

I hope they know where they are leading us.

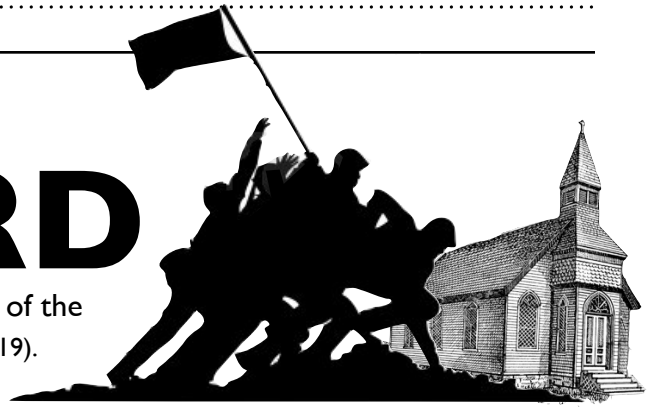
We lambs hope so too!

“Keep That Which Is Committed To Thy Trust.”
(First Timothy 6:20)



Lifting Up The STANDARD

“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him” (Isaiah 59:19).



Challenging And Encouraging God's Remnant To Remain Faithful

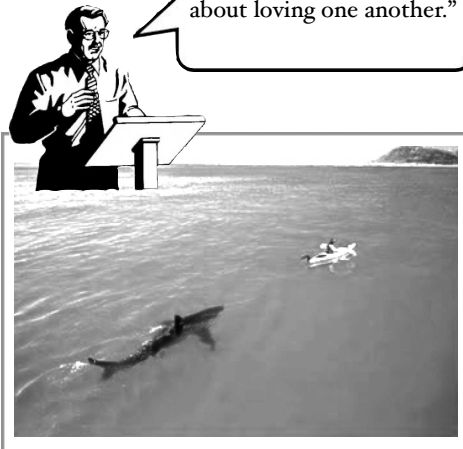
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“My People Are Destroyed For Lack of Knowledge”

(Hosea 4:6).

To be destroyed is to be ruined physically, emotionally, or spiritually. We use the word in a manner such as “illness destroyed his career.” The Hebrew word translated “destroyed” in Hosea 4:6 is “damah.” It has been translated “brought to silence” in Isaiah 15:1. How were God’s people destroyed in Hosea’s day? The answer is plain, it was “for lack of knowledge.”

“Today we begin our series about loving one another.”



“The Lack of Knowledge”

The phrase “what you don’t know won’t hurt you” is one of the most ridiculous statements ever made, and is totally contrary to the Word of God. God warns us that His people are “destroyed

for lack of knowledge.” Knowledge is simply an accumulation of facts. The situation in Hosea’s day was not that the facts were not available, the problem was that the leadership was refusing to teach the facts to God’s people.

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Exposing Error: Is It Worthwhile?



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Objection is often raised even by some sound in the faith regarding the exposure of error as being entirely negative and of no real edification. Of late, the hue and cry has been against any and all negative teaching. But, the brethren who assume this attitude forget that a large part of the New Testament, both of the teaching of our blessed Lord Himself and the writings of the apostles, is made up of this very character of ministry—namely, showing the Satanic origin. Therefore, the unsettling results of the propagation of erroneous systems which Peter, in his second epistle, so definitely refers to as “damnable heresies.”

Our Lord prophesied,

“Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.”

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Apostasy Has Flooded Into Our “Movement” And It Will Also Flood Into Our Churches Unless We Take Action!

We can face the fact that apostasy has flooded into our movement at an alarming rate or we can just go on with “business as usual.” To face the facts is to come face to face with the truth about something. Facing the facts includes accepting the outcome of doing something about a situation, or doing nothing about a situation.

For example, if your doctor tells you that you have an infection in a cut on your hand and explains a simple cure, you must face the fact that you have an infection. Then, you must decide to listen to the doctor’s advice or decide to do nothing about the problem. To do nothing is to lack intelligence or common sense. To do nothing about the apostasy we face today is to lose our young people to the false doctrines that are coming in like a flood.

