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REMEMBER YOUR CREATOR IN THE DAYS OF YOUR YOUTH

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SCRIPTURE: *Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; (2) While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: (3) In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, (4) And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low; (5) Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: (6) Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. (7) Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.*

TEXT: *Ecclesiastes 12:1 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.*

In the several years that I have been coming over here I have never attended a Sunday morning service at the children's center. They were always held early in the morning so that Brother Anond could pick us up and we could go out of town to visit one of the churches in a jungle village. This past Sunday we decided to attend a Sunday morning service. The children met early in the morning for Sunday school and then had their regular Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock. We arrived a few minutes before the service was scheduled to start. Most of the children were gathered and were ready for the service. It reminded me of the words of Cornelius that are recorded in the 10th chapter of Acts. **Acts 10:33 Immediately therefore I**



sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that

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are commanded thee of God. By service time, all the children were there, all the officials were there, and some Bible School students were there.

Following is the message that I brought to the young people. I have made some changes to adapt it for this written message. I realize most of our readers are not teenagers but you are as young right now as you will ever be. You will never be, in this life, any younger than you are today. Therefore I urge you to take heed to the words of this message. It is based on the advice

of a very wise man. In addition to his wisdom, he wrote these words under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

INTRODUCTION

I want to discuss with you the importance of serving God while you're young. If you are saved you need to be thinking about what you think the Lord would have you to do with your life. You do not have to be a preacher to serve the Lord. You do not have to be a preacher's wife to serve the Lord. Every Christian has a job to do and it is so very important that you find your place in the Lord's service. ***Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.***

You may finish school and be a teacher but you can serve the Lord as a teacher. You may work in the rice fields but you can serve the Lord as a worker in the rice field. I have pastored country churches where most of the men in the congregation were farmers. But they were also faithful servants of the Lord.

You may become a policeman but you can serve the Lord being a policeman. In my home church our adult Sunday school teacher was the Chief of Police in a nearby large city. He was a very good Sunday School teacher and a very good Chief of Police. As long as you choose an honorable vocation in life you can still be a good servant of the Lord. Consider Paul's admonition to the members of the church of the Colossians. ***Colossians 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do it (Continued Page 4, Left Column)***



WHAT DOES INFANT BAPTISM DO FOR THEM?

James Smith,

"Points of Difference between the First and Second Covenants" 1858)

"But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." Acts 8:12

"Crispus, the synagogue ruler, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized." Acts 18:8

"So Philip proceeded to tell him the good news about Jesus, beginning from that Scripture. As they were traveling down the road, they came to some water. The eunuch said, 'Look, there's water! What would keep me from being baptized?' And Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart you may.' And he replied, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' Then he ordered the chariot to stop, and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him." Acts 8:35-38

The New Testament order appears to have been as follows:

the Word was preached,
the soul was quickened,
faith was professed,
the believer was baptized,
the baptized were added to the church, and
the church surrounded the Lord's table as one holy, obedient, loving family.

Such was the first church, and such were the first Christians, who continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in breaking of bread and in prayer.

But someone may be ready to ask, "*What is to become of our **children**?*" May I ask also, What becomes of them now? **What does infant baptism do for them?** Does it regenerate them? Does it give them a saving interest in Christ? Does it raise them one inch above, or place them one step above the unbaptized? *It does not!*

Then some may ask, "Why do we baptize them?"

Truly--*why* do you baptize them?

God has not commanded you.

His Spirit does not sanction you.

His Word does not command you.

Infant baptism has done a world of mischief--but it never did any good. It is doing incalculable mischief at the present time; may the Lord root it up, and root it out, of His church entirely and forever!

"But what are we to *do* with our children?" Do! bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Teach them that by nature they are without Christ, afar off from God, and exposed to everlasting misery! Show them that they form no part of the Church of God, which is composed only of His friends--but they are numbered with His enemies. Inform them of their need of the pardon which the gospel proclaims, of the sanctifying Spirit, and the finished work of Jesus to furnish them with a title of everlasting life. Teach them that they must repent of sin--or perish; that they must personally believe in Jesus--or be forever condemned. Set forth Christ in all His love and loveliness; and by a holy life, by frequent exhortation, by leading them to the house of prayer, and by endeavoring to render Christianity as lovely--strive to bring them to decision and salvation.

