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“And what I say unto you

I say unto all, Watch”

Mark 13:37

NEWSLETTER

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To all Christian Watch Members

Dear Friends,

We are spared through the goodness and mercy of our Lord God to provide you with further information. We trust you will find it informative with regard to the most solemn developments in both the United Kingdom and also some other nations and may the spiritual articles prove profitable. The recent exposure of the dishonest dealings of some members of the British Parliament, in illicitly claiming thousands of pounds worth of expenses, reveals a lack of integrity - which is very prevalent in our day. If our rulers cannot be trusted to honestly manage the financial affairs of the nation, neither can they be trusted in any other area of their responsibility.

Those of us who profess to be Christians and value the precious gifts the Lord has granted to us, together with our present liberty to make an open profession of our religious beliefs, carry a big responsibility to defend that which the Lord has in mercy bestowed upon us. The solemn question arises, as to how many or how few sufficiently value these blessings to contend for them. The late Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Carey, has given a forthright warning with regard to this situation, which we include under the title, **CHRISTIANS MUST TOUGHEN UP AND SPEAK OUT** (*originally published by the Christian Institute*). This article also contains comments by others in positions of responsibility who are aware of these dangers. Our silence provides greater opportunities for the devil and his followers to publicly present their deceitful message and, if they are not opposed, many will accept what they say as fact.

Because we do not contend for the biblical truths so dearly defended by our forebears, which - with the Lord's help and blessing - brought about the Reformation, we are in the process of witnessing them being replaced by the doctrines of false religions. The Muslims are vigorously attempting to promote and establish their Islamic religion in order to gain a dominant position over Christianity. Even the Roman Catholics are becoming concerned about this. We include an article entitled, **ISLAM IS FILLING EUROPE'S FAITH VOID** by the Archbishop of Prague, which details his concern for the future of the Church of Rome. It is certain that Satan will do all that the Lord permits in order to chastise His people for their slothfulness in defending His Word and the blessings He has so richly bestowed upon them.

The position of the Church of England becomes increasingly threatened by its departure from the thirty-nine articles upon which it was established. In addition to its own internal problems, the leader of the Conservative Party, David Cameron, is now attacking them for their stance against homosexuality. We include a section from an article by Ruth Gledhill of Timesonline entitled, **Cameron tells Rowan: Make your Church pro-gay**. It is very important for us each to communicate with David Cameron to advise him that he cannot expect our vote at the forthcoming General Election because of his support for the homosexual lobby. Address your letter as follows: The Rt. Hon. David Cameron, House of Commons, LONDON SW1A 0AA.

We are living in a time, which many believe to be the latter period of this final dispensation, prior to Christ's return to this earth. It is certain that wickedness is increasing in many nations. The United States of America has been wonderfully favoured by the Lord since the Gospel was first preached there. How sad it is to learn that their President is endorsing homosexual relationships. We include an article by Peter LaBarbera - President of Americans for Truth - entitled, **President Obama on Homosexuality** in which the President claims that such a relationship is just as real, admirable and normal as a relationship between a man and woman. Before he came to office he claimed he was a moderate Christian, but how false this claim has proved to be.

It has recently been revealed that the British Government are in such a financial mess that they are offering to sell the Port of Dover, probably to a French organisation, in order to raise funds to provide for their immediate financial requirements. What an illustration of our Government's attitude towards the preservation of our National sovereignty, for which so many gave their lives to defend in two world wars. We include details of this proposed transaction under the title, **THE WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER TO BE SOLD TO HELP REDUCE GOVERNMENT DEBT** by Vanessa Allen - MailOnline. We wonder what action the people of Dover will take? A century ago there would probably have been a civil uprising in the area. How sad it is to witness such a rapid decline in a nation, which has been so favoured by the Lord, particularly as we know the cause. The poet Sidney Collett, who departed from this life in 1941, very ably put into verse both the malady and the remedy, which we include under the title, **BRITAIN'S PERIL**.

