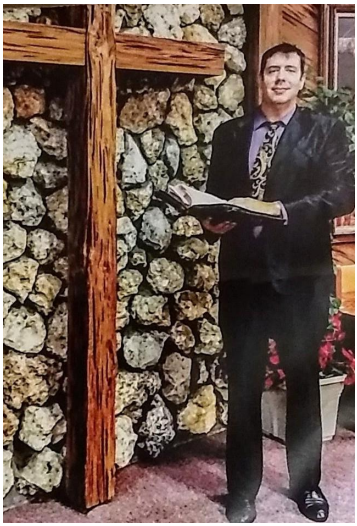
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ACTS 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:



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INDEPENDENT CHRISTIANITY, WILL THE CHURCH SURVIVE?

By Pastor Troy Wiley

The Lord asked a question concerning the day that we are living in. His question was, "When I return shall I find faith?", Luke 18:8. Something is happening to the church. And that something is, professed Christians are departing from the faith. This presents another question. And that question is, can the church survive?

July 4th is Independence Day. It is the annual holiday where our national independence and liberation is celebrated. What I am about to say, you may not agree with. But we are not free anymore. I do not make this statement to desecrate the blood of our patriots, or to belittle the vision of our founding fathers. However, the foundation of our nation, and the truth of God's Word, were at one time inseparable.

When the truth is no longer received, liberty vanishes away. Without truth, there is no real liberty and freedom. Christ himself said, you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free, John 8:31-32. When you choose lies over truth, inevitably, hell is your final destination. The Bible says every nation that shall forget God, will be turned into hell, Psalms 9:17.

There is a scripture that we often hear grossly taken out of its context and setting. A lot of professed believers try and use it, to try and justify themselves and their choices. The scripture I am referring to is, every man must work out his own salvation, Philippians 2:12. We hear that verse used a lot by all kinds of people, who claim all kinds of blessings. But any true born-again Christian knows that outside of Christ, there is no salvation, and works cannot save any of us.

There is a spirit behind all of this. There is a spirit, and it is real, and it is working more than ever before, because the days are evil and the time is short. The Bible says that in the last days, some shall depart from the faith, 1 Timothy 4:1. We see the evidence of this all around, everybody is talking about their belief. They all say that they are believers. The Bible says that the devil's believe and tremble, James 2:19. Talking about believing is one thing, and talking faith is something else.

When the pandemic hit, the compromise that was already on the rise, accelerated. Believers went independent. They were paid by the Federal Government to quit work and stay home. Christian obligation and responsibility became replaced with what can be

called Christian Independence. But there is something missing. The church needs you, and you need the church. The body is one, but it has many members, 1 Corinthians 12:12. And there is no independent member that lives absent of the body, all of the members make up the one body.

The church has never been any more divided. The leaders of most of today's churches are not discerning at all. The ministerial staff consists of individuals with all kinds of lifestyles and agendas. But behind all these lifestyles and agendas, are evil spirits. And these evil spirits have become so settled in our churches because the Word is no longer being preached.

Churches are going into self-appointed, independent Christianity, but they don't want a standard anymore. Some of them have the same teachings on the books, but the Bible is not being preached anymore. And the church that goes that way may have more members and more money than ever. But they will not survive the test that is coming.

In Chapter 1 of the book of Revelation, we see the Lord Jesus, standing inside the church, walking among the candlesticks, holding the seven stars of the churches in his hand. But by the time we get to the close of Chapter 3, he is no longer in the church, but he is standing at the door, knocking. The churches are about to go through their final test. The Antichrist spirit is setting up his kingdom all around us. And the lukewarm church is going to welcome him in. And a new tribulation church, meaning those that will miss the rapture, will take the mark of the beast gladly, because they have already sold out.

In closing, the believer who chooses to try and practice this end time independent Christianity, needs to be warned that the wheat and the tares grow up together, Matthew 12:24-43. But when the church gets called out, the lukewarm tares are still going to be here, because the Lord said he would spew them out of his mouth.