I cannot see that **infant baptism** . . .

gives a parent any assistance,
imparts to the child any blessing,
brings to the Lord any honor,
or does any party the least good!

But, it does appear to me . . .

to throw a stumbling block in the way,
to lead to soul-deception,
and to do much mischief.

Infant baptism is, in my view . . .

a pillar of popery,
the principal basis of corrupt religious establishments,
and one of Satan's strongest holds.

Infant baptism . . .

divides the Lord's people,
unites the world and the church together,
and leads thousands into mischief and misery!

It is to me truly astonishing, that a practice . . .
. . . so destitute of all Scriptural authority,
so totally and entirely useless,
so opposed to the nature of the present Gospel dispensation
--should be practiced, approved, and defended by so many!

(Remember Thy Creator Cont. heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

Brother Anond, Brother Paul Brown, and I were all saved at an early age. Brother Paul started preaching when he was 16 years of age. I started preaching when I was 19 years of age. But, I know preachers who were saved later in life than we were. But when they were saved they then began to serve the Lord, and to serve him faithfully. God called them to preach and they were faithful to that calling. The Apostle Paul was a grown man when he was saved. He was also a very active persecutor of the Lord's churches. Then one day the Lord saved him and from that day forward he gave his life in the service of God.

Solomon encouraged people to serve the Lord while young because they'll not be able to serve him in the grave. ***Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.***

In the passage we read at the beginning, Solomon describes what happens to us as we get older. I want us to look at those things briefly this morning. If you are saved I encourage you not to wait until you're 50 or 60 years old to really begin serving the Lord.

YOU NEED TO SERVE THE LORD WHILE YOU CAN SEE WELL

Remember your Creator while you can still see and enjoy the beauties of God's creation. ***Ecclesiastes 12:2 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain.*** The heavens declare God's glory and you will not be able to enjoy it or appreciate God as much if you wait until your eyesight is dimmed to begin to serve him. ***Psalms 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.***

The heavens display evidence of the Almighty power and infinite wisdom of their Maker, our great God. ***Psalms 150:1-2 Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. (2) Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.***

When our vision begins to dim we need more light to see to read and stronger glasses. ***Ecclesiastes 12:3 "those that look out of the windows be darkened."*** Let me remind you that in the days when this was written by Solomon, they did not make glasses for people whose eyesight was getting weak. And of course, if you lose your eyesight completely glasses will do you no good. This is why it is so important that while you're young you study God's Word, hide it in your heart so that even when you're old and your eyesight is not good or you are blind you can still meditate on God's word and rejoice in its wonderful truths.

The study of God's word will become more difficult. If you wait until your vision is poor to study God's Word you will not be able to do as



well as you will in your youth. Remember your Creator while you're young and have your eyesight so that you can study his word easily.

YOU NEED TO SERVE THE LORD WHILE YOUR NERVES ARE STILL STEADY AND YOUR MUSCLES STILL STRONG.

As you get older there is more chance that your nerves will be unsteady. ***Ecclesiastes 12:3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble.***

I can tell you from experience that it is no fun to try to do things when you shake. I find it hard to find Scripture in the Bible now that I have trouble with shaking. I can no longer write with my hand. I thank God for my computer and for the Bibles that I have on my computer and many other books. I could not use my computer very well if I did not have a program that lets me

talk to it rather than use the keyboard to put in what I want to write. I still edit the paper and write articles and another paper because I can dictate it and it will come out as if I typed it on my computer. What little I need to do by hand I can still manage to do. I am so happy that about 25 or 30 years ago my wife encouraged me to learn to use the computer. I am also thankful that people have written programs that allow me to dictate my thoughts as I am doing as I write this message.