Thankfully, we have one, at least, presently in our National Church who opposes many of the evil practices that have been either adopted or proposed by the British Government. The latest move is to allow the Director of Public Prosecutions, Keir Starmer QC, to decide whether or not a person should be prosecuted if they assist a sick or disabled person to take their own life. We include an article reproduced from the Daily Mail under the title, **ARCHBISHOP OF YORK CONDEMNS THE PUSH FOR MERCY KILLINGS**. The Word of God is very clear with regard to the fact that only the God who gave us life at birth has the prerogative to remove it. Therefore, if we take our own

life or someone else purposefully ends it, it is either suicide or murder and the Bible clearly and solemnly warns us with regard to the eternal consequences of such a deed.

There are so many events taking place in our nation which surely emphasise the urgent need to promote the Word of God. Consequently we are making available, free of charge, hand out literature in packs of 25. Details of this offer are given under the title, **PROMOTE THE WORD OF GOD.**

What an infinite mercy it is that we have One to go to with all our burdens, circumstances, afflictions, cares and concerns who is able to do for us exactly what He sees we need. What is more important, He never fails to do that which He knows to be best for us. Therefore, in our asking, we need to pray for submission to the Lord's will. We include an encouraging discourse by the late Dr. Doudney entitled, **GOD ALL SUFFICIENT**, which we hope you will find helpful.

There are various Christian denominations who promote the erroneous doctrine of universal salvation, as do the Mormon's, for example. They state in their brochure that Jesus Christ suffered and died for the sins of everyone who has lived or who will live on the earth. However, there are many scripture references to confirm the doctrines of election and pre-destination. The late Pastor William Gadsby wrote a short article on the subject which we include under the title, **WHY DID CHRIST DIE?**

Our National Campaign Manager, Andy Clarke, continues to be fully occupied with increasing requests for assistance and support by our Members. We are thankful that there is a progressive willingness by Christians to actively oppose so much wickedness in our nation. This is evident from the information given in the **CHRISTIAN WATCH NOTICE BOARD.** Unless we do that which the Lord requires of us to stand firm for His Word and Commandments, it will eventually result in the complete loss of our religious liberties and the inevitable persecution which follows.

Finally, we must apologise for the late delivery of some of our January Newsletters. This was caused by a breakdown of the printing machine during the print run. Obviously we have no control over such situations and our printer, who is equally apologetic, had to wait for the repair to be carried out. We wish you the Lord's blessing and value your prayerful support.

Yours, in the Lord's service,



David Crowter

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CHRISTIANS MUST TOUGHEN UP AND SPEAK OUT: Lord Carey

Christians in Britain are too soft and should be more outspoken in defence of their beliefs, according to Lord Carey, the former Archbishop of Canterbury.

Besides advocating a “tougher church”, Lord Carey also called for the immigration system to prioritise immigrants who respect Britain’s historic Christian values.

Lord Carey made his remarks in an interview for BBC Radio 5 live’s Breakfast programme.

He said: “I think we need a tougher church. We Christians are very often so soft that we allow other people to walk over us and we are not as tough in what we want, in expressing our beliefs, because we do not want to upset other people.

“We have got to be more outspoken.”

Stressing the importance of the issue, the former Archbishop said: “I worry about my grandchildren.

“I want this country to carry on being one that values the Christian heritage, but most of all values the democratic standards and all that this country has fought over.”

Lord Carey also said immigration policy should focus on new immigrants “sharing our values” otherwise the country risked becoming destabilised and separated into ghettos.

A member of the parliamentary Cross-Party Group on Balanced Migration, which has recently spoken out on the issue, Lord Carey said priority should be given to immigrants whose values are compatible with Britain’s Christian heritage.

He emphasised that he was not calling for a ban on non-Christian immigration, but warned that current immigration policy would lead to “deep trouble”.

Lord Carey also wrote a column in The Times yesterday in which he said: “It is my firm view that our society owes more to our Christian heritage than it realises, and to overlook this inheritance of faith will lead to the watering down of the very values of tolerance, openness, inclusion and democracy that we claim are central to all we stand for.”

He added: “Just as we should expect immigrants to subscribe to democratic principles, abide by our laws, speak English, support freedom of speech and a free press, so they should also respect the Christian nature and history of our nation with its broad, hospitable Establishment.”

