

FAITH BAPTIST TRUMPET

“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?” I Cor. 14:8KJV

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HOW TO BE SAVED

The Romans Road to Salvation

(God's plan of salvation is the same in the entire Bible. It is by grace, through faith in Christ.)

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Romans 5:8; Romans 10:9, 10, 13

WHERE WAS GOD WHEN KATRINA CAME TO TOWN?

(By E.L. Bynum)

“Wherefore should the heathen say, where is now their God? But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.” (Psalm 115:2-3)

“The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.” (Nahum 1:3)

The hurricane that hit New Orleans and the gulf coast of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama dwarfed every natural disaster that has hit our country during my lifetime. (continued on page 2)

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“Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.” Psalm 95:2

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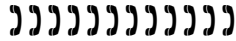
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“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.”

Matthew 1:18

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”

Jeremiah 33:3



WHICH CHURCH SHOULD I ATTEND?

(The purpose of this column is to give the facts about true churches of the Lord and facts about the Devil’s counterfeit “churches”. Check this column in each issue of FBT to see the Scripture proofs given of what kind of church God wants us to go to.)

One Man’s Journey

As with anyone who is intellectually honest especially with themselves, the question that must be raised is “Why are there so many denominations?”

Which leads to a second and far more profound question. “Which of these churches if any is the true church seeing that there seems to be little doctrinal consensus between them?” This is the very question I asked myself some 17 years ago after reading Matt. 16:18 and this led me on a journey to find the true church that Christ said against which even the gates of hell would not prevail.

Now if I truly believed what Jesus had said and I did, this would lead me to draw several conclusions concerning this church of which He spoke:

1. *This Church must still exist somewhere and in some form today.*
2. *This Church must have existed in all centuries from its inception.*
3. *To be true to its Creator it must match the form of the original in not only faith and practice, but also structure.*

Using these criteria as basis for my search I employed a process of elimination of possible

candidates starting with the obvious: the Catholic Church.

It didn’t fit the criteria of points 2 and 3 in that its first real pope was Leo the first in the fifth century and even if one pushes the date back to Constantine the Great it still fell short by some 270 years. Next the Greek Orthodox Church while more ancient than its Latin cousin in some ways, still was a far cry from point 3.

Next were the Protestant churches and their offspring but they were no more than 500 years old and had their origins in Catholicism. What was left both Catholics and Protestants historically had too much blood on their hands for my liking and besides the church that I had read about in Scripture was one of peace, proclaiming the truth of the gospel and holding to sound unifying doctrine and practice. This led me to one last candidate that fit all three criteria, it had existed through all the centuries, it had been the subject of cruel persecutions, it had been the focus of many a crusade, its hands were not stained with blood and it had remained faithful to its Creator even unto death.

My journey was at an end, I had found Christ’s church and it was now called Baptist, unaffiliated, independent and uncorrupted by the barnacles of time.

Praise the Lord that He keeps His Word.

The Baptist Lighthouse

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Those of us who get our news from radio, TV and the newspapers, cannot fully understand the devastation, and the human suffering that accompanied this disaster. We try to sympathize, pray and give to help the victims, but there is so much that we cannot do.

Every time a disaster, whether it is natural or manmade as in the (continued on page 3)

Yes, Mr. Spurgeon Believed Baptist Perpetuity

Charles H. Spurgeon, a name that needs no introduction, stated:

“We believe that the Baptists are the original Christians. We did not commence our existence at the reformation, we were...before Luther or Calvin were born; we never came from the Church of Rome, for we were never in it, but we have an unbroken line up to the apostles themselves. We have always existed from the very days of Christ, and our principles, sometimes veiled and forgotten, like a river which may travel underground for a little season, have always had honest and holy adherents. Persecuted alike by Romanists and Protestants of almost every sect, yet there has never existed a government holding Baptist principles which persecuted others; nor, I believe, any body of Baptists ever held it to be right to put the consciences of others under the control of man. We have ever been ready to suffer, as our martyrologies will prove, but we are not ready to accept any help from the State, to prostitute the purity of the Bride of Christ to any alliance with Government, and we will never make the Church, although the Queen, the despot over the consciences of men.” (From the New Park Street Pulpit, Volume VII, page 225).