As you get older your body gets weaker and you often become bowed in your back this all makes it more difficult to serve the Lord. ***Ecclesiastes 12:3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves.***

As you get older even things that are very easy for you to pick up and carry now will become a burden. When I was 17 years old I could pick up and 200 pounds of fertilizer and carry it fairly easily. Now it is a burden to pick up 20 to 40 pounds. I can pick up 50 pounds if it is absolutely necessary. (Note: Brother Anond converted weights to metric when he translated this.) Solomon said that when one gets older even the grasshopper will be a burden to carry. ***Ecclesiastes 12:5 the grasshopper shall be a burden.***

YOU NEED TO SERVE THE LORD WHILE YOU STILL HAVE ALL YOUR TEETH.

Even if you get false teeth they have their limitations and will affect your ability to eat properly. In the days of Solomon they could not go to the dentist and get new teeth and so gradually older men and women would lose most or all of their teeth. Solomon spoke of the time when their grinders or teeth would be few. ***Ecclesiastes 12:3 the grinders cease because they are few.*** Grinders refer to the teeth in this passage. You may look at me and say, "Brother Camp, you still have all your teeth." I have teeth and they belong to me but I assure you they are not all teeth that grew out of my gums. Several of them are false teeth that have been glued on to pegs that were left from my original teeth. If it were not for that I would have several teeth missing and would not be able to eat very well.

If you cannot chew well you may not be able to eat the kind of food that is best for your health. So I urge you while you still have good teeth and can enjoy God's food that you serve the Lord now if you are saved.

Good food is also important to your mind. And while you are young you can think better than you will be able to in your old age. ***Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth.***

YOU NEED TO SERVE THE LORD WHILE YOU CAN SLEEP WELL AT NIGHT.

When we get older it is often harder to get a good night's sleep and that will keep you from being able to do your best and the Lord's service. When you are sleepy from not getting a good night's rest you cannot be as effective in your service for God. When you try to study you are apt to fall asleep. Moreover, you cannot think as well if you do not have proper rest.

Many times older people awaken at the least sound, even the chirping of a bird. ***Ecclesiastes 12:4 And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low.*** When I was young I often slept through the entire night without waking even one time. Now that I'm older I awaken much more easily and am often awake several times during the night.

YOU NEED TO SERVE THE LORD BEFORE YOU GET AFRAID OF HEIGHTS.

It has been several years since I have been on a rooftop. When you get old there is a fear of heights. ***Ecclesiastes 12:5 Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets.*** I don't even like to climb up on a ladder anymore. If I must I do not want to get more than two steps up from the floor.

During the time in my life that I have pastored

churches we sometimes had to put a new roof on the church building are on the Parsonage. I would climb right up there and work with the men. I was not afraid of heights. It may seem funny to some of you but I am not afraid to fly in an airplane because I can keep my feet on the floor of the plane. But when the roof of my house needs to be inspected I get one of my sons to do it so I do not have to try to climb up there.

YOU NEED TO SERVE THE LORD ALL OF YOUR LIFE SO THAT YOU WILL BE READY WHEN IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO DIE.

Solomon tells us that the time will come when we must die. ***Ecclesiastes 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.*** When God created Adam he made him from the dust of the ground. One day, unless Jesus returns before our death, our bodies will go into the grave and turn to dust.

Let me admonish you with all the fervor that I can that you so live that when it comes time for you to die you can approach it as did the apostle Paul. ***Philippians 1:23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better.*** Paul declared that he was willing and ready to be absent from the body so that he could be present with the Lord. ***2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*** Paul looked forward with great

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anticipation to the time of his departure from this world. ***2 Timothy 4:6-8 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. (7) I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: (8) Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.***

God did not choose to save Paul until he was a grown man but Paul gave the remainder of his life in the full dedicated, service of the Lord. Because of his faithful service all the time of his life after he was saved Paul had no hesitation about dying; in fact, he looked forward to death with great and eager anticipation. If you serve the Lord faithfully until the time of death you can eagerly anticipate your departure from this life. I assure you it will be far better than what you have now.

