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IS ALL “SCIENCE” REALLY SCIENCE?

I read a headline that stated. “Over Half of Kids Think Humanity is Doomed If We Don’t Act Soon Enough to Stop Destroying the Environment.” In the article it stated that “Nearly 60% of the young people stated they were very concerned or extremely concerned” the planet is doomed.

The article further stated, “The earth’s population is living in fear of a future without natural resources and climate change.”

In Genesis 8:22 is recorded a conversation God had with Noah in which God said, **“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”** That’s a promise from God. There seems to be a conflict between what God has promised and what is predicted by some.

I want to state clearly that I believe in science when the scientific method is applied. Briefly the scientific method is as follows:

- Ask a Question - something you can measure.
- Do research – find related information
- Construct a hypothesis – An educated guess
- Test the hypothesis – repeated experiments
- Analyze your data – reach a conclusion.

No thinking scientist will disagree with this method as it is found in some form in material prepared for students entering any science-related study. The final step may or may not be correct but we have this method that is a good pattern to start.

The Bible is not a science book but when it speaks to science, it has proven to be 100% correct. Here are a few examples:

On the subject of gravity the Bible states, **“He spreads out the northern skies, over empty space; he suspends the earth on nothing,”** Job 26:7. How did Job know this thousands of years before the whole world knew it? How could he apply the scientific method?

Job also states, **“The earth, from which food comes, is transformed below as by fire,”** Job 28:5. Literally acknowledging that while food is received from the surface of the earth, beneath it is as fire. We know this is literally the case as science did not

teach but has since discovered. But how did Job know this back then?



I state one more scientific fact revealed many years before we would understand it. The writer of Hebrews 11:3 pinned **“By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”**

He states that things we see are made of things that do not appear. We now know about atoms, and everything we see is made of atoms that we can’t see. But the question is, “How did the writer of Hebrews know that?” We did not know that until 1808 when John Dalton made the discovery by using the scientific method.

Now my reason for all of this is: The Bible is not a science book but when it addresses areas of science, it has been 100% correct. It seems obvious to me that the climate, that is the seasons of the earth, with God’s promise that all these will remain until the very end should be encouragement for all ages.

Is there change in climate? Yes, there is no doubt about that. Has there always been change in climate? There is no doubt about that either. There was a time when some were concerned about global cooling and it wasn’t that long ago.

In the 1970’s scientists were becoming increasingly aware that estimates of global temperatures showed cooling since 1945. And it was true, but that changed, as weather has the habit of doing.

We should put our faith in His word, the Bible. If He maintains His 100% accuracy, and there should be no doubt about that, we will continue to wear our coats in the winter and shorts in the summer.

Ever since I was a child the weather has been a daily subject of conversation and it always will be. But causing our young people to miss their childhood joys because of fear of the earth’s demise is wrong. It is my belief that God’s promise in Genesis 8:22 was not only for Noah to have peace of mind about his home on earth, it was for you, me, and every person who put their trust in God to have that peace.

IS ALL “SCIENCE” REALLY SCIENCE?

What can we do with our fear when being feed daily the destruction of our earth? I can offer two sure-fire things we can do. 1. Don't believe everything the world has to say and 2. Believe everything the Lord has to say.

In Psalm 3:5 ***“I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.”*** The psalmist goes on to state he will not fear the ten thousand drawn up against him. We may change that to “I will not fear the thousands of negative things I hear daily”

As far as the earth is concerned, I can recycle, reduce the amount of energy I use to what is necessary, and a few other things...but the Lord created the earth and He maintains it...you and I can do much more by trusting Him who saved us.

We must teach our children ***“When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do? The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne,”*** Psalm 11:3-4a. God can handle any planetary problems...He created it.

I am grateful for the time of my childhood. The greatest fears we had were respectful fear of our parents when we disobeyed and the measles. I wish the children of today could know that time. Looking back I realize things have changed...and I suppose that is to be expected, but I also know that all change is not good.