Spurgeon again:

“History has hitherto been written by our enemies, who never would have kept a single fact about us upon the record if they could have helped it, and yet it leaks out every now and then that certain poor people called Anabaptists were brought up for condemnation. From the days of Henry II to those of Elizabeth we hear of certain unhappy heretics who were hated of all men for the truth’s sake which was in them. We

read of the poor men and women, with their garments cut short, turned out into the fields to perish in the cold, and anon of others who were burnt at Newington for the crime of Anabaptism. Long before your Protestants were known of, these horrible Anabaptists, as they were unjustly called, were protesting for the “one Lord, one faith, one baptism.” No sooner did the visible church begin to depart from the gospel than these men arose to keep fast by the good old way. The priests and monks wished for peace and slumber, but there was always a Baptist or Lollard tickling men’s ears with Holy Scriptures, and calling their attention to the errors of the times. They were a poor persecuted tribe. The halter was thought to be too good for them. At times ill-written history would have us think that they died out, so well had the wolf done his work on the sheep. Yet here we are, blessed and multiplied; and Newington sees other scenes from [Sunday to Sunday]. As I think of your numbers and efforts, I can only say in wonder – what a growth! As I think of the multitudes of our brethren in America I may well say, what God hath wrought! Our history forbids discouragement.” (From the Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, 1881 Volume 27, page 249).

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occupied the space in hearts and minds until there is no space for God. **To put it simply, God is not welcome.** God will not trespass where He is not wanted, and the sooner we recognize this, the better off we are going to be.

God Was Not Welcome in New Orleans

Let me make it plain at the very beginning that I am not talking about each and every person that lived in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Without a doubt, there were many good Christians and decent people living there. So, we leave them out of this criticism, but everyone should know that New Orleans was a wicked city given over to corruption, lawlessness, bars, clubs and every kind of vile entertainment. Bourbon Street, the French Quarter and many other areas, are given over to wickedness and sin. The yearly Mardi Gras is celebrated just before the Catholic Lenten season begins. In New Orleans almost anything goes. Many people lay aside almost all moral restraints, and it is a mass orgy of drunkenness, immorality and gluttonous activity. Even though Mardi Gras is associated with the Lenten season and the death and resurrection of Christ, it is actually a disgrace.

Further to the east, the state of Mississippi has been known for their gambling establishments: the riverboats and the offshore boats that are literally floating casinos. People from many different states go there to gamble, which means they are making a contribution to the wicked profession of gambling. I suppose that the gambling addicts have to go to Las Vegas, Reno, or some other place while the gulf coast is being rebuilt.

We must be careful about saying what God's judgment is and what is not. I simply say that this is in the hands of God. I do know that God is angry with the wicked every day, and I do know that God sends judgments as He sees fit. Liberal theology, liberal politicians, liberal lawyers and liberal educators have robbed a large portion of our society of all sense of god-

liness, decency, and morality. We must not forget the huge contribution of Hollywood to this destruction. God and the Bible are out, but liberal thought is very much in. May the God of heaven help us if this continues.

The Rest of the Nation Does Not Welcome God

Here again we are not talking about each and every person. The wickedness of New Orleans and the gulf coast could not flourish if the people from many other States did not go there to exercise their depravity and to support the wickedness. Our nation needs revival and if we do not have it, the worst may yet come. Even God's people in Bible believing churches are lethargic and worldly. Where can you find very many people who are praying, repenting and wholeheartedly seeking the face of God?

Before we blame people in just one part of the country, we need to remember the words of our Saviour. *"There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, nay: but, **except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.** Or those eighteen upon whom the tower of Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, nay: but **except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**"* (Luke 13:1-5)

God Is Not Welcome in the Home

Television, movies, computer games and a world of entertainment so occupy man that he just has not time for God. Even in the homes of professing Christians there is only a tiny amount of time devoted to God. There is just not enough time for father and mother to obey Deut. 6:4-9. Consequently the Bible is neglected, (continued on page 6)

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prayer is given lip service and there is no time left to think or meditate upon the things of God. Few families sit down at the table together for a meal, but it is come and go eating with no meaningful conversation. All too often meals are eaten off of TV trays while the vileness of the world is watched. Only in a time of crisis is there any thought of needing God.