HELP WANTED

By Pastor Troy Wiley

In the wake of the world pandemic, throughout the country, there are signs everywhere that read help wanted. During the covid-19 virus, there was a mandatory quarantine, issued by the state and federal government. Now several years later, our employment

market has not recovered, and businesses have gone out of business simply because people do not want to work. Everywhere you go, the signs read help wanted.

If Jesus was able to physically be in our churches today, like he was in the synagogues during the time of the gospels, I wonder if he would put a sign on the church door that reads, help wanted. Jesus said, the harvest is great, but the laborers are few, Luke 10:2.

If Jesus were here physically, he might put a sign up that says help wanted, even though some churches are full of people. He might put a sign up that says help wanted, because even though the church is full of people, it does not mean that they are doing the will of God. During his earthly ministry, many of his own disciples left him, because he did the will of his Father, and many of his followers rejected the will of God.

In the book of Revelation, Chapter 2 and Chapter 3, we find the seven letters to the seven churches. In these seven letters, we read that the Lord Jesus Christ was speaking directly to the church. We would be surprised to know today, how many preachers and pastors do not believe that Jesus speaks anymore. Many believe that the Word of God is true, but they do not believe it with their heart. They have a head knowledge of the Word, but Jesus said, you draw night to me with your lips, but your heart is far from me, Matthew 15:8, Mark 7:6.

Concerning the seven churches in the book of Revelation, Jesus told John to write those letters. The Holy Ghost gave those letters to John by the Spirit. Those seven churches are still present on the Earth today spiritually. No matter what church you go to geographically, every one of those seven churches can be found in a church somewhere or another. I wonder if the Lord put a help wanted sign on the doors of those seven churches, how many people would apply for the job?
He told one church that they had left their first love, Revelation 2:4 He told another church that Satan's seat was in the church, Revelation 2:13. He told another church that they were neither cold nor hot, he said they were lukewarm. And he said because you are lukewarm, I will spew you out of my mouth, Revelation 3:16. Even in Pentecostal circles today, we find lukewarmness. You walk in many churches today on Sunday morning and nobody is praising the Lord, nobody is praying, and even the pastor is not really preaching. There may be some motivational speaking going

on, but most preachers are not declaring the Word of God. I wonder if we need a sign that says help wanted, or do we need a sign that says Ichabod? Ichabod means the glory is departed, 1 Samuel 4:21-22.

HONOR THE LORD

Proverbs 3:9
By Pastor Troy Wiley

Make no mistake about it, from cover to cover, the Bible tells us to honor the Lord. In the beginning of man's creation, when God put Adam in the garden, God required him to honor him. God told him what he could do and what he could not do. Because man did not honor God, we are born with the sin nature today. God told the man, the day that you eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you will surely die, Genesis 2:17. One day with the Lord is as a thousand years with man. Adam lived over 900 years, Genesis 5:5, but he died in the same day, 2 Peter 3:8. He died in the dispensation of one day with God, and he died in his Spirit man the moment he failed to honor God, according to his Word.

God does not change, Malachi 3:6. He still requires those that serve him to honor him. This is why the Bible tells us that whatever we do, we are to do it as unto the Lord, Colossians 3:17, 23. That is how God gets his honor. That is how the kingdom of God, and the Word of God is honored. Obedience is better than sacrifice, 1 Samuel 15:22.

The Word of God tells us, that we are to love the Lord our God, with all of our spirit, soul and body, Deuteronomy 6:5. God requires us to honor him in our spirit. God requires us to honor him in our soul. and God requires us to honor him in our body. Man lives in three dimensions, spirit, soul and body. Man is a spirit, that has a soul, and lives in a body, 1 Thessalonians 5:23.

To honor the Lord in our spirit, means to spiritually commit to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It means to honor God in his standard of living which is holiness. God said be ye holy for I am holy. We must honor the Lord spiritually, meaning that we are made in his image and likeness. We can communicate with God, and God desires to communicate with us, different than all other communication that exists in the world. In him we live, and in him we move and have our being, Acts 17:28. To be spiritual minded is

life. God told us in the Word that he would honor those that honor him, 1 Samuel 2:30.