The former Archbishop’s comments have been contrasted with those of his successor, Dr Rowan Williams.

In 2008 Dr Williams provoked major controversy when he suggested accommodating parts of Muslim Sharia law into the British legal system.

Instead Lord Carey’s views echo Dr Michael Nazir-Ali’s strong warnings about the threat to Britain’s Christian values from radical Islam.

Dr Nazir-Ali stepped down as Bishop of Rochester last year to work with persecuted Christians overseas and Muslim converts to Christianity in Britain.

He said that to counter radical Islam, and aggressive secularism, “there must be a clear recognition of where Britain has come from, what the basis is for our society and how that can contribute to the common good.”

ISLAM IS FILLING EUROPE'S FAITH VOID, Says RC Leader

Europe faces Islamisation because it has denied its Christian roots, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Prague has warned.

Cardinal Miloslav Vlk said Europe will “pay dear” for having left its spiritual foundations, and said that it was now in the last period when a chance remained to do something about it.

Cardinal Vlk made his remarks in an interview to mark his retirement after 19 years leading the Czech Roman Catholic Church.

“Unless the Christians wake up,” the Cardinal said, “life may be Islamised and Christianity will not have the strength to imprint its character on the life of people, not to say society.”

He also said that one motive of Muslims immigrating to Europe was to bring their religion to “the pagan environment of Europe, to its atheistic style of life.”

But he said that Europeans had brought the crisis on themselves by exchanging European Christian culture for an aggressive atheistic secularism.

Czech historian Martin C Putna endorsed the Cardinal's remarks. He said: “It is of course true that Europe has given up its Christian values and that has created a vacuum, filled by everything from New Age to Islam.”

Europe is home to 38 million Muslims, around 5 per cent of its population.

European Muslims account for 2.4 per cent of the worldwide Muslim population.

Statisticians have recently predicted that European Union countries including Britain can expect to see a large increase in the Muslim population by the middle of the 21st century.

They say increasing levels of immigration from Muslim countries and low birth rates among Europeans could bring the EU's Muslim population up to 20 per cent by 2050.

Acknowledgment to The Christian Institute

Cameron tells Rowan: Make your Church pro-gay

TIMESONLINE – Ruth Gledhill –WBLG, 5 February 2010 (Extract from an article)

Tory leader David Cameron has launched an astonishing attack on the Church of England over its attitudes to homosexuality. In an interview with the gay magazine Attitude, Cameron tells award-winning journalist Johann Hari that ‘our Lord Jesus’ would back equality and gay rights if he were around today. He says he doesn't want to get into a row with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams, “But I think the church has to do some of the things that the Conservative Party has been through – sorting this issue out and recognising that full equality is a bottom line full essential.”

Cameron is a member of the Church of England. He worships at a liberal High Anglican church in Kensington and his daughter attends the local church school.

President Obama on Homosexuality

By Peter LaBarbera – President of 'Americans for Truth'

Obama contradicts nature and nature's God by declaring homosexuality-based relationships 'as admirable' as normal couples.

Chicago, Illinois – President Obama used the bully pulpit to defy the Creator, by brazenly declaring before a homosexual activist audience that homosexuality-based relationships are "just as real and admirable" as normal relationships between a man and a woman.

Here is how one influential homosexual activist reacted to the President's unprecedented endorsement of the homosexual lifestyle:

"Finally, we have heard something quite remarkable from the President. You will see a time in which we as a nation finally recognize relationships between two men or two women as just as real and admirable as a relationship between a man and a woman. This was a historic speech when we felt the full embrace and commitment of the President of the United States. It's simply unprecedented."

Peter LaBarbera's response: "President Obama has taken his audacity to new levels, equating sin-based relationships to the normal and natural male-female relationship that finds its best fulfillment in God-ordained procreative marriage. During the presidential campaign, Obama once punted on an abortion-related query as to when life begins, saying that was above his "pay grade". Too bad he didn't attempt a similar evasion on homosexuality.

"The President has gone over his pay grade on this one. Homosexual practice is a moral issue, settled by the Creator and His clear design of nature since the beginning of time. Obama can no more declare with any authority that abnormal, homosexuality-based relationships are as 'admirable' as normal relationships than he can proclaim that each day will have 30 hours instead of 24, to increase America's productivity.