CONCLUSION

Most people die just like they live. Paul lived for Christ. Therefore he knew that to die would be great gain. ***Philippians 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*** On the other hand there was a false prophet whose name was Balaam. Although he had lived a wicked life he prayed that God would let him die the death of a righteous man. ***Numbers 23:10 Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!*** But Balaam died the death of the wicked man. He was slain by the people of God in a battle. ***Joshua 13:22 Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them.*** Balaam is remembered as a false prophet who put the wages of sin above favor with God. ***Jude 1:11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.*** You will probably die just as you live. Therefore, you had better live as you wish to die. If you live like Balaam you will probably die a horrible death as did Balaam. You will perish in hell for ever. ***Proverbs 11:7 When a wicked man dieth, his expectation***

shall perish: and the hope of unjust men perisheth.

If you live a life for the Lord, you can look forward to dying as did Paul. It will be great gain and far better. ***Psalms 73:24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.***

INFANT BAPTISM: AN ADDITION TO THE WORD OF GOD

By Charles Spurgeon

The addition of "infant baptism" to the Word of God—for it certainly is not there—is fraught with mischief.

Without faith or even consciousness, as in the case of babes, how can spiritual benefits be connected with the sprinkling of water?

"Baptismal regeneration" rides in upon the shoulders of infant baptism.

We find a class of persons who are the children of former converts, and who have been baptized as infants, and are therefore called Christians. But they are not one whit better than the heathen around them. They seem to think that they are Christians because of their infant baptism, and at the same time, being thought Christians by the heathen, their evil lives are perpetual scandal and a dreadful stumbling-block.

May God give us that vital, essential faith, without which there is no salvation.

Baptized, re-baptized, circumcised, confirmed, fed upon sacraments, and buried in consecrated ground—you shall all perish except you believe in Him.

Heigh! Presto!

The following is from Spurgeon

I am sorry to say that there is much craftiness and trickery to be met with in the religious world.

Why, there are those who pretend to save souls by curious tricks, intricate maneuvers, and

dexterous posture making. A basin of water, half-a-dozen drops, certain syllables and—**Heigh! Presto!**—the infant is a child of grace, and becomes a member of Christ, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven!

This aqueous regeneration surpasses my belief.

It is a trick which I do not understand—only the initiated can perform the beautiful piece of magic, which excels anything ever attempted by the wizards.

IF YOU PLUNGE INTO ETERNITY CLUTCHING THE AIRY FICTION

Octavius Winslow

(*"From Grace to Glory"* 1864)

We do not hesitate to pronounce the doctrine of **"baptismal regeneration" to be the paramount lie of Satan**; the most subtle and fatal weapon which this arch foe of our race ever forged for the destruction of men's souls in eternal perdition!

Do not build your hope of glory upon your baptism. You are lost to all eternity if you do. You must be born again if ever you enter the kingdom of heaven.

If you plunge into eternity clutching the airy fiction, the fatal notion, that you passed from spiritual death into spiritual life in your baptism; that in baptism you were regenerated, adopted, justified, made holy and saved; you have **staked your eternal happiness upon the most fatal lie!**

In many instances, the unhappy victim of this delusion passes away, undeceived until the deception is too late to rectify!

A HOUND, A HAWK, A HORSE, A HARLOT

By Thomas Brooks

Every man on earth whose heart is void and empty of grace—sets a higher value and price upon his lusts, or upon his relations, or upon his honors, or riches, or pleasures, or upon this or that worldly enjoyment—than he does upon grace. Yes, how many thousands are there who set a higher price or value upon **a hound, a hawk, a horse, a harlot**, a good trade, a fair estate, a rich inheritance; yes, upon the very toys and trifles of this world—than they do upon God, or Christ, or grace!

Thailand Missions Report

“The churches of Asia salute you...”

I Corinthians 16:19

November 2010

One of my favorite hymns is *We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes*. This hymn serves as a reminder to me that there is work for the Lord's churches to do until the return of the Lord. We are not to be spectators when it comes to the work of the Lord. We are to be workers. Jesus has assigned unto His churches work that is to be done and we must be about this business. I think this is what He meant when He said, **“Occupy until I come”**.