When I was young we thought all policemen were good and nearly all were. Today we are taught in the media, in areas, that all police are bad. Children are being told they can change their gender, the earth is going to overheat and be destroyed by greenhouse gases, and America is a bad country. No wonder teen suicides are on the rise.

Science is a good thing but it has been wrong before when we were told the earth was expanding, when we were told the age of the earth and the universe, that we lived in a one-galaxy universe, and at least 100 (no exaggeration) other times. But it is still a good field of study and so is the Bible.

Why should we trust science more than God? God has never been wrong and every scientific book published is outdated the day it is printed. God's Word is never outdated nor needs revised.

We must teach our young people about a Creator who loves them personally, so much so that Jesus came onto the earth to pay the price for their sins. He wants them to know peace, not as the world gives peace but real inner peace, John 14:27.

Science is good but not all called “science” is science. God made us and He can care for us.

PRES MEETING SCHEDULED

Denny - Gallipolis, OH 740/446-6929

Nov 4-6 Encouragement Seminar – Wills Mountain Church of Christ, Hyndman, PA, Chad Fatula, Evangelist.

He is preaching in the a.m. services at the C of C in McArthur, OH indefinitely. Larry Boggs does the evening services and has for years.

Danny Evans, Assoc. - Huntington, WV 304/633-5908

Like most preachers that are not in a located ministry, Danny is not as busy during Thanksgiving – Christmas season.

AN ENCOURAGING POEM

(This has been around for years but it is still good.)

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,

When care is pressing you down a bit,

Rest if you must, but do not quit.

Life is queer with its twists and its turns,

As everyone of us sometimes learn.

And many a failure turns about,

When he might have won had he stuck it out;

Don't give up though the pace seems slow,

You may succeed with one more blow,

Success is failure turned inside out,

The silver tint of the clouds no doubt,

And you never can tell how close you are,

So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,

It's when things seem worse that you must not quit.

-John Greenleaf Whittier

REDNECK REPLIES TO SIMPLE QUESTIONS

Q. What is your date of birth? A: July fifteenth

Q: What year? A: Every year

Q: What gear were you in when you wrecked?

A: My regular, bibs and boots.

GREAT TRUTHS

“In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three is a congress.” – *John Adams*

“If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.” – *Mark Twain*

“To tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself by the handle.”

- *Winston Churchill*

“A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.”

- *George Bernard Shaw*

DOTS AND DASHES FROM DANNY

Something Light Hearted:

If a co-worker is sick, is it considered a **staff infection?**

Why do most employees get sick on work days?

Because of their **weekend immune system.**

Why don't ants get sick?

They have tiny **anty** bodies

THE CHURCH, IS IT REALLY SICK OR IS IT JUST A SEASONAL EXPERIENCE?

As you can tell from my light hearted humor, or as my boys call it, "Papa Humor" I am thinking about sickness. That is a word that we have heard extensively over the last two and a half years. It is also apparent that the health industry has had it's hands full trying to care for all the sickness and doing all they can to come up with a cure for some sicknesses they have never seen before.

As we move, hopefully toward a state of normalcy, I have questioned more and more what is the state of the Church, the body of believers, the Bride of Christ? Is it okay or could it by chance be in a serious state of decline? Maybe I am seeing things because I have attended church since before birth. I have never had the experience of being in a denomination. I've been privileged to have someone teach me what the scripture says about baptism, the Lord's supper and Biblical teachings. I wonder though, is the church sick and should we be concerned?

God told us that in the last day's things would be different (**Matthew 24:1 – 14**) (**I Timothy 4: 1**) (**II Peter 3: 3 – 4**) and I certainly am seeing different things. I am seeing actions, attitudes and teachings that makes me wonder if the Body has a VIRUS.

When I get sick (now remember I am of the male persuasion) I have to be near death before I go to a physician. When I do see a doctor they go through certain procedures to see at what stage of sickness I may be.