"The President could not be more wrong. Homosexual relationships are immoral unions. Moreover, when the government treats such deviant relationships in the same way as marriage it risks placing, through gay adoption, thousands of children in homes that are either motherless or fatherless by design. This is another misguided homosexual demand advanced by Obama.

"Perhaps the President needs to meet at the White House with some ex-homosexuals who now live in natural man-woman marriages and who were delivered from the bondage of their sinful practices.

"Obama sold himself to the American electorate as a moderate Christian who believes deeply in traditional marriage between a man and women. Yet the more he panders and postures to his impatient homosexual allies, the more Obama's supposed embrace of the husband and wife marriage becomes a farce and one apparently designed to fool voters who didn't know about his real, radically pro-homosexual and pro-transsexual agenda. We hope that his cynical habit of talking out of both sides of his mouth on the homosexual issue will be his undoing."

Abridged

THE WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER TO BE SOLD TO HELP REDUCE GOVERNMENT'S DEBT

MailOnline – 8 February 2010

by VANESSA ALLEN

For generations Dover has stood as an indomitable symbol of Britain's freedom and independence.

The town, with its white cliffs, port and sprawling castle stood at the very edge of the nation's frontier with the Continent. But now part of that proud history is up for sale and the leading bidder is revealed as the former age-old enemy - France.

The Port of Dover is being recommended by Government advisers for sale to the French authorities. It is one of a string of public assets which have been earmarked for privatisation as the Government battles with a record £830billion national debt.

The proposal for the port has promoted outrage. Prospective Tory parliamentary candidate for Dover, Charles Elphicke said: "It is clear Gordon Brown has no sense of the history of nation or the pride of our town.

"How dare he consider selling it all off to the French? Dover is the English border. The people of Dover have a clear message for him – hands off our port, hands off the English border."

A sale of the Port of Dover, Europe's busiest ferry port, could net up to £350million for the Treasury. Its harbour board applied to the Transport Secretary for voluntary privatisation last month. The sale is expected to be rubberstamped and the leading bidder has emerged as Nord-pas-de-Calais regional council, which also owns Calais.

The French port is just 21 miles away across the Channel and the sale would mark a dramatic reversal in the fortunes of the two towns. Calais was captured by the English under Edward III in 1347, and the occupation lasted for more than two centuries. From 1536, the town sent MPs to Parliament but the French recaptured the town in 1558.

The Port of Dover is the largest British port still in the public sector and made a profit of £15.1million in 2008. It is a 'trust port', meaning all revenues are reinvested into it, and it is now seeking £400million to expand. Bosses anticipate a doubling in freight traffic by 2040. Chief Executive Bob Goldfield said: "The time is right for the voluntary privatisation of Dover.

"We want to invest around £400million on a second terminal and need to invest in the existing terminal, but are unable to because of public sector borrowing constraints. We want to throw off the shackles to enable us to invest in the future."

Other major ports were sold off under the 1991 Ports Act, but Dover was retained because of uncertainty over how construction of the Channel Tunnel might affect it. Gwyn Prosser, the town's Labour MP, warned that jobs could be lost. The port's workforce has shrunk by 60% over the past eight year. Mr. Prosser said: "This is a strategic asset and we must be careful about the import of foreign capital."

BRITAIN'S PERIL

By Sidney Collett

O, Britain! Thou privileged nation!
How greatly by thy Lord hath been blest!
Thou hast, since the great Reformation,
Had liberty, riches and rest.

The Bible laid firm thy foundations,
The Sabbath Day gave thee thy rest,
Though envied by all other nations,
Thy land by no foe was oppressed.

These blessings were not of thy making,
Thy God is the giver of all,
But, if Divine laws thou art breaking,
Like Babylon, thou too shalt fall.

What spirit can now have seduced thee?
What means all this unrest within?
Hath conscience e'en now not accused thee
Of Godless indulgence in sin?

The Bible – God's great revelation –
Thy people neglect and despise,
While doctrines of man's commendation,
Are "highly esteemed" in thine eyes.