Then, when some crisis arises, suddenly God had become important. We need to listen to the clear warning of the Scripture *"Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh."* (Proverbs 1:24-26) We have often seen fire extinguishers in public buildings encased in a box on the wall with a glass front. There will be a simple message that says "do not use or open except in case of fire." I must warn you that God will not be boxed up "for emergency use only."

Parents better examine their priorities now, and realize that they need to make room for God now, because they may desperately need Him tomorrow in some crisis. Fathers need to shoulder their responsibilities in the home. *"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."* (Ephesians 6:4)

God Is Not Welcome in the Government

Let some government official make public reference to God and dare to speak of devotion to Jesus Christ, and uproar will arise from different sources. If you want evidence of this, think of John Ashcroft the first Attorney General in this administration or look at President Bush himself. They have been pounded without mercy by other public officials, so-called religious leaders, and members of the press.

The ACLU and the separation of church

and state fanatics will fight for the right for Moslems to be recognized publicly and even to have their religious classes in schools, but let Christians try that, and they are trounced. This unbelieving crowd never realizes that their atheistic unbelief will be banned if the Islamics were to ever take over the country. For proof simply look at Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq and many other places.

Yet, when disaster strikes, it is popular to make some kind of appeal to God, as if He was waiting in the glass box marked "for emergency use only." God is an embarrassment to government, except in case of extreme emergency. Never mind that our nation was founded by men whose speeches and enduring documents make many references to God, His Word, and His help. This is old stuff, and modern man has outgrown that.

We had better wake up and seek the face of God while there is still hope for this nation. The clock of time is still ticking, and soon it may be too late. This nation is hated by millions of people who will not hesitate to set off atomic bombs or other catastrophes, just as soon as they have the power to do so. I am not a prophet, but I do believe God's Word. Judgment is coming except there is repentance and a turning to God. For me, this would not be so terrible, because I have a few years at most to live. I think of my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. What suffering will they have to endure if there is no return to the Lord on the part of our land?

God Is Not Welcome in the Courthouse

In spite of the fact that our Constitution, our laws and sense of justice were originally based upon the teaching of the Bible, this is no longer important. What the Bible says, and what our fore-fathers believed is passé today. The new morality, which is the old immorality in new garments, of acceptance now prevails in our legal society. Murder by abortion and homosexual behavior have now prevailed over the Bible in (continued on page 7)

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our courts. The right to practice polygamy and bestiality are sure to come, if the present course is followed. Man-boy relationships are openly promoted by certain organizations, which is a practice too vile to even be mentioned.

In spite of protective laws the various legislatures may pass, soon they are overridden by higher courts including the Supreme Court. Even popular state referendums passed in the states are soon declared unconstitutional by tyrannical judges who have no fear of God or man. Homosexual marriage and homosexual adoption of children have been okayed by some courts.

Any effort to name judges to the Supreme Court that will be guided by the Constitution and the laws, are met with fanatical opposition by liberal politicians and members of the clergy. Somehow the good guys are always painted as tyrannical fanatics. The scales of justice are registering a wrong balance, and too few want to repair the damage.

Even though the Supreme Court building and many public buildings in Washington are adorned with Scripture references, we must get the Ten Commandments out of the courthouses across the nation. They might offend some crook or cold-blooded murderer. To see the commandment "thou shalt not kill," might offend some one or prejudice a juror. What madness is carried on in our society today?

Some judges have ruled that a person does not have to swear to tell the truth with their hand on the Bible. It has been ruled in some cases that the Koran could be substituted for the Bible. This is almost certain to become widespread. What can possibly be next? Will it be the rapists or sex offenders will be sworn in with their hand on Playboy or Hustler Magazine?

