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* This Generation

One of our preachers, Charlie Scoville, in a revival, I think it was in Indiana made, some rather harsh comments about the modern day generation. Brother Charlie said, "The movies are a training ground for bank robbers, drug pushers, and violence." He also had some rather extreme comments about the modern day type of dancing. He said, "It has resulted in making the automobile a rolling house of prostitution." And then he said, "Converting such a cold-hearted generation as this by the gospel would be like trying to bloom roses at the North Pole." And to add insult to injury, Brother Charlie said, "Most Christians spend more money going to movies than they put in the offering on Sunday." And to top it off he said, "Most modern day preachers will not say anything like the prophet Nathan said to King David: 'THOU ART MAN!'"

I thought why would Brother Charlie say such terrible things? Actually that sermon was printed in a book and had a wide circulation. I looked back on the front inside cover, and saw that the book was published in 1924, and the sermon was preached by Charles Reign Scoville. I thought, Oh well, that's the way it was in what we called the roaring twenties. We don't do things like that today, DO WE?

Now Jesus also, had something to say about the younger generation. Jesus said, "Whereunto shall I liken this generation?" He said, "You are like children sitting in the marketplace who pipe unto their fellow and say, "We piped unto you and ye did not dance and then we wailed and ye did not mourn."

The Lord's description of His followers is perfect for today; they are like children playing in the market place, or the Mall. The church is a spectator sport. Attend the services and see the spectacle. If the music has a good beat, and if the program is a good show, and a few refreshment won't hurt the situation, we will return next Sunday. Like King Herod, Jesus is regarded as a sideshow. He wanted to see Jesus do a

miracle. When the Lord would not oblige, he got rid of Him and sent Him back to Pilate. Actually some looked upon the crucifixion as a good show. Matthew tells us: "And they sat and watched Him there." That describes the church today. Many come to see the show. Put on a good show and we will be back! The church has become a playground instead of a battleground.

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Then Jesus said something that sounds completely out of character. He began to upbraid the cities wherein most of His mighty works were done, because they repented not. Does that sound like Jesus? Jesus is so loving, and gentle he would never upbraid anyone. Actually no prophet, Apostle, or modern day preacher, ever said anything more harsh, than what Jesus said when He upbraided Bethsaida, Chorazin, and Capernaum. We need to remember there is such a thing as tough love. Love is not always uttering sweet things. He upbraids for our own good. Those who think otherwise have a warped, and twisted idea about the real Jesus.

Woe to thee Chorazin, Woe unto thee Bethsaida. Think of it, Bethsaida was the home town of Peter, Andrew, and Philip, three Apostles of Jesus. Is it not unthinkable that Jesus would say, "Woe to the people in the hometown of at least three Apostles, and then Woe unto thee Capernaum, Shalt thou be exalted into Heaven?" This question was a good question to ask concerning Capernaum. Capernaum was the headquarters of Jesus after He left Nazareth. Jesus worked more miracles here than anywhere else. They had every reason to be exalted into Heaven. They had been signally honored.

Jesus said that if the mighty works had been done in Sodom that were done in Capernaum it would have remained unto this day. What a terrible thought for those who reject the divinity of Jesus. More tolerable for the land of the Sodomites than for Capernaum; Sodom had been destroyed over 1800 years before that time, and Jude said, in verse 7,

"They are suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." What a terrible thought that there were people who had been damned four thousand years ago who will be better off on the day of judgment than people who reject the divinity of Christ today. Hear Him again; THOU CAPERNAUM, thou shalt go down unto Hades.

Capernaum was blessed above all other places. Great works took place there. The healing of the man let down through the roof, also His speech on the bread of life after the feeding of the 5,000, the healing of the centurion's servant, the healing of the man with the unclean demon and many others. All of these miracles had the same effect: rejection.

Capernaum should have been the easiest place in the world to go to Heaven from, but it became the easiest place in the world to go to Hell from. In a similar manner we have been greatly blessed. America has heard more gospel than any other place. Mighty works of God have been done in our streets. His word has been heard coast to coast, America is the easiest place in the world to go to Heaven from, and it is the easiest place in the world to go to Hell from. THOU CAPERNAUM THOU AMERICA!

Now in conclusion, after Jesus pronounced judgment on the unrepentant cities He raised His voice in prayer. "I thank thee O Lord of heaven and earth that Thou didst hide these things from the wise and understanding and didst reveal them unto babes. Yea Father, for so it was well pleasing in Thy sight."

Some things are hidden from us and we will never know in this life. The actual date of the Second Coming of Jesus is hidden from us. Jesus said so. He said no man knoweth the day or the hour when the Son of man cometh. The Apostles got a little inquisitive about coming things and Jesus told them, "It is not for you to know times or season's which the Father hath set within His own authority.