I am constantly reminded in the Lord's work in Thailand that there is so much still to be done, so many still to reach, and so much still to be preached. At this time Bro. Wayne Camp and Ruth, from here at Central Baptist Church, and Bro. Paul Brown and Susan, from Sherwood Baptist Church of Oklahoma City are in Thailand. The first term of this school year is now in progress. There will be two weeks break at the first of the year. Bro. Brown and Susan will return to the U.S. on December 8, 2010. Brother Camp will continue teaching until December 30, 2010. Bro. Billy Holladay and Pat, from the Mountain View Baptist Church of Scottsboro, AL. will join Bro. Camp and Ruth for the second term of school. As Bro. Brown and Bro. Camp have shared the duties of teaching in the school during the first term, Bro. Holladay and Bro. Camp will share in the teaching duties during the second term.

The purpose of this school is to teach the local pastors and seek to ground them in Biblical doctrine. Many of these pastors are very young in the faith and they need to be taught and grounded in the Word of God in order for them to preach and teach truth in their own villages. We believe the words of the Apostle Paul to Timothy still have an application for us today. Paul wrote, **“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also”**, *II Timothy 2:2*. Our goal is to assist the local pastors in their knowledge of God's Word. Our

desire is certainly not to take their place nor to usurp authority over them or the local churches in Thailand. The Lord is blessing the work in the school and the results of the teaching in the school can be seen in the many villages where the Lord has established His churches. We certainly are thankful for the ones who have helped us in the past and for those who are helping us now.

The Lord willing, during the break between the two terms of school, I will be going to Thailand. I am scheduled to leave for Thailand January 3 and to return to the U.S. on January 19. Dr. Bryan Darling and Pharmacist Ricky Cash will be joining me on this trip. These two have made several trips to Thailand with us. We are thankful for these two men who make these trips to Thailand at their own expense. Several years ago they were made aware of the medical needs of the people in the villages, and they have dedicated themselves to helping us to fill these needs.

While we are in Thailand we will travel to as many villages as possible. In the villages I will preach and teach and be able to see how the churches there are doing. You might recall Paul's words to Barnabas as recorded in Acts 15:36, **“And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.”** As we “visit our brethren” we will not only have opportunity “to see how they do” spiritually, but also physically.

While our main objective will always be the preaching and teaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, we cannot overlook while we are there, the many medical needs of the people. The people in most of the villages we go to live such isolated lives they have absolutely no medical care. This is not true of all of the villages, but it is true of most. And this is not only true of the villages we go to in Thailand, it is also true of the villages in Burma where churches have been established. The people suffer from many sicknesses and ailments from high blood pressure to Aids. Many times there have been people who have died from simple insect bites or cuts and scratches which have become

infected and they did not have any medicine to treat the infection. I have even known of a young boy who died from an ant bite which became infected. But over the years, with the help of Dr. Darling, Ricky Cash and many individuals and churches, we have been able to help relieve many of the medical problems. On these trips we usually spend around \$2,500 on medicine and supplies which we give to the people there. Several have recently asked about specific current needs in the work in Thailand. Help on this upcoming trip is certainly needed. Everything in Thailand is getting more and more expensive, as it is everywhere else in the world. The price of fuel to get to these villages has dramatically increased as well as the cost of medicine and supplies needed while we are there. When I first went to Thailand in 1997, the currency exchange rate was 47 Thai bahts to one U.S. dollar. The exchange rate is now 29.5 Thai bahts to one U.S. dollar. So, as you can see, the dollar does not buy as much now in Thailand as it did just a few years ago.

In our last report we mentioned the need for vitamins for the children at our children's center. Several individuals and churches responded to this need. We are thankful we can report we now have enough funds to supply the children with the needed vitamins for the next nineteen months. We offer our sincere thanks to all who are helping us with this need.

There has been a little sickness at the children's center, but nothing serious. A couple of the children had to miss school for a few days. But I suppose with thirty-two children this is to be expected from time to time. The washing machine at the children's center went out on us. This washing machine was provided for us by the First Baptist Church of Independence, Kentucky. Again, with thirty two children, the washing machine was in almost constant use. But the old machine has now been replaced with a new one and we hope we get the service out of it as we did the last one.