Thy Sabbaths – no longer kept holy –
Are given to pleasure and gain;
And thus, with gross, impious folly,
God's rest day thy people profane!

The Preachers how few preach God's Message!
The services "pleasant" are made;
And "Sunday" amusements, all presage
Thy glory beginning to fade.

Thy Leaders – for "party" contending –
Seem blind to the country's true weal;
On human devices depending,
They promise thy troubles to heal.

Thy people – some drunken with pleasure,
While others with cares are engrossed;
For God – oh! How few can find leisure!
And soon, alas! All will be lost.

Thy army and navy will fail thee,
If thus the Lord God thou forsake;
Political schemes won't avail thee,
If sacred commandments thou break.

For God has His eyes on this nation;
O, Britain! To thee will be sent
The doom of thy just condemnation,
Except, ah! "except thou repent."

Then humble thee, proud British nation,
Give diligent heed to God's Word.
Appoint now a Day of Confession,
And turn from thy sins to the Lord.

For God is a God of compassion,
So, if thou His mercy implore,
He'll stay thy deserved retribution,
And favour Great Britain once more.

Sidney Collett passed to his eternal rest in 1941 in his 84th year.

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By John Owen

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ARCHBISHOP OF YORK CONDEMNS THE PUSH FOR MERCY KILLINGS

Daily Mail - 2nd February 2010

By Steve Doughty and Fay Schlesinger

Mercy killing is being legalised on the back of a celebrity-driven campaign and without reference to Parliament, the Archbishop of York claimed yesterday.

Dr. John Sentamu condemned the current bandwagon of fashionable opinion seeking to allow relatives to help the sick and dying commit suicide without fear of prosecution. He spoke out on the day of a high-profile pro-euthanasia intervention by best-selling author Sir Terry Pratchett along with the publication of two opinion polls suggesting a backing for reform.

Referring to the polls, the Archbishop said: "The silent majority never get asked. One thousand people out of about 61 million is really not very much guidance".

"Once you begin to open this particular door, it won't be long before you start having mercy killings. I would rather listen to the voices of disabled people than to the voices of celebrities or the voices of 1,000 people in an opinion poll."

He said that Parliament has twice rejected laws to legalise assisted dying, yet a euthanasia law appears to be on the way on the back of a campaign composed of celebrity endorsements and opinion polls.

The Crown Prosecution Service confirmed that Director of Public Prosecutions Keir Starmer, QC, will produce his final guidelines on assisted suicide within the next five weeks. They are likely to say that nobody will be prosecuted for helping someone to kill themselves if they acted in response to the sick or disabled individual's request and if they stood to make no personal gain.

The DPP has written his rules in response to a request from the Law Lords, who decided that the Human Rights Act means that people should know when they face a risk of prosecution for helping with a suicide. Over the past week a powerful campaign to make assisted suicide legal has built up, fuelled by a series of interviews with Kay Gilderdale, the devoted mother cleared of attempted murder after she admitted assisting in the suicide of her 31-year-old daughter, who was paralysed by ME.

Yesterday the campaign was boosted by a speech by author Sir Terry, given the platform of the prestigious Richard Dimbleby Lecture by the BBC to call for legal tribunals with the power to decide who should be allowed to end their lives.

And two opinion polls asserted that three out of four people believe relatives should be allowed to help terminally ill loved ones to die. One poll for BBC's Panorama, carried out by Com.Res, said 73 per cent think family or friends should not have to fear prosecution if they help a loved one to die.

It is said 74 per cent think doctors should be able to help patients end their lives.

A poll by YouGov for the Daily Telegraph said 80 per cent of 2,053 people questioned thought relatives should not be prosecuted for helping the terminally ill in their wish to die.

But detailed arguments against assisted suicide submitted to Mr Starmer by churches, MP's and disability lobby groups have failed to win publicity.

Peers voted by 194 to 141 in July to reject a law that would have removed the threat of prosecution from those who help dying relatives travel abroad to die. Assisted dying laws were also rejected in the Lords in 2006, and the Commons has not debated the matter in recent years. The Suicide Act of 1961 makes it a crime to help someone kill themselves, with a maximum jail sentence of 14 years. Yet since 2003 more than 100 people have gone to the Dignitas clinic in Zurich to die and not one of the relatives who helped them has been prosecuted.