The first action they take is to take my blood pressure. Usually a lot can be determined by just taking this reading. I often wonder what the pressure of Jesus' blood has on us today? Jesus shed His blood for us on the cross. He gave it to us

for our sins to be forgiven. Doesn't it put pressure on us to remain faithful? Faithfulness is not a pick and choose activity. (**Revelation 2: 10**) It is a 24/7, 365 commitment that we agreed to at our conversion. Could people have forgotten that commitment and decided that God, since He is a loving God, wouldn't allow a baptized person to go to hell, no matter how he acts. I am afraid that we have Christians with weak blood pressure.

At the doctor's office one's temperature is taken. 98.6 is normal for most but if one's temperature is very high there is a concern. John in **Revelation 3: 15 – 17** talks about the temperature of a church. From my understanding a lukewarm church is not pleasing to the Father. Lukewarm is defined as, **showing little enthusiasm.** That is a condition in many local bodies today. There were people at the church of Laodicea but their actions or lack thereof made God sick. Could God see this as a matter of concern today? The fact that many church houses today are only about half to a quarter full is not the problem it is the result of people not enthused about their spiritual health.

I have to admit I am not a good patient. I have health issues that I do not always listen to my doctor or my loved ones as I should and I suffer the consequences of my neglect. People who are neglecting their spiritual sickness just don't realize the seriousness of their lack of action.

I wish we could develop a spiritual MRI machine or that we could take X-rays to show what our inner spiritual being looked like. Maybe some would be concerned about what they saw. I am convinced that most do not see the church as sick or even unhealthy. How do we change this condition? I don't know. If we could just get individuals to see **James 4:17** as something that needs to be followed it could make a difference. However, many have convinced themselves that God understands their situation and everything is okay.

Please pray earnestly for the Body of Christ. I believe it is sick and it doesn't know it.

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BE AT PEACH

TEXT: Mark 4:35-41

INTRO: The problems of life can be compared to a storm. The disciples found they were in a storm. Simply by the fact that they had lived through previous storms should have taught them that storms never last. The country singer Jessie Colter wrote and recorded a song by the title: "Storms Never Last." We all know, as the disciples must have that storms all pass with time. Notice reasons why the disciples should have been at peace beyond that knowledge.

I. BECAUSE THEY WERE IN GOD'S WILL

A. JESUS TOLD THEM TO GO, v35

1. They were acting on divine word.
 - a. We are sheltered (safe) when we obey.
 - b. His Word and the world nearly always disagree with each other.
 - c. There is a way that seems right to man.
 - d. "Your ways are not my ways..."
2. They had done this before, Lk. 5:4
 - a. There have always been and always will be storms.
 - b. If you survive one you will survive again. Experience teaches this.
3. They knew Gideon had done so, Jdg. 7:7,9
4. The men of Bethesda had done so, Jn. 5:8-9
5. All men who act on the word for salvation.

B. JESUS WAS ALREADY IN THE BOAT.

1. Christians should not be fearful, 2 Tim. 1:7
 - a. "Perfect love casts our fear"
 - b. We must ask, "Is Jesus in my life?" (boat).
 - c. He makes every boat a "life boat"
2. If we are in the will of God, 1 Jn. 1:7
 - a. If He sends, He will protect.us
 - b. There are 365 "fear nots" in the Bible
3. With our minds off the world, Matt. 6:19
 - a. We can think clearly
 - b. We have room for His thoughts

II. SAFE BECAUSE JESUS IS WITH THEM

A. THE DISCIPLES MADE ONE MISTAKE

1. They over-estimated the size of the problem.
 - a. The "Chicken Little" syndrome.
 - b. "We're going to die"
 - c. Their personal "roll indicator" was wrong.

