explaining that Satan prowls around looking for new recruits to His world. That He wants to destroy marriages, families, to create havoc, to convert those that are most vulnerable to be recruited to His life of misery and eternal separation from Jesus.

Michael's response was normal: "But we are Christians".

My response was: "You are right, but that is the exact reason for the attacks. Why would Satan bother with a society or an individual that has already been won, that does not know The Lord? Satan needs recruits and those recruits can only come from a Christian society because all other societies are already on Satan's pay role."

The penny dropped for him as it did for every other person involved in the conversation, and every other person that has heard this story since. We in 'Christian' based societies are vulnerable if we do not, daily, cover ourselves with the promise of The Lords, gift through His death and resurrection on the cross, and through His purifying blood. He covered us through His sacrifice, but we must take action to receive His grace and to protect this daily by taking up the armor he has provided us to protect us from Satan's deception.

Another friend stated: As I have talked to people, when they refer to Mormons it is always with admiration and respect. That they have great families, helpful to each other, they are very committed and moral. People are very drawn to that. Mormons on a social basis are doing what Christians should be doing.

As you notice families are falling apart so many people are really searching for family based values which includes marriage and children, which is why the Muslim faith is growing. I spoke to a Muslim who went to a mosque and he said 'I could not believe how many white Americans were attending the mosque, converted to Muslim faith and know more about my religion than I do. They chose to be Muslims.' My thoughts on this: They want the family, the community, and the values. They truly are reaching and searching.

This is why the true body of Jesus Christ in America is not looking attractive, which is why Mormons, Muslim and new age beliefs are growing rapidly. And at a pace we cannot comprehend.

We must stand united

Marriages and Families are divided / Friendships are divided or do not even develop to a closeness our Lord would like to see among His children. We are not seeing this enough among the Christians. Where does that leave us? Christians under attack continuously and regularly being hurt or rejected by fellow Christians. When Christians are hurting they can in turn hurt others. Hurting people hurt people.

Another tactic Satan uses. An offended Christian will stop going to church (where the truth is being spoken).

Ron stated: When people look at Christians (Christians are supposed to be followers of Jesus) it is easy for them to look at us and say we have failed. Because our standard is Jesus. And we are not Jesus. We are all going to fail to meet that standard. Their conclusion is, "Well this church obviously does not have the truth."

When people go into Christian churches, they often meet judgmental attitudes. Something about them doesn't match what everyone else in the church is/does. When they go into Mormonism or Islam, they meet acceptance. It isn't until later they learn the requirements. And by that time they are already convinced this is the true way, so it is easy to go along.

This is something that we can all relate, knowing someone, whether family friend or neighbor having stopped going to church because they were offended. Someone let them down. Feeling judged.

Christian denominations in America are over 2,000!! WOW!! Could this be over hair splitting doctrines? Or the color of carpet? How sad no matter what. The Body of Christ, being of many denominations, divided makes it easy for Satan to come in and prevent us to be united in faith. If we are fully united, we can defeat Satan, and bring thousands to Christ in salvation in just a town. Not counting an entire state which could be tens of thousands. Nation would bring in a billion or more. THIS IS WHAT I WANT TO SEE HAPPEN in AMERICA.

One thing to realize, Christians are under attack by Satan continuously and regularly. And again, I think this is why Christianity overall is not appealing to pursue -- to fill that spiritual void. Instead those lost and searching are going in the other direction with Mormons, Muslims and New Age.

One of my main goals for JNWM is to bring together the leaders of all the Christian churches in Bristol (starting with Bristol, CT) to meet together and inform the leaders that we are losing the battle to Satan. We must set the hair splitting doctrines aside, and agree to disagree. We must work together in agreement praying for the lost souls. The leaders have been assigned by God to their position, and for all to come together in agreement. All coming together...brings about Revival, people getting saved right where they are sitting, working, dining, driving, etc... Satan knows this; if we are divided he can defeat us one by one. IT DOES NOT TAKE MUCH TO DEFEAT SATAN, for it was all done on the Cross. We must come together united.

EPHESIANS 6:18 PRAY AT ALL TIMES AND ON EVERY OCCASION IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. STAY ALERT AND BE PERSISTENT IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR ALL CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE.

This is an answer to what we are studying tonight. We are to pray at all times for Christians. It does not say to pray all times for the lost, atheist, or all those that are deceived by a false god. But to pray always for Christians everywhere. Paul knew and understands how Satan operates and wants people to know and be ready for battle, AT ALL TIMES... Unity brings encouragement, a lifting up of someone. Seeing the God given gifts in our brothers and sisters in Christ and helping them grow in those gifts and encouraging them to use their gifts for Gods work.

The study tonight is all part of my End Time studies, Bible Prophecies and Revelations. Because much of what we are seeing and experiencing in America, and how the enemy has accelerated its operation leading many to false religions. America a Christian nation, a golden cup in his hand. **Jeremiah 51:7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.** Now you see how the enemy has gained a lot of ground, but we are going to change that. How? Well, for one thing, knowledge is power. Understanding what the enemy is doing. Coming together united in agreement under God and fighting to win.