I will close by once again thanking each individual and each church who has joined with us in the Lord's work in Thailand. Without your faithful support we could not do nearly all we are now doing. And remember Hebrews 6:10.

BAPTIZED INFANTS?

The following is from Spurgeon's sermon, "TELL IT ALL"

Little do our friends know how much mischief they do by teaching infant baptism. I believe it to be the root and pillar of Popery.

It is an invention of man, against which Christians ought to protest every day, because infant sprinkling is a practical denial of the need of personal godliness.

It puts into the Church those who are not in the Church.

It gives religious rites to the unconverted.

It teaches men that because their mothers and fathers were good people, therefore these baptized infants are Christians; whereas they are not, they are heathens, and as much heathens as if they were born amidst the Hottentots' kraals. They are in the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity, notwithstanding all their parents' excellence.

To give Christian ordinances to unconverted persons is to pervert the testimony of God's Church.

AQUEOUS FLUID TO AN INFANT'S BROW!

The following is from Spurgeon's sermon, "UNPURCHASABLE LOVE"

The most unpopular truth in the world is this sentence which fell from the lips of Christ-- "You must be born again."

Consequently, there are all sorts of inventions to remove the truth out of those words. "Oh, yes!" say some, "you must be born again, but that means the application of **aqueous fluid to an infant's brow.**"

As God is true, that teaching is a lie; there is no grain or shade of truth within it. No operation that can be performed by man can ever regenerate the soul. It is the work alone of God the Holy Spirit, who creates us anew in Christ Jesus.

Men do not like that truth.

Spiritual Truth Still Displeases the Natural Man.

HARD SAYINGS FOR FALSE TEACHERS

By Wayne Camp

Excerpt from a lesson to be taught in Bible school

TEXT: John 6:60 *Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?*

Those who preach works or baptism for salvation preach another gospel and they will cause the churches trouble if they are allowed to preach in the churches. **Galatians 1:6-9** *I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.*

Those who were perverting the gospel in Galatia were creating trouble for the churches. **Galatians 1:7** *Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you.* These were leading them into another gospel by perverting the true gospel of Christ. *“would pervert the gospel of Christ.*

Of those who were perverting the gospel Paul said, *“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”*

Those who teach doctrines that are not found in the Scriptures and those who pervert the doctrines of Scripture will make shipwreck of the faith and doctrine which the Bible teaches. **1 Timothy 1:19-20** *Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: 20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.* Paul had delivered these men who were teaching false doctrine to Satan. This was done to teach them

not to blaspheme.

We should not have those who teach false doctrine preach in our churches because in doing this we say that what they teach is fine and in so doing we become partakers of their evil doctrine. **2 John 11** *For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.*

DID THE MAN COME FROM THE WOMAN? OR DID THE WOMAN COME FROM THE MAN?

Another heretical doctrine that is taught here in Thailand is that man came from the woman and therefore women should be allowed to preach. This is taught in Bible schools and churches. I have also been told by a person who attended a Bible school in Burma that this doctrine is also taught in Bible schools in Burma.

The argument used to support this doctrine is absolutely false and contrary to the teaching of God's word and should therefore be rejected and those who preach it should be marked and avoided. Consider a very clear statement from the Apostle Paul. **1 Corinthians 11:8-9** *For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. 9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.* Paul says clearly that the man is not of the woman. Paul is referring to the creation of man and woman and clearly declares that the man was made first from the dust of the Earth. Did God make woman first and then take the man out of the woman? Or, did God make man first and then take the man out of the woman?

Consider this statement from the pen of Moses. **Genesis 2:21-22** *And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.* One would have to be spiritually

blind to argue that man came out of the woman in God's order of creation. It is absurd; it is ridiculous; it is silly to argue that the woman came first and then the man. Brethren, don't fall for this stupid doctrine; it is absolutely contrary to the word of God.

Consider what Paul wrote to the young Timothy. **1 Timothy 2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.** I ask you again, who came first, the man or the woman? I ask you again, who was first formed, Adam or Eve? Those who teach that the woman came before the man are teaching false doctrine. They are perverting and twisting the word of God to suit their own thinking.