The two most critical areas of apostasy today are the turning away from what the Bible teaches about repentance, and separation. Many leaders in our fundamental movement are now dumping these doctrines for one reason or another.

Our Young People Need To Know The Source of Our Present Day Flood of Apostasy

The apostasy that is flooding our churches is not coming from the evangelical movement. The flood is not coming from the unsaved world. The source of our apostasy is our own *movement*.

What Is A Movement?

The dictionary says a movement is, “a group of people working together to advance their shared political, social, or artistic ideas.” In the early 1900s, liberalism and modernism were coming in like a flood. Concerned Christian leaders reasoned together concerning how to combat the problem. We concluded if we were going to battle liberalism, modernism, communism, socialism, and all the other “isms” we would need to have an “isms” of our own; we called it fundamentalism. We by-passed God’s plan for local churches to do His work and organized our fundamental *movement*. Our movement has become the main source of the present day apostasy in our fundamental churches.

The Repentance Issue

The teaching that repentance is not necessary for salvation is a “damnable heresy” that has flooded into our churches in recent days. **Let’s get it straight! It is a “damnable heresy.”** Jesus said “Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.” Where did this “damnable heresy” come from? It didn’t come from the evangelical movement, it came from our fundamental movement.

The Sword of The Lord was one of the most influential para-church *movements* to first promote this heresy that will

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Within our own day, how many false prophets have risen; and oh, how many are the deceived!

Paul predicted,

“I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch.”

My own observation is that these “grievous wolves,” alone and in packs, are not sparing even the most favoured flocks. Under-shepherds in these “perilous times” will do well to note the apostle’s warning:

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers.”

It is as important in these days as in Paul’s—in fact, it is increasingly important to expose the many types of false teaching that, on every hand, abound more and more. We are called upon to “contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints,” while we hold the truth in love. The faith means the whole body of revealed truth, and to contend for all of God’s truth necessitates some negative teaching. The choice is not left with us.

Jude said,

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ” (Jude 3, 4).

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damn a soul to an eternity in Hell. When Curtis Hutson was in charge of the paper, he wrote a booklet entitled, *“Repentance: What Does the Bible Teach?”* He did not tell us what the Bible teaches, and he did not tell us what godly men have been teaching for hundreds of years. He told us what Jack Hyles believed. Hutson wanted to support his friend Hyles, who widely promoted his heresy that repentance was the enemy of soul-winning and Hutson used the Sword of The Lord to do it. If the evangelical movement had changed the plan of salvation into a damnable heresy we would have come out with guns blazing; however, if our movement presents heresy it is accepted by thousands of puppet pastors who consider themselves fundamentalists.



Spurgeon’s sermon **‘Only Trust Him’** was printed in the Sword on November 26, 2010; however, The Sword removed what Spurgeon said about repentance. Spurgeon’s original sermon can be found at www.spurgeongems.org/sermons.htm (sermon #1635) and the omitted part is on page three of the sermon, the 6th full paragraph down.

What They Removed

Spurgeon’s message included,

*“It is Christ’s work to make you into a saint! **“Oh, but I do not repent as I should.” It is Christ’s work to make you repent as you should and to Him you must come for repentance!”*** (Emphasis mine.)

Taking this paragraph out of Spurgeon’s message was not only wrong it was deceitful. If the Sword wanted to leave his message out of their paper, that would be one thing, but to change it to fit their heresy is dishonest, and underhanded.

The Sword of The Lord Also Removed Repentance From Their Hymnbook.

Under Curtis Hutson’s watch, the Sword removed repentance from some of the hymns in the 1989 edition of the Soul Stirring Hymns.

The Hymn,

“The Old Account Was Settled” (Page 255 in the Old Hymn Book - Page 245 in the New Hymn Book).

- **“O sinner, seek the Lord”**
- Has been changed to *“O sinner, trust the Lord.”*
- **“Repent of all your sin”**
- Has been changed to *“Be cleansed of all your sin.”*
- **“For thus He hath commanded”**
- Has been changed to *“for thus He hath provided”*

What right did they have to change these words written by F.M. Graham? If they wanted to teach their heresy that is one thing, to change this hymn to fit their heresy is another. Does this bother you? Would it bother you if it was your son whom had written that hymn?