To spiritually honor God is impossible without faith Hebrews 11:6. Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen, Hebrews 11:1. And the Bible says, the just shall live by faith, Galatians 3:11. It is impossible to please God without faith. This is why, in order to spiritually honor God, we must worship him and serve him in faith and by faith.

God told us in the Word, faith without works is dead, James 2:26. God said in the Word, you draw nigh to me with your lips, but your heart is far from me. The Lord said to his disciples, how can you say unto me Lord, Lord and do not the things that I command, Luke 17:10. To really honor God, a relationship is required. Many times, people are just seeking something temporary from God. But to really honor God, he requires us to commit ourselves to him spirit, soul and body.

To spiritually honor God, we must remember his Word. He told us that he is a jealous God, Deuteronomy 4:24. And he will have no other gods before him. This is why he told us that we're not to worship idols, or any graven image, Exodus 20:4. There is a such thing as idolatry. It is the worship of idols. God told us in the Word not to provoke him unto anger with the works of our hands, and he would do us no harm, Jeremiah 25:7. If we really honor God, and have a real relationship with him, we must put him first and get all the idols out of the way spiritually.

We must also be taught and learn to honor God with our mind. He whose mind is stayed upon the Lord shall rest in perfect peace, Isaiah 26:3. We must honor God with our thought process. This is why the Bible tells us to bring our thoughts into captivity, 1 Corinthians 10:5. This is why the scripture says, as a man thinketh in his heart so is he, Proverbs 23:7. There are believers around the world tonight with all kinds of things on their mind that are not of God. Any kind of a thought and any kind of a spirit can come to our mind. But when we have on the whole armor of God, including the helmet of salvation, we can recognize the wrong thought and the wrong spirit, Ephesians 6:11-13. This is why God has told us in the Word, your ways are not my ways, Isaiah 55:8.

Psalm Chapter 1 tells us about the man who honors God with his mind. The Bible says he meditates upon the law, day and night, Psalm 1:2. We must take the Word of God, as our roadmap to

heaven, and we must take the Word, Jesus said, and learn of me, Matthew 11:29. We must spend time in the Word, day and night, to grow spiritually and honor God in the area of our mind. The mind can make us or break us. This is why the Lord said that which is not faith is sin, Romans 14:23. Many times, believers sin with their mind. They give place to the enemy in their thoughts, Ephesians 4:27. This is the difference between right thinking and wrong thinking.

God told us we must honor him with our body. The Bible says I beseech you brethren by the mercies of God, that you present your body a living sacrifice, Romans 12:1. Souls are in danger today, because they have failed to honor God in their body. The Bible says your body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost, 1 Corinthians 6:19. The scripture tells us neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, Romans 6:13.

The Bible tells us that we are to likewise reckon ourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, Romans 6:11. Unfortunately, many professed Christians, view sin in their life as something that is necessary. But the Bible teaches us otherwise. The scripture says he that committed sin is of the devil. Many times, people have a head knowledge of God, but no spiritual relationship and no spiritual honor of God in their life. When we truly and sincerely honor the Lord, we will bring our thoughts into captivity, we will let our conversation be that which becomes holiness, and we will not let any corrupt communication proceed out of our mouth, Ephesians 4:29. When we really have a relationship with God, the Bible says through the Spirit we are to mortify the deeds of the body, Romans 8:13. This is how we honor the Lord.

INTRODUCTION

(continued from June)
By Pastor Pearl Hall

We learned to work at a very early age. I remember standing in a chair to wash the dishes and keeping the big wood box behind the stove full of wood. I remember as a little girl the long, hot summer days in the fields.

Work is vital in the character building of a child. After a good hard day's work, a teenager will not be so eager to run the streets, getting into trouble. They need to be taught that things of this life

are not free. The robberies, mugging and killings that have corrupted our society are the result of parents allowing their children to loaf when they should be working. The Apostle Paul said in ***II Thessalonians 3:10, "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat."*** The scripture simply means, if they will not work, let them starve to death.

