

In God We Trust???

This motto was adopted by the fathers of our country in the days when we were a weak and struggling nation. The fathers felt the absolute necessity of trusting in a higher power for the making and preservation of the nation. But with the increase of wealth, prestige, and power there has been a corresponding decrease in the consciousness of the need of God. We trust in our national wealth, our great army and navy, our fame, our intellectuals, and God is too often left out of the picture.

Once the “most religious and God-fearing nation on earth,” now the true God and the Bible are legislated out of public life. A preacher in Virginia applied for a personalized license plate for his car. He wanted to put a Bible reference on it and was rejected. Biblical principles are no longer considered worth teaching our children in public schools. Even posting the “Ten Commandments” in court houses and public school classrooms has become a debatable proposition.

Our nation is following the pattern God knew his people would when they entered the “Promised Land.” He warned them,

“And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied, then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day” ((Deut 8:13, 17-18:).

We should do more than take notice of the godless direction our nation is taking. We should talk about this matter to every person with any influence at all in governmental affairs. Unless and until “In God We Trust,” is more than an ancient motto, like the children of Israel of old, our nation will continue a downward spiral. Godlessness has shown us what happens when we don’t trust God. None can honestly say that the defection from “In God We Trust,” has made our nation any better — it just the opposite!

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

Will Vann, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

863-899-0987

10:20 am Worship

Email: wvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

7:pm

Are You Ready? By Ron Boatwright

According to our Lord, the vast majority of people are not ready for the Judgment and will be lost forever in eternity, but only a few are ready to go to Heaven (Matthew 7:13-14). We are told in Amos 4:12 to "Prepare to meet your God". We have two appointments that have already been made for each of us and which we will definitely keep. Hebrews 9:27 says, "It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the Judgment." These appointments cannot be canceled.

We don't know when that day will come, so we must always be ready. 2 Peter 3:10-11 says, "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up...Since all these things will be dissolved what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness."

The Judgment will happen when the Lord comes again. No one will be exempt. "For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Romans 14:10). If we are not ready, it will be too late to try to get ready when we are standing before the Lord in Judgment. Our eternal fate is sealed either when we draw our last breath or if the Lord comes before we die, and we don't know when this is going to happen. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 says, "When the Lord Jesus is revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."

Sadly the vast majority of people will be horrified when they hear "Depart from Me, you cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41). Those who are lost in Hell will only have themselves to blame. Is your name in God's Book of Life? If it is not then, "Anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15). How do we make sure our name is in the Book of Life? Jesus says "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in Heaven" (Matthew 7:21). But then Jesus says that we must "Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). We must do God's will and continue to do His will if we expect to go to Heaven. Are you ready for the Judgment?

Those to Serve

(B) Calvin Burks FV) Keith Stifflemire

(O) Mike Mallett (A) Doug Pruett

1st prayer Judd Wall 2nd prayer Kyle Stifflemire

Announcements: Keith Stifflemire Singing: Judd Wall

Prayer list: Mildred Lovell, Darrell Debo, Naomi Wall, Gene Payne, Don Conner Family, Lloyd Crownover, Pray for our nation, our Troops and Law Enforcement

When we view the blessings with which our country has been favored, those which we now enjoy, and the means which we possess of handing them down unimpaired to our latest posterity, our attention is irresistibly drawn to the source from whence they flow. Let us then, unite in offering our most grateful acknowledgments for these blessings to the Divine Author of All Good. JAMES MONROE

Happy
Anniversary
January 26th
Doug & Theresa
Pruett

Dates to Remember

Jan 31st Fellowship Meal

Feb 7th Mission Sunday

If there are any teachers that are needing a break or those that would like the opportunity to teach a bible class please contact one of the men of the congregation.

There is no other book so various as the Bible, nor one so full of concentrated wisdom. Whether it be of law, business, morals, etc.... He who seeks for guidance ... may look inside its covers and find illumination.

Herbert Hoover