B. THEY HAD HISTORY TO TEACH THEM

1. Just as Alisha's servant – 2 Kings 6:15-17
2. Deut. 1:28 – "The people are too big..."
3. Psa. 73:3-12 "Wicked have no problems"
4. Acts 12:21-23 Heard Herod as a "voice of God."
5. 1 Kings 18:22 – Elijah thought he was the only prophet left...he wasn't.

C. EXAGGERATION IS A HUMAN TRAIT

1. It is self centered
2. It reduces our energy for worthwhile matters.

III. THE DISCIPLES DID ONE RIGHT THING

A. THEY WENT TO THE RIGHT PERSON

1. Jesus is always the right person
2. Jesus is always available

B. THIS SHOULD ALWAYS BE OUR FIRST STEP

1. He promised to always be with us, Mt. 28:20
2. He promised never to leave us, Heb. 13:5

CONCLUSION: Words of the country song are right: Storms never last. Bad times all pass with the wind. Jesus' hand in ours stills the thunder, and He makes the sun to shine. If our purpose in life is to search for the truth...no storm will cause us fear

ARE YOU FAITHFUL?

If your car starts one out of three times, do you consider it faithful?

If the TV works sometimes, is it faithful?

If you show up at work half the time, are you considered faithful?

If your refrigerator quits every few days, do you feel you have a good faithful fridge?

If your heater works half the time, do you consider it faithful?

If you miss worship once or twice or even three times are you faithful?

If someone is not faithful, they are not dependable and if undependable...what does that say about the one trait God says is one evidence of His presence in your life? (Gal. 5:22-23).

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MINI THOUGHTS

Beating round the bush is not exercise... it may be cowardice.

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Jumping to conclusions is not an Olympic sport...it's stupid.

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Swallowing your pride doesn't leave a bad taste.

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Passing the buck is not charitable but irresponsible.

HOW TO BE MISERABLE

Think only of yourself.

Talk primarily about yourself.

Use "I" in conversation as often as you can.

Consider yourself more important than others.

Be jealous and envious when you can.

Be sensitive to slights and remarks.

Feel rejected when not exalted.

Sulk if others are not grateful for your favors.

Be suspicious of the motives of others.

Never forget criticisms.

Demand agreement on every point.

Always watch for faults of others.

Complain as often as possible.

Be argumentative.

Optional: frown.

AIM IN PREACHING

A sailor just off a whaling expedition asked where he could hear a good sermon. He was given directions. Later he was asked how he enjoyed it. He said, "Not much, it was like a ship leaving for whaling, everything was shipshape; anchors, cordage, sails and provisions all right, but there was no harpoons on board

BARN-a-book (a Barnabas Ministries study series)

A series of studies in encouragement by Denny Coburn

Study Number One Hundred Twenty Five – “God is in Control”

One of the most encouraging verses in the Bible is Romans 8:28 which reads: *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”* This text assures us that God is involved in every aspect of our lives and that He is always at work to bring about His good and eternal purpose for our good. However the question that seems to be on many lips is: “If God is good and is involved in all things, why do bad things happen to good people or for that matter why do bad things happen to anyone?” Why does a husband abandon his wife? Why does a child use drugs? Why did I lose my job, have a wreck, fall and hurt myself? The list goes on and on. These seem like very legitimate questions and there should be answers.

As Christians we need to see God working in our lives. It’s difficult if we don’t know the answers to these questions ourselves how can we help others? How can we learn and teach others to trust Him more fully if we don’t understand ourselves? We could begin to feel discouraged if we dwell on the negative. If not we may become cynical and think “What does it matter whether I follow the Lord or not?” The text is not an empty promise, nor a blank check for a trouble-free life. Therefore, we need to take a closer look at the text.