After moving to the city, I became acquainted with a family that lived just two doors up the street from my sister. The Jenkins' were Pentecostal people. At least part of them were. Mrs. Jenkins was a godly woman, and two of her daughters made a big impression on my life. I watched those girls. They were different. Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world...let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." I saw the light! It was beautiful! So, when they asked me to go to church with them, I said, OK. I followed them down the aisle and sat down near the front, and they went to the choir. The choir began to sing, and Viola lifted her hands heavenward, and spoke in a language I had never heard before, and something go a hold of me. I do not remember any part of the pastor's message. I don't even remember his name. It must have been about 53 years ago, but I remember the glow on the face of the godly young woman, with the Spirit of the Lord upon her. It was a far cry from most of the Pentecostal Church Choirs of our present day, with their painted faces, glittering jewels, and their blackened eyes that look like they have gone into an eclipse.

I believe if Isaiah were here today, he would take his text from ***Chapter 56 verses 10 and 11, "His watchman are blind, they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they all look to their own ways, everyone for his gain, from his quarter."***

Dogs that will not bark are useless, be it a house dog, a rabbit dog, or a coon dog. A house dog that cannot bark will curl up on the carpet, while a thief breaks into your house and steals your priceless possessions. Pastors that fail to cry out against sin and worldliness are no more than dumb dogs that cannot bark. Isaiah tells us why they will not bark. "They are greedy dogs which can never have enough..., they look to their own ways." More people mean bigger salaries! They are not concerned about your soul or where you will spend eternity. How sad. Whenever you see a church spring up and all of a sudden, it's growing by leaps and

bounds, bulging at the seams, more likely than not, you have a dumb dog in the pulpit.

To be continued...

LET BROTHERLY LOVE CONTINUE

Hebrews 13:1
By Pastor Troy Wiley

Are you dealing with what you think is love, but you can't control it? The Bible says love is not easily puffed up, 1 Corinthians 13:4. It bears all things. Some people are dealing with something that they think is love but is something else. God is love. And one must choose to serve God, and one must choose to operate in real love. Real love is a choice. Real love is unconditional, but it must be realized from within, and not because of self-gratification. Real love must be allowed to work, as we resist the flesh and sin. Love endures all things, 1 Corinthians 13:7.

Real love is not by accident or by chance. Real love is by divine appointment and is intentional. The marks of real love are supernatural. We read about the marks of real love in 1 Corinthians 13. The Bible says love suffers long, 1 Corinthians 13:4. There is a degree of hurt and pain that is part of real love. We see that love demonstrated in Christ Jesus himself. He said, no man takes my life from me, I lay it down. And as the Bible says, no greater love hath any man, then to lay his life down for a friend, John 15:13. And this is what Jesus did.

Real love is not determined by a particular level of pain or hurt. The Bible says faith which worketh by love, Galatians 5:6. There is a part of love that is like faith. Meaning that faith cannot always be felt, and real love cannot always be felt. Love is the fruit of the Spirit, and faith is in certain manifestations, both a fruit of the Spirit, and a gift of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22, 1 Corinthians 12:9. But the Bible says that love is greater than faith, 1 Corinthians 13:13.

Brotherly love must be allowed to continue. This means that the right choices must be made so that real love can continue. We cannot think that we do not have to ever examine what kind of love we have because we speak with tongues and prophesy. Prophecy will fail, and tongues will cease, but the Bible says real love will never fail, 1 Corinthians 13:6.

Everywhere you go, you can find a different kind of love operating. A self-love is easy to find. That kind of love is what turned Saul against David. Saul became envious and jealous. The Bible says jealousy is cruel as the grave, Song of Solomon 8:6. He did not mind David ministering to him, but Saul was jealous of God's anointing on David's life. Churches are full of people today who have a King Saul spirit. As long as they think God is just using them, they don't mind being part of the church. But when God uses somebody else, they get temperamental and jealous.

Some people attempt to love God and love one another based on what they want God to do for them. In other words, when they have to endure things, their love comes short. This is the spirit that was in the Laodicea church, Revelation 3:13-22. They were neither cold nor hot. They were not in tune with God. They didn't have brotherly love flowing, they were too busy controlling things in the church, they didn't want to get any closer to God. When we really love God, we are hungry and thirsty for God. We desire him from within. We are not just following him for the fish and loaves. Many times, when the provision is there, everything is fine. But when we have to walk by faith and not by sight, you see that most people are just going on emotional faith, 2 Corinthians 5:7. When people love God, they can trust God whether they can feel him or not.