Some things are indeed hidden from us. Why does God allow earthquakes, cyclones, hurricanes, and volcanoes to destroy human life? That is what all the talk show hosts ask preachers on television every time it happens. The answer has to be, "I don't know. God has hidden some things from us."

Then again some things are neither hidden nor revealed. God leaves some things for us to find out for ourselves. Paul surely could have made good use of an SUV on his missionary tours. And what a blessing a lap top computer would have been when he wrote the epistle to the Romans. Why did not Moses fax Pharaoh a message, "Let my people go?" Can you imagine the Apostles with cell phones? What a blessing for Peter if he could have used his cell phone at the feeding of the 5,000, "Hey John, I am over here in section A, do you need any more fish back there in section Y? All right, I'll send Andrew over with a fresh batch." Some things are hidden, some things are revealed, and some things are neither hidden nor revealed. God put the oil in the ground, and the iron, and all the other elements and He lets us find out a few things for ourselves.

The plan of salvation has been revealed to us and is easy to understand. The word of God says: "What God hath joined together let not man put asunder." The Great Commission as recorded by Mark says, "He that believeth and is baptized

shall be saved." Belief and baptism have been joined together by that conjunction AND--And what God hath joined together let not man put asunder. On the Day of Pentecost Peter said, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Repentance and baptism have been joined together by that conjunction AND--and what the Holy Spirit hath joined together, let not man put asunder. Some things are hidden, some things revealed, and some things neither hidden nor revealed.





Dear Ed and Naomi,

I'm in Kampala, Uganda with Raymond Galiwango. We are involved in an outdoor crusade. We praise God for the decisions that were made last night. We actually lost count of how many were immersed into Christ. We will find out when we talk to the man who wrote their names down in a notebook. I wanted Raymond to know about your website. He doesn't think that you can be heard on Ugandan radio. We can see what the best ways are to help with the work in Uganda. Now Raymond has your info, so he can contact you. Thanks for the Bible stickers. I will pass them out this week. I pray for you, and the work. Please pray that great things will continue to happen here this week. I'm preaching about 200 yards directly in front of a Muslim grade school.

Because of Jesus,

Barry Kermeen, having a Crusade in Uganda

Dearest Minister of God,

Greetings to you in the blessed name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Just a few lines to thank you for your timely message, which I listened to on Radio Africa. I was a Muslim before but your message touched my heart deeply and ever since then my life is not the same again. Please help me to grow in my new found faith by sending a copy of complete Bible to me along with the correspondence Bible study course.

Yours in Christ Dauda, Nigeria, West Africa

Dear Bro. Bousman,

Yesterday I received 2 preaching cassettes which you sent to me on May 8th 2006. Your ministry had been a big blessing to ours here. We remain grateful for all the lessons and study materials including the Bibles you have given us. I hope to post more completed lessons to you this month when our Lord provides the funds to do so.

Your Brother in the LORD Mike Foday, from Monrovia, Liberia

My Dear Brother Bousman,

Please consider my changed of address as follows: Now I am in Bong Mines, Liberia working with the newly planted Church of Christ. Please consider to send for us many materials to help us in work. Thank you and wish you all the blessings of our Father in your work.

James, Evangelist Liberia, West Africa

Dear Ed & Naomi,

What a great blessing it has been for Joe and me to know two such dedicated servants of Christ, and to support your ministry. You are a much loved brother and sister in Christ and we will continue to support you with glad hearts. We were saddened and dismayed that you have been forced to suspend the sending of Bibles. We implore all who listen to your broadcasts and read this newsletter to send a donation, however small, to keep the Bibles moving into needy hands. If every person sent only \$10.00 a month, you would be as we folks in the South say, "in high cotton!" We will pray diligently and daily that you may continue to "sow the seeds."

In His name, Jeannie (Joe) Lindell, Horse Shoe, NC

Dear Ed & Naomi,

First of all thank you for sending copies (5 lessons). When I take your copies I'm so glad because I am in military place to finish my national service and to finish 12th grade and take matriculation to pass high grade. So everything which have been done (i.e. Spiritual things) are secretly. One day our boss call us and take us to our room and they saw everything but when they saw they get 2 Bibles from me and take it then they said be careful for yourself, but I'm not afraid about what they said because I'm afraid for one God only. The wonder thing is they take on the morning but I receive new Bible from you in the evening, so my Lord never leaves me alone. So thank you from full of my heart again and God bless you and make your camp the stronger one.

Your sister from Eritrea.

Postal service to Eritrea has been temporarily suspended E. Africa

Brother Ed Bousman.