Mr Starmer's guidelines, published in draft form in September, say there should be no prosecution; when the victim wanted to die and had asked for help to do so; where they had a terminal disease or incurable disability; where the person who helped them to die was motivated entirely by compassion; and where the assistance came from a spouse, partner, or close relative or friend. But the Church of England says there could be no good safeguards against abuse of a right-to-die law. And MP's of the all-party pro-life group said Mr Starmer's guidelines 'embody value judgments characteristic of the assisted suicide lobby.'

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GOD ALL-SUFFICIENT

By Dr. D.A. Doudney

“But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

What a rich and exceedingly full promise is this! Just like the Almighty God, and so suitable to the creature; for who could supply all our need, both for body and soul, but He to whom all things belong, whose also is the power, the riches, and the glory? Should not the children of God take encouragement from such a sweet word as this, and believe that all their *real* need will be supplied? Yes, sure we ought; and no doubt this promise has been precious to many, while others, perhaps, fear to claim it as theirs, or as spoken to them, because of its greatness, or because they think their need to be so different from others. But that which is impossible with men is possible with God, for the need of all nations cannot exceed the fullness there is in Christ.

But what is our need – our present pressing trial? Is it the want of strength, bodily strength, to fill our position in life? Then the Lord graciously says, “As thy days, so shall thy strength be” (Deut 33:25). Looking to Him each morning for the help and strength needed through the day, we shall realise that He will supply this need; though, perhaps, like our dear Master, we may only have strength enough, and none to spare. Is it guidance we need? Are we perplexed, and know not which way to take? Let us then wait upon the Lord in prayer, and watch His hand towards us. He has said, “I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go.” (Psalm 32:8); and if, like Gideon, we are fearful of taking a wrong step, He will in mercy condescend to our low estate, and confirm us in the right way, in answer to prayer; although it is more God-glorifying, perhaps, if we can, when first assured of the Lord’s will, go forward, relying on His word, as Peter did (Acts 10:20).

Some time ago, I noticed a little girl playing at her garden gate, when all of a sudden she opened it and ran out, afterwards returning with her father. The words came into my mind, “Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him;” (Psa103:13) and I longed thus to run and meet my heavenly Father, at the sound of His voice or footstep. “Draw me; we will run after Thee”(Song 1:4). But how far superior is the one to the other! “That little girl,” I thought, “may lose her father by death, and perhaps very suddenly; but not so the child of God. He is the Everlasting Father, Husband, Brother, Friend, and death will be the very means of bringing us more fully to know and love Him.”

Or, perhaps, our pressing trial may be straitened circumstances, for many of the Lord’s people, who are not really poor, may feel this; but the Lord says He will supply all our need. Will He take care of the sparrows, and neglect His own dear children, when He says the very hairs of your head are all numbered? Never! Never! He loves them too well. He may *try* them, but never *forget* them. And oh, with what gratitude do they partake of a meal which seems to have come direct from heaven, and in answer to prayer! We may safely conclude their asking a blessing at such a time is no form, though, perhaps –

“Their lips will only tremble
With the thanks they cannot speak.”

Thus the Lord gets glory to His dear Name by the gratitude of His tried people.

Is it wisdom we want? The Lord can supply this need, as He says in James 1:5, He will deign to listen to us if we ask His gracious Majesty about the most trifling things. As the poet says –

“Our life’s minutest circumstance
Is subject to His eye.”

His exalted state in glory does not make Him less willing to aid His people than when He was on earth.

Is it sorrow that presses us down – perhaps heavy family trials? The Lord says, “I know their sorrows” (Exod. 3:7); and, if He knows them, He also feels them, and will deliver, as He did in the case of Israel of old, though perhaps not so quickly as we should like. But we may pour out our hearts before Him, and sometimes even the very act of doing this brings relief.