Consider the following statements concerning women preaching, pastoring, or teaching men.

Paul said that women should keep silent in the church. **1 Corinthians 14:34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.** Paul declared that it is a shame for women to speak in the church. **1 Corinthians 14:35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.** The word translated **shame** in this verse means base, disgraceful, dishonorable and filthy. Why would anyone want a woman to do that which is filthy, base, disgraceful and dishonorable in a church service? Any preacher who would encourage a woman to be disgraceful, base, and dishonorable in a church service is not fit to be pastor or preacher and we should have no fellowship with him.

Do you want your wife to do that which is disgraceful, to do that which is dishonorable, or to do that which is base and lowdown in a church service? Would you want your mother to do that which is disgraceful in a church service? Would you want your sister to do that which is disgraceful in a church service? Then for their sake do not encourage them to speak out or to preach in the services of the church.

Paul commanded that women be silent in the church in his epistle to Timothy. Paul said that women should learn in silence with all subjection. **1 Timothy 2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.** Paul said

that he did not allow women to teach men. **1 Timothy 2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.** He further declared that women were not to usurp authority over the man but were to be in silence.

How could a woman preach to the church or be pastor of a church and yet be in silence in the services of the church as God commands? To encourage a woman to preach or to teach men is to encourage her to violate the declared will of God found in the word of God.

It is clear from the qualifications of a pastor that that pastor must be a man, a male adult as opposed to women and children. **1 Timothy 3:1-2 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. (2) A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach.** The word bishop in these verses refers only to a man. He must be the husband of one wife. A husband can only be a man; a wife can only be a woman. There is no way a woman could meet the qualifications of being a pastor. She cannot preach and be silent in the church. She cannot be the husband of one wife. Any preacher who supports the idea of women pastors or preachers is a false teacher and needs to be avoided and not fellowshiped in church services, in Thanksgiving services, or in Bible conferences. **Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.** He should be treated as a minister of Satan teaching the doctrine of demons. **2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. (14) And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. (15) Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.**

Paul also taught that men were to lead in the public prayers in church services. **1 Timothy 2:8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.** The Greek word in this verse for men means a male adult. It does not mean a

woman or a child should lead in a public prayer in the church services. Those who reject the inspired teachings of Paul and teach that women can preach, pastor, or teach men in the services of the church are indicating that they think they are the source of truth, not the word of God. **1 Corinthians 14:36** *What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?* Jesus declared that God's word is truth. **John 17:17** *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

Those who teach that women should preach or pastor are simply disobedient to and rebellious toward truth. Those who teach that women should preach or pastor have absolutely no respect for God or his word. They are certainly not rightly dividing the word of truth and they ought to be ashamed. **2 Timothy 2:15** *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Paul declares that those who are truly spiritual and spirit led will acknowledge that what he has taught about women being silent are the commandments of God. **1 Corinthians 14:37** *If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.* A preacher or anyone else who denies that these are the commandments of God is ignorant of the truth. **1 Corinthians 14:38** *But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.* They are blind and are leaders of the blind. **Matthew 15:14** *Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.*

Such men are destitute of truth; they do not have the truth. **1 Timothy 6:3-5** *If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; (4) He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, (5) Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.*

CONCLUSION: Brethren, this is a very, very important lesson. Do not take it lightly. Do not let anyone persuade you that you should have those who bring another doctrine preach in your pulpit. Do not let anyone persuade you to believe that you should invite women to preach in your church. **Proverbs 23:23** *Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.* Say with David, **Psalms 119:72** *The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.* The lies of false teachers will soon be exposed for their error but the truth of God's word will endure forever. **Psalms 100:5** *For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.* **Psalms 119:160** *Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.* Which do you want taught in the church where you are a member or are the pastor? Do you want the lies of false teachers taught? Are do you want the eternal, everlasting truth of God taught? Do you want to be a preacher of truth are a preacher of demonic, satanic lies? Do you want to listen to a liar preach? Or do you want to listen to a preacher who preaches the truth preach? It is time to make a choice.

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