Here are some things we can learn: First that God is involved in all things. That’s “*all things!*” He can’t be separated from any aspect of life since He is the creator, sustainer, and orchestrator of all that exists. We are told in Hebrews 1:3 *“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.”* The word “sustaining” here is the Greek PHERO (φέρω) meaning “to bear,” “carry,” or “to uphold.” Theistic-evolutionists teach that God may have created all things, but He used the evolutionary process and now the world and all things in it are whirling through space on its own and He is no longer involved. The only reason they accept the “creation theory” (their words) at all is that they are at least honest enough to acknowledge creation can’t be explained away. The problem is that they are unbelieving enough to deny the Scriptural account of His continued care and involvement.

The second thing we need to learn is that God has given us a freewill. You and I have been made in the image of God, and part of our nature is that we have been given the freedom of choice. It is this freedom of mankind to choose that allowed Adam to sin. We, like Adam, have both the freedom of choice and a nature that wants self-rule and that leads us to sin. Yes, Adam was the first man to sin, but it is not his sin that makes you and me sinners, it is our own sin that makes us sinners. He was our prototype. If we had the same circumstance that existed in the Garden of Eden we would have done the same thing. We have an inbred sin nature.

Much of the evil that occurs in our world today is rooted in our freewill. A spouse *chooses* to abandon the marriage. The child *chooses* drugs. The company *chooses* to lay off employees. Drunks *choose* to drink, serial killers *choose* to murder and homosexuals *choose* to practice what God calls an abomination. But, what does mankind *choose* to do when the results are proven harmful? Blame God!

Sometimes our choices are made unconsciously. A person may not choose to bring on a life-threatening disease, but years and years of choosing to live in certain ways with certain habits can sometimes result in disease. A person may not choose indebtedness or financial setback, but years and years of overextending or of not saving may result in financial crisis.

In still other instances, the choices that govern our lives are collective ones over which we have no personal control. We live in a world that is crime-ridden and war-torn. The fault lies with no one person and is not the result of one, singular choice. The collective “whole” of mankind’s freewill has simply run amok, and individuals are victims of a fallen world filled with rebelliousness, stubbornness, ignorance, that lead to collective bad choices. And again the verdict of mankind is “it was an act of God.” The blame game that begins with the question: “Why did this happen to me?” with the answer, “It must be God’s fault!”

God will not override our freewill. Most people want God to stay out of their lives, well, until they need Him. And God will not impose on such persons. But this does not mean that God is absent or doesn't care about what is going on in their lives. He is present in the midst of our bad choices. He is with us in our times of trouble, doubt, and struggle. He is always at work on our behalf, desiring our ultimate good. His Spirit will continue to woo us to obedience to Christ and an open heart to His teaching.

Years ago I heard an illustration from a preacher on a related subject. He shared that in the days of the horse and buggy a wife was guiding the trip with the reins in her hand. The team of horses was spooked by an animal that ran across the road in front of them and they began to gallop at an alarming rate of speed. In her panic the wife began to scream, "Do something, do something." The husband tried to take the reins but she was frozen in her panic. Finally the husband shouted, "If you want me to help let go of the reins." God will not take the reins from us, but if we want His help we have to give them to Him.

Furthermore, we must recognize that sin has consequences. God does not promise that we will not reap what we have sown into our lives prior to our coming to Him. What He does promise is that He will use all things for our good and that He will prepare us to spend eternity with Him. God does not override our free will or negate the choices that we make with it.

Third, we need to understand that God's ultimate purposes will be accomplished. In the end, God will have His way. His will shall be done. None of us is capable of seeing the big picture of God's plan because it extends into eternity. God alone knows what He has planned and how He intends to accomplish His master plan. I don't want to mislead anyone into thinking that God's going to justify, ignore, or change the results of our bad or sinful choices. He will not "make" us go to heaven and He will not "bless" bad choices. The key to understanding Romans 8:28 is that ***"all things work together for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."***

Notice that this "working together for good" has two qualifiers. It is for those who (1) ***"love him,"*** and that are called [living] (2) ***"according to his purpose."*** Often, our problem is that we want Him to love us, and He does, but we accept it with little concern for our love toward Him. We also want things to come about according to our purpose rather than His.