Or, it may be, we are misunderstood. David knew this (2 Sam.10), and also David's Lord; therefore He can sympathise with His dear people. How exceedingly painful this must have been to our dear Lord the three-and-thirty years He was on earth; for not only was He misunderstood by the world, but it seems also by His disciples (Matt. 16: 21 – 23); and if sometimes we tread the same path, may we prove it is in sympathy with our once suffering Head; and, if this trial should quicken us in prayer, bringing us more often to the throne of grace, it will be amongst the "all things" that are working for our good.

If we feel to need a broken heart, or tender conscience, or meekness, love, gratitude, and humility, the Lord can supply us with these things. "Ask, and ye shall receive." He gives a new heart and a new spirit (Ezek. 36:26); and oh, how blessed are those who have the Holy Spirit within, the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is a holy-making Spirit (Gal. 5:22,23).

And, if the Lord supplies all our need in body and soul, through life, we must surely believe He will be with us at death, for that must be included in the "all". Oh, yes, the Lord will help His dear children then, and give strength when it is needed: "The thing of a day in his day, as the matter shall require" (1 Kings 8:59, margin). *Now* we require grace to live with; at death we shall require grace to die with, and the Lord has promised both. The Apostle says, "But my God shall supply all your need," not according to what I may wish for you, or you may wish for yourselves, for the Lord often gives exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think, but "according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus"(Phil 4:19), and His riches are "unsearchable" (Eph. 3:8).

He that hath helped me hitherto,
Will help me all my journey through,
And give me daily cause to raise,
New Ebenezers to His praise

John Newton.

Christian Watch Notice Board

Introduction

Many members have expressed the need for practical material, training and assistance to help them raise their voices for the truth. So we will endeavour to include practical material in the monthly newsletter that you can use to promote our work and become more effective witnesses and contenders in your area.

We *welcome any suggestions* and comments about the material and assistance you would find most useful.

Can you make a stand?

We have two new members in Northern Ireland who decided to present the Biblical model of marriage at a local 'Wedding Fare' which included 'civil partnership' material and help.



With only a few days notice they stood outside the exhibition with one person holding a poster that stated '*Biblical Marriage = 1 Man + 1 Woman*' and quoted Genesis 2:24 '*Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh*' and the other person holding a Bible.

Here is what they reported to us:

"The owner told us we were affecting his business and threatened to call the police (which he did), and when they arrived, they told us our placard was provocative and that a complaint had been made against us. One of the officers was obnoxious, threatening and intimidating and threatened to arrest us on the spot if we continued to display our placard. So the instrument of provocation was the Word of God, it was deemed too provocative to be seen. We reluctantly complied with the officers demands."

A stand for righteousness was made and two local Newspapers featured the protest. It also now provides the opportunity to confront the Police concerning their conduct, which in turn helps us try and prevent any further such abuses of authority in the future. We ask for your prayers whilst we pursue a complaint with the Police and encourage you, where you can, to follow the example of this faithful couple and make a stand in your area for the clear teaching of scripture.

Activities

I have attended a number of very fruitful seminars and conferences this year and I am glad to report it appears the people of God are waking up to the dangers we face and the need for bold and prompt prayerful *action*.

I met with a group of ladies in Crowborough (Sussex) concerned about the state of the nation and eager to learn what more could be done. What a blessing they were to me and was evidence of how important it is for us *ALL* to 'contend' in these dark days. The role of mothers and grandmothers has never been more needful, particularly in defending the hearts and minds of our children and young people.

I also spoke at a meeting of the London Christian Watch Local Group in the Westminster Baptist Church. Again this proved profitable with new engagements booked and new members joining Christian Watch. It was agreed that we would meet again and that the London Local Contact Group committee would write a letter to David Cameron the leader of the Conservative Party to encourage his promotion of biblical marriage and express strong opposition to defining 'civil partnerships' as a legitimate marriage.

Public Meetings, God willing

Scotland

I will be *in Scotland on 22nd February* for a planning meeting (see CSGWATCH details below) and for the week from the 5th – 10th April for public meetings and campaigning on the CSGWATCH issue. Here we hope to raise more awareness of Christian Watch and the need for prayerful action, particularly just prior to a general election.

Northern Ireland

I will be in Northern Ireland for the 12th – 17th April with a public meeting already booked in *Enniskillen at 7:30pm on 13th April* (details to be confirmed).