The Sword also left out verse three that starts with **“When at the judgment bar.”** Our new, no repentance plan is a non-offensive approach to get people to like us and then maybe they will like Jesus. To speak of *“repentance”* is offensive to sinners. To talk about *“judgment”* is negative.

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Paul likewise admonishes us to...

“Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Ephesians 5:11).

This does not imply harsh treatment of those entrapped by error-quite the opposite. If it be objected that exposure to error necessitates unkind reflection upon others who do not see as we do, our answer is: it has always been the duty of every loyal servant of Christ to warn against any teaching that would make Him less precious or cast reflection upon His finished redemptive work and the all-sufficiency of His present service as our great High Priest and Advocate.

Every system of teaching can be judged by what it sets forth as to these fundamental truths of the faith. *“What think ye of Christ?”* is still the true test of every creed. The Christ of the Bible is certainly not the Christ of any false *“-ism.”* Each of the cults has its hideous caricature of our lovely Lord.

Let us who have been redeemed at the cost of His precious blood be *“good soldiers of Jesus Christ.”* As the battle against the forces of evil waxes ever more hot, we have need for God-given valour.

There is constant temptation to compromise. *“Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach.”*

It is always right to stand firmly for what God has revealed concerning His blessed Son’s person and work. The *“father of lies”* deals in half-truths and specializes in most subtle fallacies concerning the Lord Jesus, our sole and sufficient Savior.

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Leaving out part of Spurgeon's sermon, and changing the messages in these hymns to make us believe this "damnable heresy" promoted by the Sword of The Lord, was deceitful and it is evil.

The Hymn,

"Almost" - (Page 471 in the Old Hymn Book - Page 444 in the New Hymn Book).

The Sword left out two entire verses that deal with,

- **"Turning from Sin."**
- **"Yielding completely."**
- **"Submitting my will."**

The Hymn,

"Give Me Thy Heart" - (Page 327 in the Old Hymn Book - Page 318 in the New Hymn Book).

- **"Turn now from sin and from evil depart"**
- Has been changed to **"Trust in Me only I'll never depart."**

This all began in the Sword when Curtis Hutson was in charge and he wanted to support his friend Jack Hyles who widely promoted the heresy that repentance is the enemy of soul-winning.

Again, if it was someone in the evangelical movement that did this we would be exposing them for their wickedness; however, as long as leaders in our fundamental movement have their hair off their collar and off their ears we will support them no matter what they do or say.

Face The Facts And Face The Future **Hosea 4:6,**

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."

"Keep That Which Is Committed To Thy Trust."

(First Timothy 6:20)

If our young people end up in Hell, it will be partly because those of us who are pastors have not kept that which is committed to our trust.

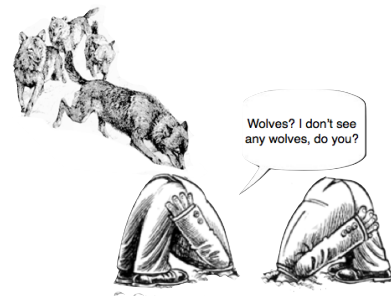
Churches go apostate not because of what is being preached, but what is not being preached.

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Error is like leaven of which we read, "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." Truth mixed with error is equivalent to all error, except that it is more innocent looking and, therefore, more dangerous. God hates such a mixture! Any error, or any truth-and-error mixture, calls for definite exposure and repudiation. To condone such is to be unfaithful to God and His Word and treacherous to imperiled souls for whom Christ died.

Exposing error is most unpopular work. But from every true standpoint it is worthwhile work. To our Savior, it means that He receives from us, His blood-bought ones, the loyalty that is His due. To ourselves, if we consider "the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt," it ensures future reward, a thousand-fold. And to souls "caught in the snare of the fowler"-how many of them God only knows-it may mean light and life, abundant and everlasting.

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First Thessalonians 2:4,

"But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts."

Our young people are on a need to know basis. The Bible says they will be "destroyed for lack of knowledge." **If they don't get the truth from their pastor where will they get it?**