Thank you for sending the Bibles on behalf of brother Joe Lindell to me in London. I received them all. I requested more Bible studies and brother Joe mailed me confirming that you will be sending more.

Today I received a Giant print NKJV Bible with 3 newsletters and 5 facts concerning the New Testament Church, I thank you Brother. Can you please send a good number of tracts "What saves man" and "Facts concerning the New Testament Church" You did well, I did need a giant print Bible. My glasses sometimes play games with my sight. Thank you.

Your brother and servant in Christ, London, UK

Dear Ones,

Today, my wife and I confronted a demanding question, "Where would we be, if Alexander Campbell and all those excited about New Testament Christianity as he was, had not, in their love for the Lord and His Word, developed the Restoration Movement? It was then that both of us realized, we, along with the rest of the world, would have been trapped in all the current, humanistic versions of Christianity, that also denied its essence! So we will give honor to whom honor is due and express out appreciation

for all the innovative and encouraging ways they materialized from their experiences that led us to appreciate all that Scripture would have for us, so that we could move on into God's better ways and take any, who might be ready to join us, there! In the near future we will explore those recent discoveries that wouldn't exist today in my life, without Restoration's previous labors of love! Thank you for your time and patience!

Wanting to be faithful to Him, Who is Faithful and True, Bob and Pat, Riverside, California

THE GLORY OF THE CROSS

Galatians 6:14 Communion Meditation

God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of my Lord Jesus Christ. At the crucifixion, Jesus went out bearing for Himself the cross. Paul tells us: How God made Him to be sin who knew no sin, that we might be made the right-eousness of God in Him. On the cross Jesus felt that He was guilty of every sin committed. He felt the guilt of every lie, every murder; He was every homosexual, every abortionist, every pimp, every drug addict. He was numbered with the transgressors, that we might be numbered among those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

We think of the cross as something beautiful. We have gold crosses, chrome crosses; it makes such a nice decoration. Actually the cross is ugly. When Peter first learned about the cross, He said, "Be it far from thee Lord, this shall never be unto Thee."

Many feel the same way now. When they sing, On a hill far away stood an Old rugged cross; that is what they really mean. Get that cross as far away from me as you can get it. If the cross could be thrown into the water like a fishing raft with a motor on it, or trimmed down into baseball bats, or made into bowling balls, it would be better. But the Old Rugged Cross is unacceptable.

A sign on the wall of one church where I preached advertised the coming appearance of a noted line backer to appear before the young people. I casually inquired why? An elder told me: "Well we must have something to draw the young people." I thought that is strange, Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto Me." And then I thought that gospel song must not be true. That song that says: Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose it's power.

But then I remembered the secret of the power of the cross, when I thought about the rustic preacher who preached a sermon with all kinds of grammatical mistakes. Someone asked him after the sermon: "Preacher, where in the world did you go to College?" The preacher said, "I ain't never been to College, but I been to Calvary." Have you been to Calvary for the cleansing power? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you freely trusting in His grace this hour? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

35th Annual Hillsboro Family Camp July 24th - 27th, 2006

Sunday Morning Worship, July 23rd Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. -- Worship - 10:30 a.m. Ed Bousman, preaching Area Rally - Sunday Evening, July 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Devotional Speaker - Bane Angles

- Featured Concert

	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	9:00-9:05		Congregational Singing		
Morning Worship	9:05-9:30				
	9:40-10:10		Terry Carter	Bruce Goosman	Steve Sams
One Song	10:10-10:20				
	10:20-10:50		Arron Chambers	Michael Vereen	Kevin Whitsett
One Song	10:50-11:00				
	11:00-11:35		Danny Evans	Harvey Bream	D.J. Maxey
Closing Prayer	11:35-11:40				
Scripture & Prayer					
	2:05-2:10		Congregational Singing		
	2:10-2:55		Jerry Paul	D.J. Maxey	3/5 Session
	2:55-3:05		Congregational Singing		
One Song	3:05-3:10				
	3:10-3:55		Global Ministry	Tony Sullivan	George Faull
Closing Prayer	3:55-4:00				
Scripture & Prayer	7:00-7:05				
Concert	7:05-7:20	Restoration Heirs		The Meltons	Art Bush
	7:20-7:50	Ray Bennett	George Faull	John Pressley	Mark Kjergaard
	7:50-8:15		Congregational Singing		
One Song	8:15-8:20				
	8:20-8:55	Arron Chambers	Tony Sullivan	Mark Fugate	Ed Bousman
Closing Prayer	8:55-9:00		<u> </u>	_	

Ladies Session - Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. - Cathy Griffith, Speaker Youth Sessions both morning and evening for all youth two years old an up. Afternoon recreation for all 1st - 12th graders.

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