Years ago, preachers and pastors labored to start churches from the ground up. They preached the Word of God and flowed in the power and the anointing of the Holy Ghost. They ministered as unto the Lord regardless of the financial situation. In today's world, pastors are stuck on a salary job. If the money is not right, they don't want to go and do anything for God. But if God sends you, he always provides. He has promised to supply your every need, according to his riches in Glory by Christ Jesus, Philippians 4:19.

0h the depth and the power of the Holy Ghost, the gifts and the fruit of the Spirit, and the ministries of the Spirit, operate by love and in love. We always think about the scripture in Hebrews Chapter 11 that says, without faith it is impossible to please God, Hebrews 11:6. But the Bible says how can we say we love God who we have not seen, if we do not love our brother who we have seen, 1 John 4:20. All of the faith in the world, even as the Bible says in 1 Corinthians Chapter 13, the faith that can move mountains, is not going to equalize the move of God if love is not the root of it. It must come out of the seed of love, not the flesh.

This is why the Bible tells us to do all things in love, 1 Corinthians 16:14. Love must be our motivation. The scripture says let love be without dissimulation, Romans 12:9. It should not be based upon the wrong kind of love. It should be why we preach, why we sing, why we Minister, and why we work for the Lord. But we are to love him, and whatever we do, we do as unto the Lord for his glory. Let brotherly Love continue.

DOCUMENT DECLASSIFIED

By Pastor Troy Wiley

For over 4000 years, a document was waiting for declassification. God had it put in writing, the Messiah was on the way. The prophetic Word had been declared and uttered from the mouth of God himself in the Garden of Eden, the day that man fell. God had it recorded in Genesis 3:15. This prophetic verse of scripture became the classified document, that would promise God's salvation to man. This verse was the first Messianic Prophecy, the very first scripture referring to the First Coming of Christ, to redeem man. It was in fact a mysterious and classified document, that when this prophecy would be fulfilled, and this document declassified, it would be part of the determination of man's eternal life.

Throughout the nation, and around the world, people are talking about classified documents, and their handling and mishandling. Seemingly, this is the latest thing, and this is the most critical threat to our human safety and security, so they say. These documents, classified and declassified, have captivated the world news. But the only supernatural document on planet earth, the Bible, the Word of God, has been declassified for over 2000 years, and people seem to be more unconcerned now than ever.

This is how the document was originally classified, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.", John 1:1. And this how the document was declassified, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us", John 1:14. The Holy Spirit himself verified this document's classification, and he also verified this document's declassification. The classification went like this, all scripture is given by inspiration of the Holy Ghost, 2 Timothy 3:16. And the declassification goes like this, the Spirit bears witness with our spirit, Romans 8:16.

What was the purpose of this document? To seek and to save that which is lost. How was this document revealed? Lo, I come in the volume of the book that is written of me, Hebrews 10:7. Sooner or later, every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Therefore, it can be said that all nations of the world will be blessed in this document.

We understand that the Bible, the inspired Word of God, is the written Word. And the Word of God teaches us, that Christ is the living Word. The written Word reveals the living Word, and the living Word confirms and fulfills the written Word. The Bible says the Spirit and the Word agree as one, 1 John 5:8. The Word of God is the only supernatural book on planet Earth.

In this day and hour, due to the political situation in the United States, we hear more about declassified documents and how they are allegedly mishandled than we have ever heard in history. But the Bible tells us, one day the books will be opened, and the dead will be judged by those things written in those books, Revelation 20:12. And the scripture tells us whosoever's name is not found written in the Lamb's book of life, will be cast into the lake which burns with fire, and this is the second death.

Regardless of how we live or die, regardless of our political affiliation, regardless if we go to church or not, this Word of God, this supernatural document of truth, the Bible, the pillar and foundation of truth, this living Word will face us in eternity, 2 Timothy 3:15 The books will be opened at the judgment of God at the Great White Throne. And the Word of God tells us, man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God, Matthew 4:4. Make your preparation today. Prepare to meet thy God.

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