We can be certain of one thing, however: God will remain omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. His nature will not change for us or for any reason. He will always have the power to do what He desires. He will always know precisely what to do to accomplish His purpose. He will always have sufficient time to accomplish His purpose. But I heard someone say, "You mean it is His purpose that some should go to hell?" No He has stated clearly, ***"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance,"*** 2 Peter 3:9. However, we must remember that He is not willing that the evil, rebellious, or foolish enter into eternal life. He wants to keep heaven as it is, pure. Those who go there must sincerely desire to do so. We can't burn our candle for the Devil or ourselves and at the end of life blow the smoke from the candle in His face and expect reward.

We may rebel against God's purposes, balk at His laws, disobey His commandments, and stubbornly refuse His forgiveness. Nevertheless, what God has planned, God will do. The decision that we face is this: Will we get in line with God's plan of redemption, or will we rebel and fulfill His plan for the lost? Job stated it this way, ***"I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted,"*** Job 42:2 NIV.

We all know what God's eternal purpose is, as stated in 2 Peter 3:9, above. Looking back over your life can you see how He has tried to guide you in the right direction? What has been your response? The proper response is: I choose to yield the control of my life fully to God. Yielding control to God is a response that we must make in every area of our lives. Two people cannot hold the reins of your life without disaster. One alone must be the driver. ***"Submit yourselves, then to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you,"*** James 4:7. "

God's in control of the universe but He has given us all a freewill and while bad things happen to good people, everything will work out in the end for the good of those who love Him. ***"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship,"*** Romans 12:1. Have a good day, and a great life!

LEARNING with Larry

PRAYING TO ENDURE...NOT TO AVOID

If someone asks, "What's that in the road, ahead?" then you'd expect to see something that resembles a head laying in the road. But if it is stated, "What's that in the road ahead?" You might squint and look ahead for anything. The accent on the words might make all the difference.

Understanding the Greek meaning of a word used in the Bible makes a great deal of difference when compared to the English word used by translators.

In Hebrews 5:7 we read *"During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission."*

The word "from" is a key word we need to examine. There are two prepositions which are translated "from." One means "from the edge of," the other means "out from within." The first could be used when one goes from the building, having stood outside against its wall. The other would be used when one is inside a building and goes out from it. The second word is used here.

Our Lord prayed to be saved from the Cross if there was a possibility and was within the will of God. Not that He was unwilling to suffer for lost sinners, but naturally His body drew back from the terrible ordeal of being made sin and having His Father turn away His Face during that period. It was His body revolting and His pure soul recoiling from being made sin for us.

In Gethsemane He prayed to be saved from all of this torture and horror. The first Greek preposition could be used in this case. But the second one appears in the Greek text.

Here He prayed to be saved not from the edge of death, but out of death. He expected to die, and He prayed to be saved out of it, out of the dominion of death. That meant that He prayed to be raised from the dead. This the prophesied prayer from Psalm 22, a Messianic Psalm which many believe our Lord uttered in its entirety while on the Cross. "Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life

from the power of the dogs. Rescue me from the mouth of the lions." This is His prayer for resurrection.

The Lord's life is saturated with prayer. As the Man Christ Jesus, He prayed His way through His ministry even to the very end.

My point here is this: Though His person didn't want to experience the ordeal, He simply wanted His soul protected through it by the power and will of the Father...that is our example in dealing with things in life we want to avoid, but accept them with the Father's strength and deliverance.

Until next time, -Larry.

MINI THOUGHTS

God needs servants in His Kingdom, but already has an abundance of advisors.

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At your wits end you will find a helper, His name is Jehovah, but most people just call Him "God."

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If you want a better preacher, you simply need to pray for the one you have.

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I don't know why people change churches, it really doesn't matter which one you stay home from.