England and Wales

We have a meeting booked in *Telford for 26th April* (details to be confirmed) with a follow up Local Contact Group

Planning and Setup meeting on 10th May.

IMPORTANT

Please let us know if you would like a public meeting in your area. If you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland – *please let me know urgently.* You do not have to be concerned about large numbers of people – it is faithful, *active* saints required – not the ‘professing’ masses!

CSGWATCH Campaign

The local campaign in Glasgow to stop tax funded abuse of Jesus Christ, the Bible and Christians by Culture and Sport Glasgow and Glasgow City Council continues. You can find details and the national media coverage at www.CSGWATCH.com/latestnews.html

Campaign Meeting

I will be at the ***David Lloyd Centre at 7:30pm on 22nd February*** for a planning meeting to progress the CSGWATCH campaign and look at other areas of action in the Glasgow area. All Christian Watch members are welcome to come along with any others of ‘like mind’ yet to become members.

What Can You Do?

I mentioned above about producing practical resources that Christian Watch members can use to help our work. Here is the most important need – **PRAYER.**

It seems so obvious, but prayer is so often overlooked in our rush to be busy in the Lord’s work. However, it is the fervent seeking for the Lord’s guidance, protection, and power we need above all else. Moses saved Israel (Exodus 37: 7-14), Abraham saved his family (Genesis 18:22-32), Peter was miraculously released from prison (Acts 12:5-10) and the prophet Elijah called fire from heaven (1 Kings 18:20-40).....*all through prayer.*

Not only are the scriptures full of examples of the power of ‘effectual’ prayer (James 5:16) but our recent report ‘*When the Nation Prayed*’ (see page 9 for details) further highlights the Lord’s many deliverances during World War II. It is not a new government or even ‘making a stand’ we need most, but a change of the heart.

‘If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land’ (2Ch 7:14).

So may we encourage you to consider meeting *regularly* with like minded people to pray that the Lord in His mercy may glorify Himself with a mightily move of His Spirit amongst us once more. The God of Moses, Abraham, Elijah, and Peter – is still the same ‘miracle worker’.

Every blessing

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WHY DID CHRIST DIE?

William Gadsby (1773 – 1844)

According to some people, Christ died to give all a chance of being saved! I do not know that I dislike anything more in my soul than to hear that. It makes Jesus Christ so little - that He should do so much, and after all only to give us a chance of being saved.

Why, if a man is set up in business, you see how often it happens that he fails in it; and if man cannot manage the paltry things of time and sense without being insolvent, what will he do with eternal realities? And if you come a little closer, when God "made man upright" and he had no sinful nature, what did he do with his innocence? He lost it all! And yet poor presumptuous man has the vanity to think you and I could manage the chance of being saved.

What an insult it is to the Lord Jesus Christ to fix the eternal honour of God upon chance, and that chance to be managed by a poor sinful creature who is tumbling into half a dozen holes every hour of his life! NO, NO. Thanks be to God for immortal realities and certainties.

WHAT IS SAID CONCERNING WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE?

He has "put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself;" He has "finished transgression and made an end of sin;" He has "redeemed us from all iniquity;" He has "redeemed us from the curse of the law," from destruction and from the power of the devil; He has "obtained eternal redemption for us;" He has "redeemed us to God." To the honour of the Eternal Trinity it is said, not that the redeemed shall have a chance, but that the redeemed shall "come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

The Lord Jesus Christ has done this "great" work; and He has gone to heaven shouting "Victory," for "God is gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet." He rose from the grave as a demonstrative proof that sin was destroyed, law satisfied, God honoured, His people eternally and everlastingly saved. And the immortal honours of God unite in their salvation; therefore, He ever lives at the right hand of the Father to make intercession.

William Gadsby (1773-1844) for 38 years was pastor of the Strict Baptist church at Manchester and a well-known preacher in his day. He compiled a selection of hymns including many of his own composition and published them in a hymnbook, which is still used by congregations today.

The works of God proclaim
The greatness of his power;
Jehovah is his name;
The saints his name adore;
All creatures are at his control;
He rules and reigns from pole to pole.

Gadsby Hymnbook 559

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