God Is Not Welcome in the Schoolhouse

Any recognition of God in the classroom is

a no-no! There is not time nor space for the timeless truth of the Bible, but there is plenty of time for every unproven theory of evolution concocted by man. Our children are being taught that their ancestors were animals. Since animals largely have no sense of right and wrong, it is not surprising the children begin to act like them.

When Christians seek to have creation taught in the schools that is unthinkable to modern educators and the powers that be. Why that is dangerous, because it might lead a child into believing in a Creator and being accountable to Him.

There is an increasing insistence that alternate lifestyles (homosexual behavior and marriage) be taught even to the younger children. There is no time for God and morality, but the false must be substituted for the true.

School and public libraries are bringing into the children's reach books of fiction that promote the vilest forms of sin. If parents and other interested citizens protest, they are referred to as fanatics and book burners. Just yesterday in our local newspaper was an article from the Associated Press charting the number of books that people had protested during the last year. Librarians, as a rule, do not welcome the intervention of parents and interested citizens. They have been educated by liberal universities that have taught them the modern thought. They think they know what is best for our children.

This is the reason why many parents have turned to Christian schools and home schooling. However, the vast majority are being educated in public schools. Christian teachers in the public schools are oppressed by rules of silence about anything biblical. As more and younger teachers flow into the classrooms, the condition can only get worse.

God Is Not Welcome in the Church House

This may sound the most unbelievable of all the facts but I am convinced that it is really true. Of course, I (continued on page 8)

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 know that God's name is invoked in churches, but this seems only a formality meant to give a reason for having a church. Modernism has taken over most churches, because their pastors and religious leaders have been educated in schools that are hotbeds of liberalism. The Bible is out, and human philosophy is in. Truth has been supplanted by modern thought.

The infallible, inerrant Bible has been supplanted by a constant flow of new bibles which disagree with one another. They do not claim they are infallible, and most of their translators do not believe that God gave a Bible without errors in the first place. Memorization is now hopeless and following a sermon or lesson all but impossible because of the many different bibles being used by the congregation.

Carnal religious music has taken the place of the old songs of the faith. With a wild rock beat and meaningless words, it may appeal to the flesh but never to the heart. Visuals and pop psychology has taken the place of solid Bible teaching. The fleshly feel good philosophy has taken the place of tears of repentance and changed lives. "God loves you just as you are," has taken the place of "repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." (Acts 3:19)

The charismatic movement is the fastest growing group that claims to be Christian. Dancing in the aisles, speaking in tongues, healing, and raw excitement attracts thousands to their super churches. The August 2005 issue of *Texas Monthly* has a picture of Joel Osteen, pastor of the largest congregation in the USA. One thing that struck me in the long article was the strange statement, "and on the eighth day God created Joel Osteen." They boast of 30,000 who come to hear him each Sunday and tell of the exciting time they have. The reporter observed dancing in the aisles that had not been learned in church. He is the son of a Southern Baptist pastor, who was divorced

from his first wife. His father became infected with the charismatic heresy and left the Southern Baptists and simply left all denominations.

I say that without any fear of truthful contradiction that God is no longer welcome in the church house. Chapters two and three of Revelation reveal the course of churches in this age. When we come to the last one, the church of the Laodiceans, which reveals Jesus Christ on the outside of the Church, knocking to be let in. That is the condition of many churches, including fundamental Bible believing churches. This is not Christ knocking at our heart's door as some teach, but He is shut out of the Church. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (Revelation 3:20) He is waiting for someone to open the door.

The need for real revival is the crying need of the hour. But we are too busy with playing church to seek revival and the face of Him from whom all blessings flow.

God Is Not Welcome in the Hearts of Men

Some who read this that may be religious, but lost, need to turn to God and seek His face. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:25) Why not turn to Him now. You need Him today, and you will need Him to live the rest of your life, and that need will be uppermost at the time of your death. To face the judgment without Christ as your Saviour will be the greatest tragedy of your eternal existence.

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"He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"
John 1:11,12