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We don't need to change the message, we need to allow the message to change us.

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People are funny, they want the back of the church, the front of the line and the middle of the road.

THE SIGNS SAY IT ALL

(These are instruction signs)

AT AN OPTOMETRIST'S OFFICE

"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

ON A PLUMBER'S TRUCK

"We repair what your husband fixed."

IN A NON-SMOKING AREA

"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action."

AT A CAR DEALERSHIP

"The best way to get back on your feet, miss a car payment."

OUTSIDE A MUFFLER SHOP

"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming"

IN A VETERINARIAN'S WAITING ROOM

"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

AT THE ELECTRIC COMPANY

"We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, you will be de-lighted."

OPPORTUNITIES

Nov. 11-13, 14-16 – Restoration Destination, North Myrtle Beach, SC – Contact: cclongs@sccoast.net
Jan. 16-18 – Florida Bible Conference, Kissimmee, FL Contact: thecra@thecra.org

NEW DEFINITIONS FOR OLD WORDS

ADULT – One who has stopped growing up and has started to grow out.

ATHEIST – A believer in non-belief.

BACHELOR – A boy who never found someone to help him find out how many faults he has.

BARGAIN – Something that makes you think you are saving money when you're spending it.

CANNIBAL – Someone who is fed up with people.

COMMITTEE – A body of people that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

FLASHLIGHT – A case for holding dead batteries.

THINGS I HAVE LEARNED IN OLD AGE

- Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
- God loves me because of His grace not because of my goodness.
- Growing old beats dying young.
- The best is yet to come.
- No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
- Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
- You don't have to win every argument; you don't even have to participate.
- Make peace with your past so you're won't mess up your present.

THANKSGIVING

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;

Count your gains instead of your losses;

Count your joys instead of your woes;

Count your friends instead of your foes;

Count your Smiles instead of your tears;

Count your courage instead of your fears;

Count your blessed years instead of your lean;

Count other's kind deeds instead of the mean;

Count your health instead of your wealth;

Count on God instead of yourself.

If you do...you'll be too busy to complain.

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THOUGHT: God doesn't call the qualified, He qualified the called.

P.R.E.S.

Preacher Recruitment and Encouragement Seminar
Barnabas Ministries is founded on the principle laid out in the texts "...encourage one another and build each other up..." 1 Thess. 5:11 and "...encourage one another daily..." Heb. 3:13.

We all need encouragement but preachers need it much more than one might think. There is a great responsibility that comes with preaching, and we desire to encourage those who do.

At no cost to a preacher or the host congregation, we will conduct a Preacher Recruitment and Encouragement Seminar for any congregation that is willing to host such a meeting. Barnabas will pay the speakers and their housing, and reimburse the host for the cost of a noon meal as long as funds are available through the supporters of PRES.

To date we have conducted such meetings in Gallipolis and Cincinnati, OH, London, and Madison, KY, Monroeville, PA, and Bluefield, WV. If you would like information, you can email, or call the Barnabas office.

If you would like to support this program, make your check out to Barnabas Ministries and make the "purpose" on the check to read "PRES." All monies received so marked will be spent only for this purpose. Above all, please pray for God's continued blessing on PRES.

SIGNS OF THE TIME

Whenever I try to eat healthy, a chocolate bar looks at me and SNICKERS.

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Anti-social vegans avoid the meat.

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When you're down by the sea and an eel bites your knee, that's a moray.

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We are called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges

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I went to the doctor and he said, "You're a hypochondriac." I said, "Not that too."

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

What **BARNABAS MINISTRIES** believes

BIBLE: The only inspired record of God's revelation to us

SIN: The only thing standing between God and man

JESUS CHRIST: The only perfect One who paid for sin

THE GOSPEL: The only record of Jesus' life

SALVATION: The only hope for man

FAITH: is only "saving faith" if it includes repentance, confession of Jesus Christ as the son of God and being baptized for the remission of sin.